

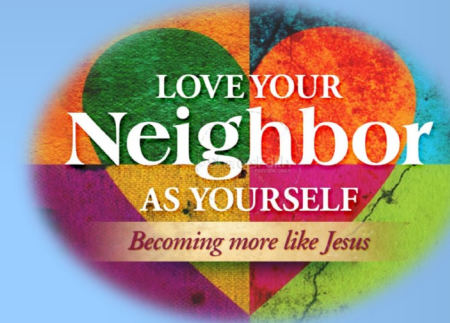


PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

29th October 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Don't forget the clocks go back Saturday night



Weekly Newsletter

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th October to Sunday 5th November 2023

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

Saturday 28th October	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Maureen Mc Hugh (Month's Mind). Trevor O'Meara.
Sunday 29th October	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish.
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Joe & Nell Geraghty. Nancy Goode.
Monday 30th October	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Derek Marsh. Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday 31st October	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30 pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed Elizabeth (Betty) Gallacher. Mona, Michael & Eileen Fennell.
Wednesday 1st November	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
	All Saints Day 12pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Paul Grogan
	6.00 pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 2nd November	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Private Intention.
	7.30pm	(MH) No Intention Booked
Friday 3rd November	9.30 am	Also Live Streamed Mary Vaughan. Breda O'Neill.
	11am	(DS) Defense Forces Annual Memorial Mass.
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Saturday 4th November	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Peter & Nellie Shiel. Leo, Eamon, Margaret, Padraig & Michael Shiel.
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Paul Revins (Month's Mind).
Sunday 5th November	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish.
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Paddy, Molly, Brendan & Dermot Lennon. Kit & Christina Keogh, Tommy Keogh. Michael Kelly.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month when, by tradition, we pray for the eternal rest of our deceased relatives and friends. This year, in all our churches, we remember especially those who have died during the pandemic. We also pray for those who have lost someone they loved, for those who were unable to say goodbye, and for those who are suffering the pain of grief. We pray for confidence in the loving mercy of God, for faith in the Resurrection to new life, and for the hope of being reunited in God's kingdom.

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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

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A are a call to love. The first reading tells how we are to treat other people, especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. The second reading reminds us that how we live should show that we are followers of Jesus. And in the gospel Jesus gives us the Great Commandment and the Golden Rule.

- **Greatest Commandments:** Asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus sums up the law with love for God and neighbour. This theme focuses on the core ethical guidelines in religious practice.
- **Test of Understanding:** The Pharisees test Jesus, making this another episode where they try to entrap him. The theme here is the ongoing tension and challenges posed by religious authorities.
- **Unified Teaching:** Jesus unifies love for God and love for neighbour into a single teaching. This shows the interconnectedness of religious devotion and social ethics.

New Curate

I am delighted to announce that Bishop Kevin has appointed an extra curate to Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish. Fr. Joseph Wenzelhaus is a native of India and has been working in Sligo University Hospital as a part time Chaplain and as a part time curate in St. Annes Parish in Sligo. Fr. Joseph will arrive on Saturday November 4th and we expect him to be here for about 9 months, he will be living at Forthill House on Battery Road. I extend a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph and I know he will be a very positive influence within the Parish.

Fr. John

November Souls

The November Souls envelopes are available at the back of the churches, they can be returned to the Sacristy, in the collection at Mass or dropped into the office. All the names submitted will be placed on the altars in the Churches they are dropped into and remembered in every Mass throughout November.

November 1st & 2nd

Wednesday is the Feast of ALL Saints a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are Ss. Peter & Pauls 6.30pm Vigil 9.30am & 12 noon
St. Brigid's Drum 8pm Vigil & 10am
Clonown Church 8pm (Wednesday)

Thursday is Feast of ALL Souls

Masses are Ss. Peter & Paul's 9.30am & 7.30pm
St. Brigid's Drum 7pm
Clonown Church 8pm

Annual Remembrance Mass for the entire Parish will take place in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Athlone on Saturday November 25th at 11am to remember all who have died in the past year.



Prayer for Priests throughout the world

Our Blessed Lady invites you (Men & Women) to a cenacle of Prayer for priests all over the world and for vocations to the priesthood. Taking place every Thursday in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church morning after 9.30am mass.

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 22nd € 1,845.

Tap Machine Total for October €495.

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

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Drum Mass Intentions for Oct 29th - Nov 5th

Sat. 28th 8 pm (MH) Christy McManus, Manchester and formerly Thornhill.
Sun. 29th 10 am (IS) Patrick and Teresa Murray, Culfatha.
Tues. 31st 8 pm (MH) Brian Murray, Crannaghmore.
Wed. 1st 10 am (MH) All Saints Day
Thurs. 2nd 7 pm (MH) Oliver Nicholson, Cornafulla South.
Sat. 4th 8 pm (IS) Thomsie Murray, Gorrynagowna.
Sun 5th 10am (MH) Pat Kenna, Cornafulla and dec. family members.



Clonown Mass Intentions for Oct 29th - Nov 5th

Oct. 29th 11.15 am (MH) Mary and Paddy Dunning, Ballinaculla.
November 1st (MH) 8pm All Saints Day
November 2nd (IS) 8pm All Souls Day
November 3rd (IS) 8pm First Friday.
Nov. 5th 11.15 am (IS) Lil, Jack and Pat Ward, Clonown.



Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Assunta Tiernan, Mercy Sisters, Dun Mhuire; Stephen Kelly, Cormacuagh, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe. Brother of Joe Kelly, Gorrynagowna. **May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

Independent People with Disabilities

Are extending a warm welcome to you, to their evening information event focussed on "Empowering Communities to create a More Inclusive Society" for people with disabilities on Wednesday November 8th in the Shamrock Lodge hotel from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

Brother of Charity Services Ireland

Would you be interested in providing home from home short breaks for children & adults who have intellectual disability? **Contact Catherine on 087 2126607 or homeshareroscommon@bocsi.ie**

The Rotary Club of Athlone

Is organising a Gala Concert with combined bands of the Defence Forces with special guest tenor Gavin Ring, in aid of St. Hilda's services on Thursday 9th November in the Radisson Hotel, Athlone @ 7.30pm. A contribution from the proceeds will be made to the Army Benevolent Fund.

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

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.
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."

www.elphindiocese.ie/vocations