

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions  
Saturday 18th November to Sunday 26th November 2023**

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

<b>Saturday</b> 18th November	9.30 am 6.30 pm Vigil	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Brendan Mc Fadden & dec. family members. <b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Frank Minogue (Month's Mind) late of St. Paul's Terrace. <b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish.</b> <b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Martin, Mary, Liam & Rita O'Connor. Michael Kenny & dec. family members. James & Margaret Malynn. Elaine Mc Loughlin.
<b>Sunday</b> 19th November	9.00 am 12.00 noon	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Brendan Kenny. <b>Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction</b> <b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Private Intention. <b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>The Holy Souls</b> <b>(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b> <b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Bridget Harris & her son David Harris. <b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Ciaran & Pat Fallon. <b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Catherine Dolan Mc Cann. Amanda Sloan. John & Kitty Keena & dec. family members. Paddy & Mary Molloy. Gerry Molloy. Paddy, Padraig & Breege Sherriff. Rosemary Brilly (nee Cauldwell).
<b>Monday</b> 20th November	9.30 am	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>Tuesday</b> 21st November	9.30 am	<b>(JD, IS, JW) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Annual Memorial Mass.</b> <b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Lourenso Monteiro (1st Anniversary). Emelia Rebeiro & Josef Couto.
<b>Wednesday</b> 22nd November	9.30 am 6.00 pm	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish.</b> <b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Sr. Assunta Tiernan (Month's Mind). Robbie & Maura Mc Manus. The Donoghue & Duggan Families (Clare & Galway). Jack & Maura Campbell. John Campbell & dec. family members.
<b>Thursday</b> 23rd November	9.30 am	
<b>Friday</b> 24th November	9.30 am 7.30 pm	
<b>Saturday</b> 25th November	9.30 am 11.00am 6.30 pm Vigil	
<b>Sunday</b> 26th November	9.00 am 12.00 noon	

**The act of remembrance**

The Lord bless them and keep them.  
The Lord make his face shine upon them and be gracious to them.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon them and give them peace.  
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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

**19th November 2023  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



**THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS**

*The parable of the Talents is a challenge to use our gifts to achieve what God expects from us*

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

**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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A are a call to do the work of the Kingdom of God with the gifts we have been given. The first reading sings the praises of the worthy wife who uses her talents to labor for good. The psalm tells us that those who follow the Lord are blessed. The second reading reminds us that we are children of light and goodness. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the talents and praises the servants who used their resources wisely.

- Stewardship: The passage emphasizes the importance of wisely managing resources or gifts given by God.
- Accountability: Each servant in the parable is held accountable for how they use their talents, highlighting the theme of personal responsibility.
- Risk and Growth: The servants who invest their talents are taking a risk, suggesting that spiritual growth often involves stepping out of one's comfort zone.
- Work Ethic: The servants who double their talents work hard, suggesting the value of effort and diligence in spiritual life.
- Divine Judgment: The passage suggests that there will be a time of reckoning where each individual will be judged based on their actions.
- Inequality: The talents are distributed unevenly at the start, which may prompt considerations about the spiritual implications of inequality.

**Masses for the Holy Souls in November 2023**

<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul's Church.</b>	Friday November 17th	@ 9.30 am
	Wednesday November 22nd	@ 9.30 am
	Wednesday November 29th	@ 9.30 am
<b>St. Brigid's Church, Drum</b>	Tuesday November 21st	@ 7.00 pm
	Tuesday November 28th	@ 7.00 pm
<b>Our Lady of the Wayside.</b>	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 12th € 1,540.**  
We thank those who donate through the online link on the Parish Website.  
Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

**Drum Mass Intentions for Nov 18th - Nov 26th**

Sat. 18th. at 8 p.m.	(MH)	Gemma Henry, Clonellan.
Sun. 19th. at 10 a.m.	(IS)	Thomas Naughton and deceased family members, Clonark.
Tues. 21st. at 7 p.m.	(MH)	All Souls.
Thurs. 23rd. at 7 p.m.	(MH)	Colm Shine, Kilty.
Sat. 25th. at 8 p.m.	(JW)	Maureen Dunning, Thomastown.
Sun. 26th. at 10 a.m.	(MH)	Kathleen Seery, Creggane.



Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group: **Rosary in the cemetery on Sunday 19th. November following the 10am mass. Weather permitting.**

**Clonown Mass Intentions for Nov 19th - Nov 26th**

Nov. 19th. at 11.15 a.m.	(MH)	Mary, James and Tommy Egan, Callowbeg.
Nov. 26th. at 11.15 a.m.	(JD)	John and Nancy Ward, Curranaboll.



Also, deceased members of the Ward and Shine families.

**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Marian Berrigan, formerly of Clonark. **May she rest in the peace of Christ.**

**Mini Retreat in preparation for Christmas:**

Christmas is a busy time, however, do not let us forget the reason we have for our Hope! On Fri 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.

**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.

**ALONE Volunteers**

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People for 1 hour, once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please contact Helena on 086 0145829

**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 19th & 20th Nov. 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."