

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th October to Sunday 22nd October 2023

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

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| Saturday 14th October | 6.30 pm Vigil | (MH) Also Live Streamed Kathleen Supple nee Keegan late of Clongowna & USA Michael Brennan. Jimmy Cribbon. |
| Sunday 15th October | 9.00 am | (IS) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish. |
| | 12.00 noon | (IS) Also Live Streamed Pat Gavin. Pat Keena. Liam Hynes. Fred & Brenda Madden, daughters Freda McCormack and Joan Madden & Son Brendan. |
| Monday 16th October | 9.30 am | (IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention. Followed by Novena & Benediction |
| Tuesday 17th October | 9.30 am | (IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention. |
| Wednesday 18th October | 9.30 am | (IS) Also Live Streamed Mary Kilmartin nee Feeney. |
| | 6.00 pm | (IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel |
| Thursday 19th October | 9.30 am | (JD) Also Live Streamed Private Intention. |
| Friday 20th October | 9.30 am | (JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention. |
| | 7.30 pm | (JD) Also Live Streamed Ciss Keegan. Niall Fitzgerald. William Hannon. Annie Dawson. Deceased members of the Mc Niff Family. |
| Saturday 21st October | 9.30 am | (JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention. |
| | 6.30 pm Vigil | (JD) Also Live Streamed Marie Lennon (Months Mind) Christopher Kelaghan, 1st Anniversary Martin Moppy Fallon. |
| Sunday 22nd October | 9.00 am | (MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish. |
| | 12.00 noon | (MH) Also Live Streamed Eamon & Clare Gleeson. Jimmy & Mary Killian. May Mulligan & dec members of the Mulligan Family. |

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war.



15th October 2023
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God
is open to everyone

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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

Themes for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A tell of the abundance of the Kingdom of God. In the first reading we hear of the wonders of the Mountain of the Lord. The psalm tells of how God will care for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The second reading speaks of how God provides for us in abundance. And in the gospel Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a lavish wedding banquet.

- **Kingdom as a Feast:** The parable describes the Kingdom of Heaven as a wedding banquet thrown by a king. This theme visualizes the divine realm as a celebratory and communal event.
- **Invitation Rejected:** Initially invited guests refuse the call, illustrating how some might reject or ignore divine invitations. This reflects the theme of human indifference or hostility to divine outreach.
- **Open Invitation:** The king extends the invitation to everyone, both good and bad. This emphasizes God's inclusivity and the universal nature of the divine call.
- **Unprepared Guest:** A guest without a wedding robe faces consequences, suggesting that while the invitation is open, certain preparations or transformations are expected for full participation.

Sacraments 2024

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

- Saturday May 11th** 11am Cloonakilla NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
11am Cornafulla NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
11am Summerhill NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
- Saturday May 18th**
Saturday May 25th 11am Dean Kelly NS and St. Peter's NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
11am Ardkeen NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
- Sunday May 26th** 11.15am Clonown Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown



Sacrament of Confirmation

- Wednesday April 17th**
11am Dean Kelly NS, St. Peter's NS & Summerhill NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone
3pm Ardkeen NS & Cornafulla NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
- Thursday April 18th**
11am Cloonakilla NS & Clonown NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone.

Altar Servers

We are currently recruiting Altar Servers for the three Churches in the Parish. We are inviting boys and girls in 4th 5th and 6th Class to apply. Applications can be made through the volunteer section of the Parish Website.

Vocations—come and see weekend.

An opportunity for those who would like to find out more about the real-life experience of priestly life and what seminary formation is like.

This "Come and See" weekend will take place on November 19 & 20 in the Seminary in Maynooth and provide those attending an opportunity to meet seminarians and priests and hear of their personal vocation stories.

Interested in attending? info@vocations.ie or vocations@elphindiocese.ie

Tap machine for donations.

We have introduced 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.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection October 8th €1,525.00.

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for Oct 14th - Oct 22nd

- Sat. 14th at 8 p.m.. (JD) Bernadette Shine, KIELTY.
Sun. 15th Oct 10am (MH) Peter, Kathleen and Pauline Watson, Kilmacormack, also dec. family members.
Tues. 17th at 7 p.m. (MH) Pat and Mary Ellen Duignan, DOOHAN.
Thurs. 19th at 7 p.m. (MH) Ellen and John Lennon, Kilmacormack, also deceased family members.
Sat. 21st at 8 p.m. (IS) Sean Coyle, ARDKEENAN.
Sun. 22nd Oct 10am (JD) No Intention.

Clonown Mass Intentions for Oct 15th - Oct 22nd

- Oct. 15th 11.15 a.m. (JD) Laurence, Rose and Sonny Shine, CURRABOLL.
Also, deceased family members.
Oct. 22nd 11.15 a.m. (IS) James, Irene and Ronan Mulligan, TAYLORSTOWN.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Francesca McGuire, Mercy Sister's Athlone; Eileen O'Shea Leixlip & late of Athlone; Kieran Rigney, Ballinahown. Father of Mary Reynolds, Kilmacormack. Also, John Coen. Brother of Nora Lennon, Kilmacormack.

May they rest in the peace of Christ

Thank You

Kevin and Mary Flynn Ballydangan sincerely thank all who contributed in any way to their Coffee Morning on the 29th September in support of East Galway and Midland Cancer Centre and Little People of Ireland. Total Collected Euro3,000.

St. Peter's National School

Breakfast Club Volunteers needed. Any morning you are available between 8.30 - 9.10 am. If interested please call 090 6492363.

HOLY HOUR in Kiltoom Church

There will be a Holy Hour on Wednesday 18th October at 8pm in The Church of The Risen Christ, Kiltoom. All are welcome.

Diocesan Co-ordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Diocese of Elphin are seeking to appoint a Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The role is to foster existing initiatives in youth and young adult ministry, and to work towards building the relationships which will lead to fresh initiatives in centres of population throughout the Diocese of Elphin.

Closing date for applications is Monday 16th October 2023 at 5pm. Job Description and Application Form are available on www.elphindiocese.ie

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 |
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| 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. |
| 2305547 | Caretaker/Grounds-person | Drum Church & Parish Hall. |

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."