

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions  
Saturday 20th January to Sunday 4th February 2024**

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

<b>Saturday</b> 27th January	9.30am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Douglas Mahon (1st Anniversary). Margaret Igoe, parents James & Margaret Killian. Sisters Mary, Patricia, brothers John & Tony.
	6.30pm Vigil	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Martin Cunniffe (Month's Mind). Thomas (Tony) Mc Hugh. Edward Egan. Danny Mc Cracken. Frank, Esme & Aaron Fernandes.
<b>Sunday</b> 28th January	9.00am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
	12.00pm	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Sonnie Kildea (Month's Mind). Paddy Kenny. Dennis & Mai Kilfeather and their daughter Anita Burke. Michael Hanley, Clonown Road. Kathleen & Sonny Kearney.
<b>Monday</b> 29th January	9.30am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Maffie & Una Grehan.
<b>Tuesday</b> 30th January	9.30am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Paddy & Kathleen Malone and dec. family members. Special Intention.
<b>Wednesday</b> 31st January	9.30am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Stephen Quain. Special Intention.
	6.00 pm	<b>(MH) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 1st February	9.30am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Feast of St. Brigid</b> Private Intention.
<b>Friday</b> 2nd February	9.30am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Feast of the presentation of The Lord</b> Blessing of Candles
	7.30pm	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Bridget Dolan. Poncho Murray. Mary Bridget Stephens. Andy & Bridie Cousins and deceased family members.
<b>Saturday</b> 3rd February	9.30am	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Feast of St. Blaise</b> <i>Blessing of Throat's after Mass</i> Tom Henry and deceased family members.
	6.30pm Vigil	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Blessing of Throats AFTER all Masses this Weekend</b> Joe Brown (Month's Mind).
<b>Sunday</b> 4th February	9.00am	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
	12.00pm	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> Mary Egan (1st Anniversary). John Mc Cormack.



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

**28th January 2024**  
**4th 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)**

All were amazed and asked one another,

“What is this? A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.”

**To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840**

**Weekly Newsletter**

**The readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite** us to recognize Jesus and grant him authority in our lives. In the first reading, Moses foretells the coming of a mighty prophet. The Gospel tells how the people were amazed by the way Jesus taught with authority. The readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, encompass several interwoven themes that are central to Christian theology and spiritual life:

- **Prophetic Authority and Divine Truth:** The first reading from Deuteronomy speaks of a prophet like Moses, emphasizing the importance of heeding true prophetic voices that convey God's will and truth. This theme of authoritative teaching is echoed in the Gospel, where Jesus' teachings are contrasted with those of the scribes.
- **Divine Guidance and Obedience:** Psalm 95 calls for joyful praise and worship of God, recognizing Him as our creator and guide. It emphasizes listening to God's voice and avoiding the hard-heartedness of our ancestors, underscoring the importance of obedience to divine guidance.
- **Undistracted Devotion to God:** The second reading from 1 Corinthians discusses the states of married and unmarried life, highlighting how the unmarried can focus more directly on pleasing the Lord. This theme of undistracted devotion is relevant to understanding different vocations and the ways they can lead to holiness.
- **The Authority of Jesus:** The Gospel reading vividly demonstrates Jesus' divine authority, not just in teaching but also in his power over unclean spirits. His authority impresses and amazes the people, revealing him as a figure of divine power and wisdom.
- **Recognition of Christ's Power:** The reaction of the congregation in the Gospel to Jesus' exorcism and teaching underlines the theme of recognizing and responding to Christ's power and authority. This response of amazement and the spread of Jesus' fame throughout Galilee are central to understanding the impact of Jesus' ministry.

These themes for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, collectively focus on the recognition and acceptance of divine authority, the call to obedient and joyful worship, the importance of discerning true prophetic voices, and the unique and powerful role of Jesus Christ in salvation history.

**Monthly Holy Communion Calls**

Fr. John will complete his monthly Holy Communion calls during this coming week. As usual he will telephone in advance to let you know what time he is coming at.

**Fr's Innocent & Joseph are both away this coming week so all pastoral calls should be to Fr. John on the Parish call number 0858705840.**

**Sacraments 2024**

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

- Saturday May 11th** 11am Cloonakilla NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church  
 11am Cornafulla NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
- Saturday May 18th** 11am Summerhill NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
- Saturday May 25th** 11am Dean Kelly NS and St. Peter's NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church  
 11am Ardkeen NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
- Sunday May 26th** 11.15am Clonown Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

- Wednesday April 17th**  
 11am Dean Kelly NS, St. Peter's NS & Summerhill NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone  
 3pm Ardkeen NS & Cornafulla NS St. Brigid's Church, Drum
- Thursday April 18th**  
 11am Cloonakilla NS & Clonown NS Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone.

**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 21st € 1,525.**

**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 27th - Feb 4th**

- 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).
- Tues. 30th at 7 p.m. - **(MH)** John, Bridie and Pat Halligan, Collogorriss.
- Thurs. 1st at 7 p.m. - **(MH)** Feast of St. Brigid.
- Blessing of Throats AFTER all Masses this Weekend**
- Sat. 3rd at 8 p.m. Vigil - **(JD)** Michael, Annette and Maura Durney, Cornafulla North. Also, deceased members of the Durney and Shine families.
- Sun. 4th at 10 a.m. - **(IS)** Alan Ledwith formerly Thomastown. Also, his grandparents Sonny and Eileen Teape, Johnstown and deceased family.



**Clonown Mass Intentions for Jan 28th - Feb 4th**

- Sun. 28th at 11.15 a.m. - **(MH)** Tommy, Patrick and Annie Dunning, Buggane. Also, deceased family members.
- Fri. 2nd at 8 p.m. - **(MH)** Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning, Newtown East.
- Sun. 4th at 11.15 a.m. - **Blessing of Throats AFTER Mass**  
**(JD)** Hugh Roche late of Togher.



**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the souls of Brendan Grehan formerly of St. Anne's Tce. Patrick (Pakie) Duignan, Ardkeen, Drum. & Thomas Mc Cracken, Mitchell's Tce.  
**May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

**Cornafulla National School**

Enrolment and Open evening in Cornafulla N.S. on Tuesday 30th January, 2024 from 6 – 7pm. If you are unable to attend on the evening you can contact the school at **090-6437177**.

**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)**

**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**.

**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.
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."**