



12th November 2023 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



We must be ready to meet the Lord when he comes

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SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th November to Sunday 19th November 2023

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

Saturday 11th November	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed Sean Dillion. Sean & Josephine Doyle. (JW) Also Live Streamed Eithne Kearney (1st Anniversary).
Sunday 12th November	9.00 am 12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish. (MH) Also Live Streamed Tony Moriarty (1st Anniversary). George Bannon. Eamon Egan. Pat & Babs Treacy. Jack & Maura O'Meara.
Monday 13th November	9.30 am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Molly & Christy Willis. Roy Smith & dec. family members. Paddy & Dilly Moore. Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday 14th November	9.30 am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Private Intention. Noel, Mary & James Maher. Rosie Dolan & dec. family members.
Wednesday 15th November	9.30 am 6.00 pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Jackie & Nellie Gough. (IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 16th November	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Kathleen & Michael Mc Grath & dec. family members. Michael Kelly.
Friday 17th November	9.30 am 7.30 pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed The Holy Souls. (JW) Also Live Streamed Mike & Vera Harney. Michael Harney. Tom & Brigid Keegan. Jackie & Teresa Keegan. Lily Farrell. Pauline Kelly. Nancy Glennon.
Saturday 18th November	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Brendan Mc Fadden & dec. family members. (IS) Also Live Streamed
Sunday 19th November	9.00 am 12.00 noon	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish. (JW) Also Live Streamed Martin, Mary, Liam & Rita O'Connor. Michael Kenny & dec. family members. James & Margaret Malynn. Elaine Mc Loughlin.

The act of remembrance

Memories may feel warm and comforting – they may fill us with joy, or they may be filled with sadness, sorrow and regret – they may make us feel low, that's where our feelings often translate to bodily aches and pains. For example, we know that it is possible for people to die of a broken heart.

I read that in Hebrew, to remember means more than simply bringing to mind. When God remembers his people, he also does something for them – he brings them out of exile or he gives the gift of a child to barren women. When God remembers us, he does something for us as well.

The readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us to always be alert and ready. The first reading speaks of seeking wisdom and being ready for her at dawn. The psalm reminds that union with God is our truest desire. The second reading tells us that death is not the end and that we will rise in Christ Jesus. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins, five who were ready when their master arrived and five who were not.

- **Preparedness:** The passage emphasizes the importance of being prepared for events that are certain to happen but uncertain in timing. This is illustrated through the bridesmaids and their lamps.
- **Missed Opportunities:** The text indicates that lack of preparedness can lead to missed opportunities that are not recoverable, like the bridesmaids who miss the wedding feast.
- **Individual Responsibility:** Each bridesmaid is responsible for her own lamp and oil, highlighting the theme of personal accountability in being prepared for important events.
- **Exclusivity of Reward:** The passage implies that rewards, like entering the wedding feast, are not universally given but are reserved for those who meet certain criteria or standards.
- **Imminence:** The text suggests that important events, symbolized by the bridegroom's arrival, can happen when least expected, reinforcing the theme of the need for constant readiness.

Masses for the Holy Souls in November 2023

Ss. Peter & Pauls Church.

Friday November 17th @ 9.30 am
Wednesday November 22nd @ 9.30 am

St. Brigid's Church, Drum

Wednesday November 29th @ 9.30 am
Tuesday November 21st @ 7.00 pm

Our Lady of the Wayside.

Tuesday November 28th @ 7.00 pm
Friday November 17th @ 8.00 pm



Annual Remembrance Mass

for all from our Parish who have died in the last year will take place in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Athlone on **Saturday November 25th at 11am.**
Please let those who have had a bereavement know about the Mass.

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.

November Souls List

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.

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 November 5th € 1,555.

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

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Drum Mass Intentions for Nov 11th - Nov 19th

Sat. 11th 8 pm (IS) John McManus, Nure. Also, parents Mai and Pake.
Sun. 12th 10 am (JW) Thomas Hynes, Drum Road.
Tues. 14th 7 pm (MH) Dan and Mary Harney, Crannaghmore. Also, son Willie.
Thurs. 16th. at 7 p.m. (MH) Joe Glynn and deceased family members.
Sat. 18th. at 8 p.m. (MH) Gemma Henry, Clonellan.
Sun. 19th. at 10 a.m. (IS) Thomas Naughton and deceased family members, Clonark.
Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group: **Rosary in the cemetery on Sunday 19th. November following the 10am mass. Weather permitting.**



Clonown Mass Intentions for Nov 12th - Nov 19th

Nov. 12th. at 11.15 a.m. (IS) Stephen, Annie, Patrick, John, Michéal & Stephen Jr Fallon, Newtown.
Nov. 17th. at 8 p.m. (MH) **HOLY SOULS**
Nov. 19th. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) Mary, James and Tommy Egan, Callowbeg.



Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of Tommy Frawley. **May he rest in the peace of Christ.**

Mini Retreat in preparation for Christmas:

For your diary: Christmas is a busy time, however, do not let us forget the reason we have for our Hope! On Friday 22nd December Fr John Roche (SPS) will guide a mini retreat at the Chapel of Adoration, 8 Castle Street Athlone, from 2.30pm - 4.30pm. There will be a talk and mass. All are welcome! For further information 090 64 92278.

Roscommon SPCA

Roscommon SPCA CLG (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) will be holding its first ever Church Gate Collection at St. Peter & Paul's Church in Athlone, on the weekend of 18th and 19th November 2023.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary invite you join with them in reciting the rosary at Cornamagh cemetery on November 12th at 3pm and at Coosan cemetery on November 19th at 3pm. All are welcome.

Drum Heritage Group

Drum Heritage Group, Table Quiz on Thursday 16th November @ 8.30pm Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone. Tables of 4 €40/ €10 per person. Raffle on the night. Great night is to be held by all, please support.

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."

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