

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 1st October 2023**  
 ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>23rd September</b>		Josephine & Hubert Carberry.
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Gerry Lacey - Months Mind. Ann Mc Cracken - Months Mind. Marie Mc Ardle - Months Mind. Patrick & Teresa Murray.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>24th September</b>		People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Thomas & Phoebe Milton & deceased family members.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>25th September</b>		No Intention
		<b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>26th September</b>		No Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>27th September</b>		No Intention
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>28th September</b>		Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		No Intention
<b>29th September</b>		<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Siobhan Francis Mc Callon. Patrick Josephine & Geraldine Quirke. Christine & Jack Harvey.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>30th September</b>		Maureen Byrne.
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Maureen Mc Cormack - Months Mind. Wally Stewart - Months Mind.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>1st October</b>		People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Jimmy Broderick - Months Mind. Vera O'Keefe. Peg & Harry Murray and deceased members of the Mc Manus Family. Johnny Lennon. Kutch & Paddy O'Rourke. Thomas, David & Martin Joe Egan.

*Lord, please do fill my heart with an abundance of gratitude. Help me to turn my eyes to Your infinite grace and mercy. Help me to see beyond the struggles of life and the burdens that get me down. In place of these, help me to become increasingly aware of all You have done for me and all that You continue to do. Jesus, I trust in You.*



**24th September 2023**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



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 are issued from the Sacristy (090 64 94 150)

**To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840**

A Day of Thanksgiving is perfect opportunity to look at this particular aspect of our faith. We are called to be eternally and deeply grateful.

◆ **How grateful to God are you?**

Perhaps we all struggle in various ways with gratitude. It's fair to say that we will never be grateful enough until we are perfected in Heaven. But, for now, it's important to look at gratitude and to try to let it increase in our souls.

First, we will never be grateful unless we see clearly all that God has done for us. It's so easy in life to focus in on all the struggles we face and, as a result, to get down, depressed, frustrated and even angry at times. What's far more challenging is to look beyond the crosses and burdens we face each day to see the abundance of grace and mercy given to us by our Lord. *Unless we see that mercy and grace, we will struggle greatly with authentic gratitude.*

So on this Day of Thanksgiving, reflect upon this simple question:

◆ **Do I see all God has done for me?**

◆ **Do I see His abundance of mercy alive in my life?**

If you can humbly admit you struggle with total gratitude, you will have taken the first step to seeing more clearly and the first step to fostering the deeper gratitude you ought to have. Being grateful means you see the truth clearly. Be open to that truth and God will change your life as He fills you with joy!

**Weekend of Thanksgiving**

This weekend September 23rd & 24th all our Masses will have the **theme of Thanksgiving**. This is an opportunity for all of us to stop, reflect and give thanks for the many gifts we have received in our lives.

We invite you to bring Non-Perishable foods to Church with you which in turn will be given to families in need. These can be placed in front of the altars in the churches,

*"It is in giving that we receive ...." (Acts 20:35)*

**SEASON OF CREATION**

"This Season of Creation will be an opportunity to pray, reflect and act together as the People of God for our common home. Like tributaries joining forces to become a mighty river, the ecumenical family will come together on a synodal path of care for our common home through justice and peace." - Sister Alessandra Smerilli, Secretary of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

**SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER SERVICE**

We are delighted to host an Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Season of Creation in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on **Wednesday September 27th at 7.30pm**. We welcome the clergy and parishioners of the Athlone Parishes, and the Church of Ireland & Methodist Communities.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Harvest Collection for the Support of the Clergy**

The Harvest Collection for the support of the clergy will be taken up on this weekend 23rd / 24th of September. Special envelopes are being distributed for the collection. If you do not receive an envelope and would like to contribute please use any envelope and write Support of the Clergy on the outside. *This is one of the 4 collections that go to make up the salaries of the 3 priests in the Parish. The priests are never paid from the Sunday collection.*

**We thank you for your continued financial support and your prayers and encouragement.**

**Tap machine for donations.**

We will shortly be introducing a "Tap Machine" for donations to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. In doing so it is **not** to replace the weekly collection but rather to give visitors to the church an opportunity to contribute to the upkeep of our beautiful church.

**Sunday Collection in aid of Connacht Fleadh Strokestown 2024**

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection September 17th €1,540**

**We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.**

**Drum Mass Intentions for Sept 23rd - Oct 1st**

Sat. 23rd. at 8 p.m. (JD) - Miko & Bridie Mc Manus, Cornafulla South. & Dec family members.

Sun. 24th at 10am (MH) - Paddy Joe Ward, Mount Florence. & Dec members of the Ward & Greene Families.

Tues. 26th. at 7 p.m. (MH) - Kathleen and Jim Carr and their son John. Also, deceased members of the Brady family.

Thurs. 28th. at 7 p.m. (MH) - No Intention

Sat. 30th at 8 p.m. (IS) - Bea and Edmund McManus, Ardnanure. Also, son Martin

Sun. 1st Oct at 10am (JD) - Patrick and Margaret Curley, daughter Mary. Clonellan.

Also, deceased family members.

**Clonown Mass Intentions for Sept 17th - Sept 24th**

Sept. 24th. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) - Sonny & Kathleen Cunningham, Oldtown.

Also, deceased family members

Oct.1st. at 11.15 a.m. ( IS) - No Intention.

**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the souls of Bridie Woods, Connaught Street, Athlone. Marie Lennon, Magazine Avenue, Athlone. Michael Carey, Newtown, Creagh. Brother of Mary Moore. Also, Martin Quinn, Hodson Bay. Brother-in-law of Sean and Seamus Walshe, Drum.

**May they rest in peace and condolences to the bereaved families.**

**Volunteer Ministries in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish**

We are seeking volunteers for a number of ministries in the parish to enhance the work of the volunteers who currently give of their time for the life of the parish.

**The Ministries include**

**Altar Servers—Eucharistic Ministers — Readers — Church Collectors**

You can sign up through our website [www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)

scan the relevant QR code on the poster in the porch of the churches

Or drop your details and the ministry you are interested in to the parish office..

*We look forward to welcoming our new volunteers*

*as we continue to grow as a family of faith, service and charity.*

**COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE**

Coffee Morning in aid of East Galway and Midlands Cancer Support Centre & LPI Ireland kindly hosted by Kevin and Mary Flynn in their home Ballydangan Friday 29th September from 10am.

**Family / House Masses**

If you would like to have a Mass in your home for your family or neighbours please contact the priest for your area who would be delighted to oblige.

*House Masses can not be facilitated on Saturdays or Sundays.*

**(please give notice to allow for other events in the priests diary)**

**Community Employment Vacancies**

**St. Peter's Parish C.E. Project CLG., St. Peter's Parish Centre, Chapel Street, Athlone. N37YX27**

**Tel: 090 6493270**

**The Following Community Employment Positions are available on our Project.**

<b>Job Ref:</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Project Area</b>
2299798	Administrator/Co-ordinator	Athlone Drug Awareness Group
2253037	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre.
2253032	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2253044	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2253048	Caretaker/Grounds-person	St. Francis Football Club.
2258047	Environmental Worker	Monksland Tidy Towns.

**Please note that you must be eligible for Community Employment in order to apply for the above positions. For more information please contact the above telephone number Monday to Friday between 9am To 1pm. A video on CE can be seen in the 'What's Going On' section of the Jobsireland website, at end of the homepage."**