

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 13th January to Sunday 21st January 2024**

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

Saturday 13th January	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed John, Mary & Sean Dillon. Paddy & Annie Whelan.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed Lisa & Nigel Mc Cracken.
Sunday 14th January	9.00am	(MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mary Hannon. John Costello. John & Nancy Mc Manus, Baylough.
Monday 15th January	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Special Intention.
Tuesday 16th January	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Wednesday 17th January	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.00 pm	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 18th January	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Private Intention.
Friday 19th January	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Saturday 20th January	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Billy & Peggy Browne-Tone. Tony & Ambrose Browne.
	6.30pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Jackie Shine (1st Anniversary). Denis, Marie & Anne-Marie Hannon.
Sunday 21st January	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed John & Mary Bridget Hurley and daughter Margaret Hurley, Pendleton. Bridie Geraghty. Anne, Helen & Bruce Savage & Parents.

Why do we pray

Prayer helps you develop a relationship with God Just like your parents here on earth, your Heavenly Father wants to hear from you and talk to you. When you pray, He listens. Then He answers your prayers in the form of thoughts, spiritual feelings, scripture, or even the actions of other people.



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

14th January 2024
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus invites disciples to "Come and see" and they followed him

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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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite us to hear God calling and to respond. In the first reading, God calls to Samuel and he replies. The psalm speaks of waiting for the Lord and answering. . The Gospel tells of the call of the first apostles.

- **Discipleship and Following:** The theme of discipleship and following Jesus is evident as John the Baptist's disciples choose to follow Jesus after his testimony. This highlights the transformative power of encountering Jesus.
- **Messiah and Recognition:** The recognition of Jesus as the Messiah is a central theme as Andrew proclaims, "We have found the Messiah." This emphasizes the pivotal moment when individuals recognize Jesus' divine identity.
- **Invitation and Relationship:** Jesus' invitation to "come and see" underscores the theme of forming a personal relationship. This highlights the importance of encountering Jesus firsthand and developing a personal connection.
- **Name Change and Identity:** The theme of name change and identity emerges as Jesus renames Simon to Cephas (Peter), which means "rock." This symbolizes Peter's future role and underscores the transformative impact of encountering Jesus.
- **Personal Testimony:** Andrew's excited testimony to his brother Simon introduces the theme of personal testimony. This highlights the significance of sharing one's personal experiences with Jesus to invite others into a relationship with Him.
- **Response to Jesus' Call:** Simon's immediate response to Jesus' call showcases the theme of obedience. His willingness to leave his nets and follow Jesus reflects the radical nature of responding to Jesus' call.

Ecumenical Service of Prayer

We invite you to join us for Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on Thursday evening 18th January at 7.30pm in **St. Mary's Church of Ireland**, Church Street, Athlone N37CK27.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Young People preparing for the Sacraments in 2024

We have more than 300 Young People preparing for the Sacraments in 2024. The day they receive First Holy Communion or the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is a very special day in their lives. Please pray for them and if you know a young person who will be receiving the Sacraments please encourage them in their preparation.

Family / House Masses

If you would like to have a Mass in your home for your family or neighbours please contact the priest for your area who would be delighted to oblige.

House Masses can not be facilitated on Saturdays or Sundays.

(please give notice to allow for other events in the priests diary)

A date for your diary!

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje is taking place on June 26th to July 3rd 2024. A Spiritual Director will also be in attendance. Cost €795 (Single room supplement €150 extra). €50 discount if €100 is paid before 1st February'24. Contact Mary Mulligan: **087 293 6933**.

St. Joseph's Primary School, Summerhill, Athlone

Are currently enrolling for September 2024. Information evening for parents on Tuesday 16th January 6.00pm – 7.30pm. For more information please phone: **090 6492037**.

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 January 7th € 1,390.

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 Jan 13th - Jan 21st

- Sat. 13th at 8 p.m. Vigil - **(IS)** Una Naughton, Clonark.
 Sun. 14th at 10 a.m. **-(JW)** Mary and Tom Grenham, Gorrynagowna. Also, deceased family members.
 Tues. 16th at 7 p.m. **-(MH)** No Intention.
 Thurs. 17th at 7 p.m. **-(MH)** Eileen Lennon, Gorrynagowna.
 Sat. 20th at 8 p.m. Vigil **-(JD)** Sean (Geezer) Duignan, Clonellan. Month's Mind. Also, Bridget, Tom and John Duignan.
 Sun. 21st at 10 a.m. **-(MH)** John and Margaret McManus, Johnstown. & Deceased Family



Clonown Mass Intentions for Jan 14th - Jan 21st

- Sun. 14th at 11.15 a.m. - **(MH)** Patrick Dollery, Clonown. First Anniversary.
 Sun. 21st at 11.15 a.m. - **(JD)** Fr. Denis Gavin, Clonown. First Anniversary.



Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of: Pray for the repose of the souls of: Martin Cuniffe, Monksland Jean Walsh, Ardee, sister of Katie Lennon, Ardkeenan. Mary Nolan (formerly Crannaghmore), sister of Michael Naughton, Crannaghmore. Also, Teresa Flynn, Enfield & Ballydangan, aunt of Rita Durney and Marian Brien. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

Mobile Library

The mobile library will stop in the Supervalu carpark, Monksland on Thursday 18th January from 1pm – 3:30pm. We have a great selection of books, CDs, DVDs, e-books and audiobooks for all ages and library membership is **free**.

Athlone Little Theatre

Hubcap Theatre presents 'The Parish' on 12th, 13th and 14th January. A heart-warming play. 'The Parish' runs for one hour 15 minutes with no interval. Recommended age 12+. Book tickets now on www.athlonelittletheatre.ie or via Eventbrite.

Creative Writing Workshops for Children

Sundays, 2-4pm; 8-12 yrs in 4 Bastion Street, Athlone for 6 weeks from 4th February; €90. Contact Niamh **086 3623971** to book/for more details.

Flowers for Church Altars

If you would like to donate flowers for use on the altars in the churches within the parish. Please contact the sacristy or the office. Thank you to those who have already donated money or flowers. **Fr. John.**

St. Peters Active Retirement Group

meet every Wednesday 3.00-4.30pm at St Peters Parish Centre. **New members welcome.** Contact Mary 087 948 0441, Anne 086 200 9787

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.
2299798	Administrator/Co-ordinator	Athlone Drugs Awareness Group.
2258047	Environmental Worker	Monksland Tidy Towns.
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."