

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 2nd September to Sunday 10th September 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>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>2nd September</b>		John & Esther Costello & Esther & Patricia Costello
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Tessie Ganly (Coman's Pk) (1st Anniversary) Kathleen Keighery (Months Mind)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>3rd September</b>		People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Elizabeth Connelly
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>4th September</b>		<b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>5th September</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>6th September</b>		Tommy & Cecelia Heraty Tony & Frances Heavey
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>7th September</b>		Private Intention
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>8th September</b>		The Dolan Family
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Philomena & William O'Brien
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>9th September</b>		Jack, Bridget & Joe Brassill
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Larry Caulfield (Months Mind)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>10th September</b>		People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Ita Carty (Months Mind) Danny Wall Rose & Willie Milton Pat & Eily Beirne, Fr Tom Beirne Christina Woods

**Cenacle of Prayer for Priests**

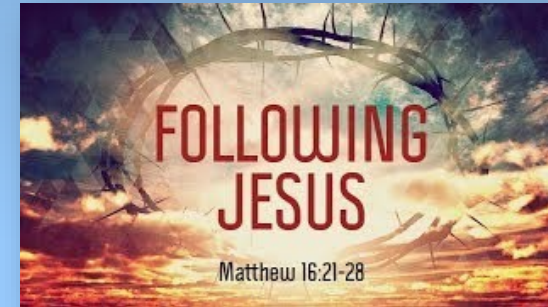
We hope to reintroduce the Cenacle of prayer for Priests in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church after the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays starting from September 14th. It consists of The Rosary, a reading and an act of consecration to Our Lady. The Cenacle of Prayer was suspended due to the Covid Pandemic and we the priests of the parish are delighted to see it return, we are also grateful to all who continue to pray for priests and for vocations.

**If you have any questions please contact Carmel on 0872562301**



PARISH OF  
**SS. PETER & PAUL**  
 Athlone, Drum & Clonown

**3rd September 2023**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



**“Take up your cross and follow me”**

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**Sacristans'** Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

**[www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)**

**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates  
 are issued from the Sacristy (090 64 94 150)**

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

**Weekly Newsletter**

The readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focus on our natural longing for God. In the first reading Jeremiah realizes he cannot escape his burning desire for God. The second reading tells us that we must allow ourselves to be transformed to be one with Christ. And in the gospel Jesus explains that following him means making sacrifices. Are we willing to do what it takes to be a disciple?

- **Unwavering Resolve:** In the first reading, Jeremiah affirms his commitment to proclaiming God's message despite the challenges. This theme reflects the determination to persevere in one's calling, even in the face of adversity.
- **Living Sacrifice:** The second reading encourages believers to present themselves as living sacrifices to God. This theme emphasizes the idea of offering one's whole life in dedicated service to God.
- **Suffering Messiah:** The gospel highlights Jesus' prediction of His own suffering, death, and resurrection. This theme emphasizes the sacrificial aspect of His mission.
- **Human Ambitions vs. God's Will:** Jesus rebukes Peter for opposing His path of suffering. This theme underscores the contrast between human desires and God's divine plan.
- **Self-Denial and Cross-Bearing:** Jesus talks about taking up the cross to follow Him. This theme stresses the need for self-denial and a willingness to embrace difficulties for the sake of Christ.
- **Sacrificing Earthly Gain:** Jesus mentions gaining the world but losing one's soul. This theme highlights the importance of prioritizing eternal values over temporary worldly gains.
- **Judgment and Reward:** The passage discusses the Son of Man coming to reward each person according to their deeds. This theme emphasizes accountability and the ultimate consequences of one's choices.

### 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.*

#### Recent Donations

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the kindness and generosity of those who have made extra contributions to help with the running of the parish. Sincere thanks. **Fr. John**

#### Flowers for Church Altars

If you would like to donate flowers for the use on the altars in the churches within the parish. Please contact the sacristy or the office. Thank you to those who have already donated money and flowers. **Fr. John.**

#### 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 for the support of the parish.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 27th August €1620**

**It is possible to contribute using a standing order from your bank account,**

**Contact the office to get more details.**

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

### Drum Mass Intentions for Aug 26 - Sept 3

- Sat. 2nd. at 8 p.m. (JD) - Patrick and Annie Kilroy, Clonbulia.  
 Sun. 3rd. at 10 a.m. (MH) - Betty Cuniffe. Also, Pat, Catherine, Ned and Bridget Murray.  
 Tues. 5 th . at 7 p.m. - James Duffy, his wife Mary Ellen and Son Frank. Clonark.  
 Thurs. 7 th . at 7 p.m. - Thomas and Mary Ellen Lennon, Cornafulla North. & deceased family  
 Sat. 9 th . at 8 p.m. (MH) - Tony and Mary Duignan, Clonbulia. &deceased family  
 Sun. 10 th . at 10 a.m. (JD) - Peter and Mary Shine, Taylorstown.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for Aug 27 - Sept 3

- Sept 3rd. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) - No Intention.  
 Sept 10th at 11.15 a.m. (MH) - The Dunning Family, Ballinaculla.

Drum Parish Office taking Mass booking for 2024, Drum and Clonown Churches.  
 Contact parish office @ 0906437125 or email [drumparish1@gmail.com](mailto:drumparish1@gmail.com).

**Drum I.C.A** will resume on Tuesday 5 th September at 8 pm in Drum Parish Hall. All members requested to attend and new members are most welcome.

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Mc Cracken, Ave Maria Tce. Athlone, Tom Silke, Athy & late of Custom Barracks; Aidan Sweeney Millcross Road, Athlone

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

### CANA TALKS – FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2023, T.F. ROYAL THEATRE, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO / 8 PM.

8 energetic speakers – each has just 15 minutes to inspire you – this is the Christian version of TED Talks – presenting on different topics relating to human happiness - from a faith perspective. Tickets €20 - available @ [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie) or call the T.F. Box Office at (094) 902 3111. Visit [www.canatalks.com](http://www.canatalks.com) or our Cana Talks Facebook page. Come along for an entertaining & inspirational evening for the mind, heart, & soul!

### Baptisms

A minimum of two weeks notice is required in advance of a baptism. Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 2pm. Application forms are available from the parish office/ sacristy and on the parish website. This should be completed and returned to the parish office with a copy of the birth cert by post or email. The office will be in contact to confirm details once the booking form is received.

### Accord

Accord are currently taking booking's for Pre-Marriage courses. Please contact the Sligo Accord Centre at 071-9145641 or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) The Pre-Marriage course should be booked at least 6-8 months before the wedding.

### 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.**

Job Ref:	Position	Project Area
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."**