

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 9th March to Sunday 17th March 2024**

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

Saturday 9th March	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	11.00am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Lynda (née Higgins) Dowling (Month's Mind).
	6.30pm Vigil	(IS) Also Live Streamed Seamus Fuery 1st Anniversary. Betty Doyle 1st Anniversary.
Sunday 10th March	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(MH) Also Live Streamed Thomas Grenham. Jimmy & Nora O'Connor. Ada & Martin Grenham. Tony & Mary Duignan.
Monday 11th March	7.20 am	(JW) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Tuesday 12th March	7.20 am	(JW) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Dennis, Dan & John Kearney. Maureen & Paddy Joyce. John, Tony & Paddy Joyce.
Wednesday 13th March	7.20 am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Thursday 14th March	6.00pm	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	7.20 am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
Friday 15th March	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed John (Sean) Nally. Marfin & Margaret Doyle. Tom Dowd. Kathleen Dempsey. Mary Ellen O'Neill & dec. family members.
Saturday 16th March	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Edward (Ned) Egan 1st Anniversary.
Sunday 17th March	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Ann Geoghegan. Ned, Nell & William Anthony Mc Manus. Margaret & Edward Mulligan.

A Prayer for Mothers

When our mothers are tired, Lord, give them strength. When they feel alone, give them comfort. When they feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, help them to know peace. In their darkest moments, be their Light. At times in our lives, our mothers are everything to us, meeting our every need. We ask You to provide them today with whatever gift they need. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.



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

10th March 2024
Forth Sunday of Lent
Mother's Day



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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 4th Sunday of Lent Year B focus on God's faithfulness in drawing us closer to him. The first reading tells how God inspired Cyrus to allow the chosen people to worship once again in Jerusalem. And in the gospel we hear of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where Jesus explains that he was sent to us out of the boundless love of God.

- **God's mercy and grace** - The readings also emphasize God's mercy and grace towards humanity, despite our sinfulness. In the first reading, God is patient and long-suffering towards the people, giving them many chances to repent and turn back to him. In the gospel, Jesus speaks of God's love for the world, and his willingness to give his only son as a sacrifice for our sins.
- **Light and darkness** - In John 3, Jesus speaks of the contrast between light and darkness, using light as a metaphor for truth and righteousness, and darkness as a metaphor for sin and ignorance.
- **God's love for humanity** - The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B also emphasize God's love for humanity, despite our sinfulness. In 2 Chronicles 36, God is patient towards the people, even as they rebel against him. In John 3, Jesus speaks of God's love for the world, and his willingness to give his only son as a sacrifice for our sins.

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.

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.

Monksland Community Mass

The March Community Mass will be held on Thursday March 14th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre, on the Old Tuam Road. The Theme of our Mass is "Being Reconciled". **All are Welcome, bring a friend.** Tea Scones and friendly chat afterwards.

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.**
Trócaire is the Irish Catholic Churches overseas aid group. Please support if you can.

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 March 3rd € 1,505.
We thank those who donate through the online link on the Parish Website.
Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

www.elphindiocese.ie/vocations

Drum Mass Intentions for March 9th - March 17th.

Sat. 9th. at 8 p.m.	-	(MH)	Mary Higgins, Ardkeen. Also, Tommy & Winnifred Higgins.
Sun. 10th. at 10 a.m.	-	(JD)	Rose and Bernie Kelly, Rooskey & dec. family members.
Tues. 12th. at 7 p.m.	-	(MH)	No Intention.
Thurs. 14th. at 7 p.m.	-	(MH)	Mary Ellen Whyte, Thomastown.
Sat. 16th. at 8 p.m.	-	(JW)	Kathleen and Dinny Owen McManus, Belrea.
Sun. 17th. at 10 a.m.	-	(IS)	P.J. Lawless, Cornafulla South.



Clonown Mass Intentions for March 10th - March 17th.

Mar. 10th. at 11.15 a.m.	-	(IS)	Martin and Bridie Shine, Drumlosh.
Mar. 17th. at 11.15 a.m.	-	(MH)	Kathleen Shine, Currnaboll & deceased family members.



Fundraiser in Aid of Ardkeen National School

Coffee morning and Cake sale on Sunday 17th March after the 10 a.m. mass until 12 noon. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Féile Ceoil na Scoileanna

Returns to the Dean Crowe Theatre from Tuesday 12th March to Thursday 14th March, 2024! This 56th Féile Ceoil will have two evening performances. Tues 12th & Wed 13th March at 7pm and two matinées, Wed 13th & Thurs 14th March at 10am. Entry fee is €5 per adult, €1 per child. Please see feileceoil.com

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, please see the diocesan website on www.elphindiocese.ie/medjugorje or contact the Diocesan Office at 071-9150106.

Volunteer Ministries in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish

We are seeking new altar servers to help with our current servers. You can sign up through our website www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com And click the Volunteer tab on the right hand side of the screen. We look forward to welcoming our new servers as we continue to grow as a family of faith, service and charity.

The Re-launched Athlone Branch of Comhaltas

Is having their first event of the year - A Welcome Session on Sunday the 10th of March from 4 - 6pm. This will be a celebration of Irish music, song and culture for musicians/singers of all ages and abilities. Join them at the Knight's of Columbanus Hall, St. Mary's Square, Athlone for what is sure to be an enjoyable evening. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

CLUB SPRAOI CELEBRATING SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Join the chat "as Gaeilge" in our Conversation Circle. and there will be fun and games and "cúpla focail" with Athlone Family Resource Centre's SPRAOI Youth Club (Age 7+). Refreshments available. Aidan Heavey Public Library, Athlone, 12 March, from 5.45 to 7.45pm. Bígí linn.

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
2324666	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2325920	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre.
2325924	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2325146	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2325925	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."