



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 4th November to Sunday 12th November 2023

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

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/JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish.
	12.00 noon	(JD/JW) Also Live Streamed Paddy, Molly, Brendan & Dermot Lennon. Kit & Christina Keogh, Tommy Keogh. Michael Kelly.
Monday 6th November	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Ann Shine. Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday 7th November	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed HOLY SOULS
Wednesday 8th November	9.30 am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Patrick, Susan, Madge & Patricia Naughton.
	6.00 pm	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 9th November	9.30 am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Kitty & Jim Higgins. Robert & Katie Bourke. Robert BourkeJnr. Michael Norton.
Friday 10th November	9.30 am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Mary, John & Tommy Keogh.
	7.30 pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed The Waters Family. Martin & Kitty Cunningham. Bernie & Phyllis Mack. Denis Westman. Patsy & Betty Beaumont.
Saturday 11th November	9.30 am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed Eithne Kearney (1st Anniversary).
Sunday 12th November	9.00 am	(MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish.
	12.00 noon	(MH) Also Live Streamed Tony Moriarty (1st Anniversary). George Bannon. Eamon Egan. Pat & Babs Treacy. Jack & Maura O'Meara.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. Dear God of Mercy, I pray this day for all souls, both known and unknown to me, who, although touched by death, have not yet entered Your Heavenly Kingdom.

5th November 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



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 are issued from the Sacristy (090 64 94 150)**

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

The readings for the **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A** are a call to humility and holiness. The first reading demands that we listen to God and love one another. The psalm reminds us to find our peace and rest in God. The second reading tells us that we work to proclaim the Good News. And in the gospel, Jesus calls out those who lay heavy laws on others but do not practice what they preach.

- **Practice vs. Preach:** Jesus criticizes the religious leaders for not practicing what they preach. This theme highlights the importance of congruency between one's words and actions in religious life.
- **Heavy Burdens:** The religious authorities are blamed for laying heavy burdens on others while not lifting a finger themselves. This theme centers on the unjust imposition of religious obligations without personal commitment.
- **Humility over Titles:** Jesus advises against using honorific titles like "Rabbi" and emphasizes the value of humility. This theme promotes a down-to-earth approach over seeking social or religious status.

Annual Holidays

Fr. John will be away on Annual Holidays from November 7th to November 23rd. In his absence please contact the priest on call 085 870 5840

New Curate

This weekend we welcome our new curate to Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish. Fr. Joseph Wenjeslaus 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 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.

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.



Samaritan Gala Christmas Concert

takes place on Wed 6th Dec in the Franciscan Friary, Athlone, at 8pm, featuring the Army Band of the 2nd Brigade, Conductor Capt John Carpenter, Mezzo Soprano Gemma Ni Bhriain, A Cappella and the Athlone Pipe Band.

Admission €18

Tickets from Cunningham's Pharmacies, Dublin Road and Monksland. Midland Sound Equipment and Mulligans Roscommon Road.

The Samaritans are available 24hrs on freecall 116 123 for anyone who is lonely, troubled or needs to talk to someone in confidence.

Tap machine for donations.

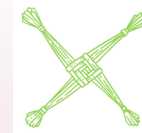
We have introduced a "Tap Machine" for donations to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. In doing so it is **not** to replace the weekly collection but rather to give visitors to the church an opportunity to contribute to the upkeep of our beautiful church.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection October 29th € 1,455

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for Nov 5th—Nov 12th

Sat. 4th 8 pm	(IS)	Thomsie Murray, Gorrynagowna.
Sun 5th 10am	(MH)	Pat Kenna, Cornafulla and dec. family members.
Tues. 7th 8 pm	(MH)	Kathleen Merrigan, Clonark.
Thurs. 9th 7 pm	(MH)	Marlin and Nancy Mulvey, Johnstown. Also, son Marty and grandson Alan.
Sat. 11th 8 pm	(IS)	John McManus, Nure. Also, parents Mai and Pake.
Sun 12th 10am	(MH)	Thomas Hynes, Drum Road.



Clonown Mass Intentions for Nov 5th - Nov 12th

Nov. 5th 11.15 am	(IS)	Lil, Jack and Pat Ward, Clonown.
Nov. 12th 11.15 am	(IS)	Stephen, Annie, Patrick, John, Michéal and Stephen Jr. Fallon, Newtown.



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.

Athlone Family Resource Centre

Join us for COFFEE and CHAT. We are a mixed bunch of Irish-lovers, keen to use our "cúpla focail". Come along to Caife Connect in Athlone Family Resource Centre, 11 O' Connell Street, at 11.00am on Monday 6/11/23

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.

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."