

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 17th February to Sunday 25th February 2024

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

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
18th 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. Jimmy Lynch.
Monday	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
19th February	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		J.J. & Joe Gleenon. Baby Conor (C.J.) 1st Anniversary.
Tuesday	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
20th February	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		John Mc Neill.
Wednesday	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
21st February	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		William O'Connor.
	6.00pm	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	7.20 am	(JW) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
22nd February	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Private Intention.
Friday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
23rd February		No Intention.
	7.30pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		Jack, Julia & Mary Murphy. Mary & Jason Gaffey. Patricia Dunning. Michael (Mike) O'Reilly. Marie, Eamon, Michael & Marian Fuery. Rose, Michael, Sean & Carmel Long.
Saturday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
24th February		No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed
		Thomas (Ned) Mc Cracken (Month's Mind).
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
25th February		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Annie & Pat Fallon. Bridie Murray & deceased family members. Brian & Miriam Lenihan. Gerry Mc Caul.

A Prayer for PEACE

Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.



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

18th February 2024
First Sunday of Lent



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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 1st Sunday of Lent Year B are rich in themes that delve into the essence of Lent as a period of renewal, repentance, and preparation for Easter. Here are some key themes drawn from these readings:

Covenant and Promise: The first reading from Genesis highlights God's covenant with Noah, symbolizing a universal promise of salvation and a new beginning for humanity and all creation. This theme of covenant is foundational, reminding us of God's faithfulness and the enduring nature of His promises.

Salvation and Baptism: The second reading from 1 Peter connects the story of Noah to the sacrament of Baptism. It emphasizes Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection as the ultimate act of reconciliation between humanity and God. Baptism is presented not merely as a ritual cleansing but as a profound commitment to live in accordance with God's will, empowered by Christ's victory over death.

Temptation and Victory: The Gospel from Mark describes Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, reflecting the trials and temptations that believers face. Jesus' victory over these temptations, supported by angels and in the presence of wild beasts, symbolizes His divinity and human strength, offering hope and encouragement for followers to overcome their own temptations.

Repentance and the Kingdom of God: Jesus' message after His time in the wilderness focuses on the call to repentance and the urgent announcement of the Kingdom of God. This theme is central to the Lenten journey, urging believers to reflect, turn away from sin, and embrace the Gospel message with renewed commitment.

New Beginnings and Preparation: Lent is a season of preparation, mirroring Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. This time is an invitation for personal and communal reflection, repentance, and preparation for the celebration of Easter, symbolizing the new life and hope that comes from Jesus' resurrection.

Divine Protection and Support: The readings convey a sense of divine protection and support through God's promises, Christ's victory over temptation, and the guiding presence of angels. This reassurance is a source of strength and comfort for believers as they navigate their Lenten journey.

These themes for the 1st Sunday of Lent Year B invite reflection on God's faithfulness, the significance of baptism, the importance of repentance and conversion, and the strength that comes from God's support in overcoming challenges. They frame Lent as a time to deepen one's faith and commitment to living according to the Gospel.

Daily Masses during Lent 2024

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

Fr. John

Fr. John will be away until Friday March 1st. All calls in his absence can be directed to Fr. Innocent or Fr. Joseph at Forthill House **0906492171**

Womens World Day of Prayer

The 2024 sweek of prayer will be held in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Athlone on Friday March 1st at 8pm. Theme "I beg you ... Beat with one another in love" **ALL ARE WELCOME**

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 11th € 1,465.

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 17th - Feb 25th

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 & parents Thomas and Elizabeth.
 Tues. 20th. at 7 p.m. - **(MH)** Michael Berrigan, Clonark. Also, deceased family members.
 Thurs. 22nd. at 7 p.m. - **(MH)** Sr. Canisius Duffy and her brother John Duffy, Clonark.
 Sat. 24th. at 11 a.m. - **(MH)** Patrick (Pakie) Duignan, Ardkeenan. Month's Mind.
 Sat. 24th. at 8 p.m. - **(MH)** Kitty and Patrick Seery, Clonellan.
 Also, deceased family members.
 Sun. 25th. at 10 a.m. - **(IS)** Morgan Keena, formerly of Cornafulla.



Clonown Mass Intentions for Feb 18th -Feb 25th.

Sun. 18th. at 11.15 a.m. - **(IS)** Johnny Hynes, Currnaboll and dec. family members.
 Feb. 25th. at 11.15 a.m. - **(MH)** Willie and Kathleen Ward. Currnaboll.



Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Jimmy Greaney, England. Brother-in-law to Anne Greaney, Summerhill Rd. Drum. Also, Margaret Shine, U.S.A and formerly of Conney, Clonown. Sister-in-law to Bernadette Shine, Buggane, Clonown. Sean Hanley, Australia formerly from Altown, Garrycastle.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Athlone Golf Club

Table Quiz will be held on Wednesday Feb.28th at 8pm. in the clubhouse. Team of 4 -€40.
All welcome to this fun night !

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024

This year, Trócaire's lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today.

Medjugorje Youth Festival

The Diocese of Elphin invites young adults in the diocese aged 18-35 on pilgrimage to Medjugorje this summer for the Youth Festival from 31st July – 7th August, led by Bishop Kevin. The cost per person sharing is €650. *For more information, detail of costs, registration form etc. please see the diocesan website on www.elphindiocese.ie/medjugorje or contact the Diocesan Office at 071-9150106 and youth@elphindiocese.ie*

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 Annesbrook 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.

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.
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."