

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 10th February to Sunday 18th February 2024

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
10th February		John, Eileen & Martin Lennon.
	Anointing of the Sick AFTER ALL Masses this weekend for those who would like to receive it.	
	6.30pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed
		Thomas O'Donoghue (1st Anniversary). Donal Sumner (1st Anniversary).
Sunday	9.00am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
11th February		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Michael Daly. Kieran & Pat Gavin. Bridie, Joe, Edward & Annie Connolly. Anne & Jack Devine.
Monday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
12th February		Fr. Tommy Moran.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
13th February		No Intention.
Wednesday	7.20 am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) Ash Wednesday
14th February		No Intention.
	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Cathal Kelly.
	6.00 pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
		No Intention
	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
15th February		Mary Mannion.
Friday	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
16th February		Christina & Willie Egede.
	7.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Margaret, Bernard & Tommy White. Bridget & Malachy White. Christine Healy. Anne Ganly. Margaret Stewart. Michael Lennon.
Saturday	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
17th February		Mary, John & Sean Dillon.
	10.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		Sr. Patricius (Month's Mind)
	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		No Intention.
Sunday	9.00am	(MH) Also Live Streamed
4th February		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(MH) Also Live Streamed
		Bernie Ward. Pat Ward. Jimmy Lynch. Warren Hynes. Lawrence & Pat O'Connell & dec. family members. James, Kathleen & Michael Mulligan & dec. family members.

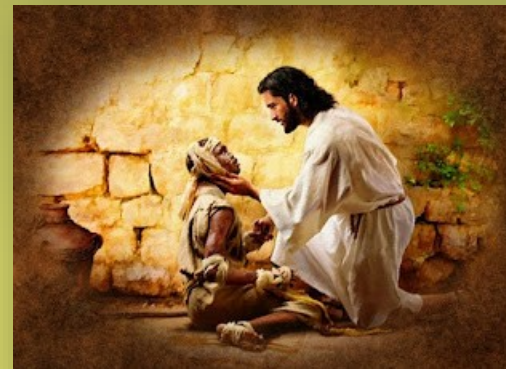
A Prayer as we begin Lent

Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



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

11th February 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus was moved with pity...

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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

Weekly Newsletter

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year B demonstrate the healing power of Jesus and his ability to rid us of what is unclean in our lives. The first reading tells what should be done if someone has leprosy, and how being unclean separates us from others. The Gospel recalls how Jesus healed a leper. *The Mass readings delve into several profound themes that resonate with both the historical context of the Scriptures and the contemporary application of these teachings in our daily lives. The themes include:*

Purity and Impurity: Leviticus discusses the laws concerning leprosy, a condition that rendered individuals ritually unclean. This theme explores the notions of purity and impurity, not just in a physical sense but also spiritually and morally, inviting reflection on what constitutes purity in our lives today.

Isolation and Community: The afflicted are required to live apart, signifying not just a physical separation but a profound social and communal isolation. This theme invites us to reflect on the importance of community and the effects of isolation, as well as our responsibility towards those who are marginalized or ostracized.

Compassion and Healing: Jesus' compassionate response to the leper, contrary to the social norms of his time, emphasizes the theme of divine compassion and healing. It challenges us to consider how we extend compassion and healing to those in need, breaking beyond societal barriers.

Obedience and Witness: While Jesus instructs the healed man to follow the Mosaic law and not to publicize the miracle, the man's inability to keep silent highlights the tension between personal experience and communal directives. This theme can lead to discussions on the balance between obedience to religious practices and the natural desire to witness to God's work in our lives.

Holiness in Everyday Actions: Paul's exhortation to do everything for the glory of God, even in mundane activities like eating and drinking, brings forward the theme of finding and honouring the sacred in everyday life. It prompts us to consider how our daily actions can reflect our faith and contribute to the common good.

Imitation of Christ: Paul's invitation to imitate him as he imitates Christ underscores the theme of discipleship and the call to live in a way that is reflective of Jesus' teachings and example, emphasizing the Christian call to holiness through following Christ.

Lent 2024

The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday next, Ash Wednesday. This day is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Masses will be at 7.20am & 9.30am in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, at 7pm in Drum Church and at 8pm in Clonown Church. Ashes will be distributed **AFTER** each Mass.

During the weeks of Lent we will have Mass at 7.20am and 9.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings, at 9.30am & 7.30 pm on Fridays and at 9.30am on Saturdays in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

Fast & Abstinence, What can I eat on Ash Wednesday?

Catholics are not allowed to eat meat on Ash Wednesday. Most adults are expected to fast and eat only one full meal per day (two smaller meals can also count for this requirement). Acceptable foods to eat on Ash Wednesday include milk, eggs, fish, grains, and fruits and vegetables.

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 February 4th € 1,665.


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 Feb 10th - Feb 18th

Sat. 10th. at 8 p.m.	-	(JW) Joseph and Mary Duignan, Clonellan and dec. family members. Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown.	
Sun. 11th. at 10 a.m.	-	(JD) Marie O'Brien, Creggane.	
Tues. 13th at 7 p.m.	-	(MH) Mary Kate and Mike Hynes, Drumlosh & dec. family members.	
Wed. 14th. at 7 p.m.	-	(JW) Ash Wednesday.	
Thurs. 15th at 7 p.m.	-	(MH) James O'Neill, Clonbulia. Also, deceased family members.	
Sat. 17th. at 11 a.m.	-	(MH) John Farrell, 11 Westwood, Summerhill. Month's Mind.	
Sat. 17th. at 8 p.m.	-	(IS) Paddy and Margaret Mulvey, Johnstown. Also, Jim Hynes.	
Sun. 18th. at 10 a.m.	-	(JW) Frank Lennon, Creggane. Also, parents Thomas and Elizabeth.	

Clonown Mass Intentions for Feb 11th -Feb 18th.

Sun. 11th. at 11.15 a.m.	-	(MH) Tommy Curley, Clonark. Month's Mind. Also, his son Declan Curley.	
Wed.14th. at 8 p.m.	-	(IS) Ash Wednesday.	
Sun. 18th. at 11.15 a.m.	-	(IS) Johnny Hynes, Currnaboll and deceased family members.	

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Owens (née Curley) formerly from Mitchell's Terrace. Mary Jennings (née O'Neill), Leixlip and formerly of Thomastown. Sister of Liz Murray and Martin O'Neill, Thomastown.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

CLUB SPRAOI

Monthly Youth Clubs "as Gaeilge", and encouraging the use of Irish. Starting 12/2/24 at Athlone Family Resource Centre, 14 O'Connell St., Athlone. Two Age-groups each evening : 7 to 9 year olds, and 10 +. To register your child, contact : coordinator@afrc.ie

The Legion of Mary

Invites you to join them in praying the Rosary at the Grotto in St John Paul Park on Sunday, February 11th The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at 3pm. All are welcome.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Join us at "Caife Connect" at 11.00 on 12/2/24. We are a mixed bunch of Irish-lovers, keen to use the "cúpla focail". Location: AFRC, Unit 14, ACT, Ball Alley Lane, Parnell Square, Athlone N37C8W6 Parking at 20 O'Connell St. N37 K308

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will visit the SuperValu carpark, Monksland on Thursday 15th February. We have a great selection of books, CDs, DVDs, e-books and audiobooks for all ages and library membership is free.

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
2317109	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2317114	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Clonown Church & Hall.
2317101	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre.
2317094	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2317104	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2317143	Caretaker/Grounds-person	St. Francis Football Club.
2317108	Environmental Worker	Monksland Tidy Towns.

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."