

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 3rd February to Sunday 11th February 2024**

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

Saturday 3rd February	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Feast of St. Blaise: Blessing of Throat's after Mass Tom Henry and deceased family members.
	6.30pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Blessing of Throats AFTER all Masses this Weekend Joe Brown (Month's Mind).
Sunday 4th February	9.00am	(MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(MH) Also Live Streamed Mary Egan (1st Anniversary). Catherine O'Toole (1st Anniversary). Michael Egan. Elizabeth & Paul Egan - Birthday Remembrance. John Mc Cormack.
Monday 5th February	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Tuesday 6th February	9.30am	(BP) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Wednesday 7th February	9.30am	(BP) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.00 pm	(BP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 8th February	9.30am	(BP) Also Live Streamed Private Intention.
Friday 9th February	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
9th February	7.30pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed Edna Griffin, Bridget Law, Martin Joyce, Nora Stephens & Dennis Reynolds -Manchester & formerly St. Mel's Tce. Mary Travis (née White), Margaret, Bernard & Tommy White. Paddy Casey, Kathleen & George Newman. Tommy Freebourne. Pat & Christopher Walsh, Bridget & John Dolan. Declan Dolan & Baby Hope. Ann Ganly. Tommy Keogh. Thomas & Alfie Nally. Breda & Jimmy Cunningham.
Saturday 10th February	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed John, Eileen & Martin Lennon.
	6.30pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Anointing of the Sick AFTER ALL Masses this weekend for those who would like to receive it. Thomas O'Donoghue (1st Anniversary). Donal Sumner (1st Anniversary).
Sunday 11th February	9.00am	(IS) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Michael Daly. Kieran & Rita Gavin. Bridie, Joe, Edward & Annie Connolly, Anne & Jack Devine.



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

**4th February 2024
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Even Jesus needs a quiet place to pray.

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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

www.elphindiocese.ie/vocations

Weekly Newsletter

The readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B cause us to reflect on Jesus' power to heal us, both physically and spiritually. In the first reading, Job laments that he is experiencing so much misery and despair. But the psalm reminds us to "Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted." The Gospel tells how Jesus cured Peter's mother in law, freed those possessed by demons, and preached in the area.

- **Human Suffering and Quest for Meaning:** Job's lament in the first reading highlights the profound struggle of human suffering and the search for meaning amidst life's trials. This theme resonates with anyone grappling with pain, loss, or hardship.
- **Divine Compassion and Healing:** Contrasting with human suffering, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel emphasize God's compassion and healing power. This theme underscores the Christian belief in a God who cares deeply about human affliction and actively works to restore and heal.
- **Service and Sacrifice in Ministry:** Paul's reflections in the second reading on his role as an apostle underscore the themes of selfless service and sacrifice. His commitment to preaching the Gospel without seeking personal gain highlights the Christian call to serve others.
- **The Power of Jesus' Ministry:** The Gospel reading showcases Jesus' authority over illness and evil forces, underlining the theme of the transformative power present in Jesus' ministry. It shows the inauguration of a new era of divine action in the world.
- **Solitude and Prayer:** Jesus seeking solitude for prayer, despite the demands of his ministry, emphasizes the importance of prayer and communion with God. This theme is a reminder of the need for spiritual nourishment and reflection in the midst of active service.
- **The Role of the Community in Faith:** The interactions between Jesus and those he heals, as well as the actions of the disciples, highlight the theme of community in the Christian journey. It shows how faith is lived and experienced within a community, and how the community plays a role in supporting, nurturing, and participating in the mission of the Church.

Diocese of Elphin Clergy Assembly

This coming week from Monday to Thursday all the priests from our Diocese will meet in Galway for a special assembly to look at our Diocese and to look at the many challenges we face with the reduction of the number of priests. We ask you to please remember us in your prayers as we complete this very important discernment and plan for the future pastoral care of the Diocese. During this time Fr. Brendan Payne will be celebrating Masses in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 9.30am daily and will respond to any urgent calls. **The on-call number is 0858705840.**

A prayer during a time of discernment.

Give them the wisdom of Your Spirit So that they can see the shape of Your plan In the gifts You have given them, And in the circumstances of their daily lives. Give them the freedom of Your Spirit, To seek You with all their hearts, And to choose Your will above all else. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Monksland Community Mass

The February Community Mass will be held on **Thursday night February 8th at 8pm** in Monksland Community Centre. The Mass will be offered for all who are sick and the anointing of the sick will be available to all who attend the Mass. Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards. **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. Total for January €405.00

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offerory Collection January 28th € 2105.00

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 Feb 3rd - Feb 11th Blessing of Throats AFTER all Masses this Weekend

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| Sat. 3rd at 8 p.m. Vigil | - | (MH) | 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 . |
| Tues. 6th. at 7 p.m. | - | (MH) | John (Cal) and Mary McManus, Nure. |
| Thurs. 8th. at 7 p.m. | - | (MH) | No Intentions. |
| Sat. 10th. at 11 a.m. | - | (MH) | Mary Kilroy, St. Coman's Park, Month's Mind. |
| Sat. 10th. at 8 p.m. | - | (JW) | Joseph and Mary Dignan, Clonellan and deceased family members. Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown. |
| Sun. 12th. at 10 a.m. | - | (JD) | Marie O'Brien, Creggane. |



Clonown Mass Intentions for Feb 4th -Feb 11th.

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| Sun. 4th at 11.15 a.m. | - | Blessing of Throats AFTER Mass | |
| | | (JD) | Hugh Roche late of Togher. |
| Feb. 11th. at 11.15 a.m. | - | (MH) | Tommy Curley, Clonark. Month's Mind. Also, his son Declan Curley. |



Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Bridget (Bridie) McManus, Nure and formerly of Derrylahen. Catherine Ward (née Lynch), Clonark. Catherine Barnes, Connolly Street.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

MOORE YOUTH DRAMA GROUP

Presents A Feast of Drama Sketches on Fri 2nd and Sat 3rd February in Moore Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Sunday 4th Feb at 4pm. All proceeds go to UNICEF. €10 per Adult, €5 per Child, Maximum €20 per Family.

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.

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.

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)

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."