

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th October to Sunday 15th October 2023

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

Saturday 7th October	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed John Hynes.
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Bridie Woods - Months Mind.
Sunday 8th October	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish.
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed
Today we welcome Monasterevin Gospel Choir who will sing at Mass. John and Mary Kate Cassidy and Dec family		
Monday 9th October	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention <i>Followed by Novena & Benediction</i>
Tuesday 10th October	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention
Wednesday 11th October	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 12th October	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Private Intention
Friday 13th October	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention
	7.30 pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed Joe & Ellen Cahill; the Flynn Family; The Cahill Family; Alan Heaney; Tom Curley; Frank Kerins; Alan Evans
Saturday 14th October	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed John O'Neill
	6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Kathleen Supple nee Keegan late of Clongowna & USA Michael Brennan; Jimmy Cribbon;
Sunday 15th October	9.00 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish.
	12.00 noon	(JD) Also Live Streamed Pat Gavin; Pat Keena; Liam Hynes; Fred & Brenda Madden and daughters Freda McCormack and Joan Madden & Son Brendan.

No longer rejected but precious; no longer worthless but important—that's our new identity in Christ.

Thank you, Jesus, for turning human plans upside down and making a new reality through your death and resurrection. Enliven your church today so that we are a truly faithful house built on your solid foundation. Amen.

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

8th October 2023
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



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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

The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year A focus on discipleship and our choice to follow Jesus or not. In the first reading Israel is warned that they must be faithful. The psalm begs God to return to the vineyard and care for it once again. The second reading encourages Christians to continue along the path that Jesus has shown us. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the tenants, who rejected the landowner.

- **Parable of the Vineyard:** The parable of the vineyard highlights the theme of God's ownership and care over His creation. The vineyard symbolizes God's kingdom, and the tenants represent humanity's responsibility to steward it.
- **Rejection of Messengers:** The theme of rejecting God's messengers is evident as the tenants mistreat and kill the servants sent by the owner. This reflects the historical pattern of disregarding God's messages and messengers.
- **Sending the Son:** The owner's decision to send his son underscores the theme of God's ultimate outreach. Sending His Son, Jesus, reflects God's desire to restore the relationship with humanity through a new covenant.
- **Crucial Choice and Accountability:** The theme of choice and accountability emerges as the tenants plot to seize the inheritance. Their decision leads to severe consequences, highlighting the importance of right choices and their consequences.
- **Transfer of Responsibility:** The transfer of responsibility from unfaithful tenants to others underscores the theme of God's plan for redemption. This symbolizes the transition from the Jewish covenant to the inclusion of the Gentiles in God's kingdom.
- **Rejected Stone and Cornerstone:** The reference to the stone rejected by the builders becoming the cornerstone illustrates the theme of God's sovereignty. This emphasizes that God's purposes will ultimately prevail, even if initially rejected by people.

Monksland Community Mass

The October Community Mass will be held this coming Thursday at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre, on the Old Tuam Road. We offer this month's Mass for Peace in our World.

All are welcome. Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards.

Parish Pastoral Council

The October Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday evening at 8pm in Forthill House.


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
Saturday May 18th 11am Summerhill NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
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.

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 1st €1,620.

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for Sept 30th - Oct 8th

Sat. 7th at 8 p.m. (MH) Mary McGlone, Kilmacormack. Also, James and Mary Dooley.
 Sun. 8th Oct 10am (IS) Mary Ann and Tommy Lennon, Meehambee
 Tues. 10th at 7 p.m. (MH) Willie Berrigan, Clonark. Also, deceased family members.
 Thurs. 12th at 7 p.m. (MH) Adrian, Denis and Mary Dolan, Curraghaleen.
 Sat. 14th at 8 p.m. (JD) Bernadette Shine, KIELTY.
 Sun. 15th Oct 10am (MH) Peter, Kathleen and Pauline Watson, Kilmacormack. Also, deceased family members.

Clonown Mass Intentions for Sept 30th - Oct 8th

Oct. 8th. 11.15 a.m. (MH) Margaret and John Dunning, New Row. &, dec. family members
 Oct. 15th. 11.15 a.m. (JD) Laurence, Rose and Sonny Shine, Currnaboll. Also, deceased family members.

Monasterevin Gospel Choir

We are delighted to welcome Monasterevin Gospel Choir to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church today Sunday October 8th. They will sing at the 12 noon Mass.

Pet Blessing

Blessing of animals takes place in the grounds of St. Peter's and Paul's church Today, October 8th at 2pm. in aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. All welcome.

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.

Dean Kelly National School

are holding our fundraising quiz on Thursday 12th October in the Shamrock Lodge at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

HOLY HOUR in Kiltloom Church

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

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
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."