

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 20th January to Sunday 28th January 2024**

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

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. Kathleen Callinan.
Sunday 21st January	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed John & Mary Bridget Hurley & their daughter Margaret Hurley, Pendleton. Bridie Geraghty. Anne, Helen & Bruce Savage & their Parents.
Monday 22nd January	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Tuesday 23rd January	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Thanks giving Mass.
Wednesday 24th January	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Josephine Cunningham (Month's Mind). Nora and John Mc Grath & deceased family members of the Mc Grath, Dunleavy & Brilly Families.
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 25th January	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed James (Jim) Killian (1st Anniversary).
Friday 26th January	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	7.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Brian Johnson. Dessie Conway. Josie, Jimmy & James Duffy. Robert Walsh & deceased members of the Downey & Hatchet Families.
Saturday 27th January	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Douglas Mahon (1st Anniversary). Margaret Igoe, parents James & Margaret Killian. Sisters Mary, Patricia, brothers John & Tony.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Thomas (Tony) Mc Hugh. Edward Egan.
Sunday 28th January	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Sonnie Kildea (Month's Mind). Paddy Kenny. Dennis & Mai Kilfeather and their daughter Anita Burke. Michael Hanley, Clonown Road.

A Prayer for Vocation

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.



**21st January 2024
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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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

Weekly Newsletter

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite us to be transformed by the call of Jesus. In the first reading, Jonah hears God's call and sets off for Nineveh. The psalm asks God to show us the path he desires for us. The second reading tells us that the world as we know it is passing away. The Gospel recounts Jesus call for repentance and the call of Simon Peter and Andrew.

- Call to Repentance and Conversion: Both Jonah's message to Nineveh and Jesus' proclamation in the Gospel emphasize the need for repentance. This theme invites the faithful to reflect on their own lives and the need for ongoing conversion.
- Divine Mercy and Forgiveness: The story of Nineveh's redemption highlights God's mercy and readiness to forgive when people turn away from their wrongdoings and seek His forgiveness.
- Guidance and Trust in God: Psalm 25 speaks to seeking and trusting in God's guidance, emphasizing the importance of humility and faith in God's paths and truths.
- The Urgency of the Gospel Call: The immediacy with which the disciples respond to Jesus' call in the Gospel of Mark reflects the urgent nature of embracing the Gospel and following Christ.
- Transience of Worldly Life: In the second reading from 1 Corinthians, there is an emphasis on the fleeting nature of earthly experiences and the importance of focusing on eternal truths.
- Vocation and Discipleship: The call of the first disciples illustrates the concept of vocation and the transformative journey of following Jesus, changing one's life direction to align with His mission.
- God's Kingdom is at Hand: Jesus' proclamation that the kingdom of God is near invites reflection on the presence and reality of God's kingdom in our lives and world.

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

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**.

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.

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 14th € 1,620.

We thank those who donate through the online link on the Parish Website.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

Drum Mass Intentions for Jan 20th - Jan 28th

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.

Tues. 23rd at 7 p.m. - **(MH)** No Intention.

Thurs. 25th at 7 p.m. - **(MH)** Rose Dunning, Clonark. Also, deceased family members.

Sat. 27th at 8 p.m. Vigil - **(MH)** Michael and Mary Shine, Creggane. Also, deceased family members.

Sun. 28th at 10 a.m. - **(MH)** Peter Watson, Kilmacormack (First Anniversary).



Clonown Mass Intentions for Jan 21st - Jan 28th

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

Sun. 28th at 11.15 a.m. - **(MH)** Tommy, Patrick and Annie Dunning. Buggane. Also, deceased family members.



Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of : Mary Kilroy, St. Coman's Park.
John Farrell, 11 Westwood, Summerhill. Sr. Patricius Quine, Dun Mhuire, Athlone.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Pioneer Association

Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25th Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration and fun on Saturday April 6th 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/tickets contact Dermot Fagan **085-7201646** or Daisy Carey **087-6544626**.

ALONE

ALONE provides many services to Older People that will enable them to stay living at home for longer. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services:

- 1) Visitation and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer gives an hour a week of their time to provide companionship to an Older Person.
- 2) Telephone Support and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer makes friendly calls to Older People once a week for a 2 hour shift. If you are interested in volunteering please call Frances on volunteer@alone.ie or **086 1085965**.

Athlone Community Radio

Athlone Community Radio invites you to "In the Spotlight" a Free musical showcase on Sunday Jan 21st in the Dean Crowe Theatre at 8pm. Join MC Pete Casey with guests Aishling Rafferty, Rachel Goode, Rob Irwin, See Saw Swing and Tradstone for a fabulous evening of entertainment funded by Coimisiun na Mean with the television licence fee.

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."

www.elphindiocese.ie/vocations