

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 16th March to Sunday 24th March 2024

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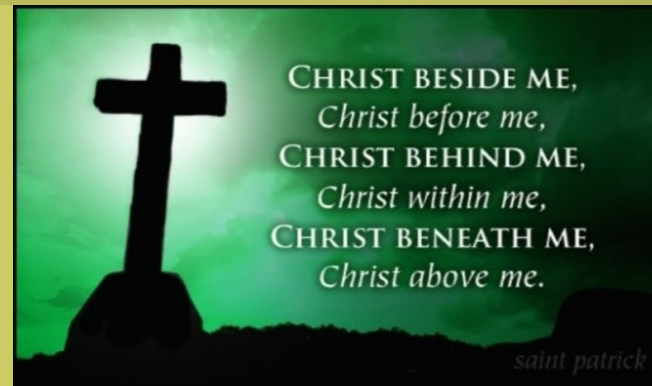
Saturday 16th March	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(MH) Also Live Streamed Edward (Ned) Egan 1st Anniversary.
Sunday 17th March	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish - St. Patrick's Day
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Ann Geoghegan. Ned, Nell & William Anthony Mc Manus. Margaret & Edward Mulligan.
Monday 18th March	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Michael & Bridie Nolan.
Tuesday 19th March	7.20 am	(IS) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30am	(IS) Also Live Streamed Private Intention.
Wednesday 20th March	7.20 am	(JW) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) Rosie, Martin, Kayleigh, Vincent, Delia & Fiona Sweeney whose Birthdays & Anniversaries occur at this time.
	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.00pm	(IS) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 21st March	7.20 am	(JW) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed)
	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Monsignor John Mc Carthy. Nora & Martin Kiernan. Derek & Alan Kiernan.
Friday 22nd March	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	7.30pm	(JS) Also Live Streamed James, Kathleen, Marian, Jimmy & Michael Drum. Thomas, Maura & Niall Fitzgerald & deceased family members. John, Hettie, Sean, Mary, Paddy, Mary, Mike, Nancy, & Patricia Goode. Michael, Bridie, Mary, Noel & Kieran Dunning.
Saturday 23rd March	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed Mickey Cunniffe 1st Anniversary. Tommy Kelly, Talbot Avenue.
Sunday 24th March	9.00am	(IS) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed John Lafferty. Ada & Martin Brennan.



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



17th March 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent
St Patrick's Day



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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 64 94 150)

A Prayer on St. Patrick's Day

God our Father, you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland.
 By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love to all people.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

Weekly Newsletter

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B focus on on God's covenant with us, even though we are often unfaithful. The first reading speaks of a new covenant. The second reading speaks of the obedience of Jesus Christ brought about our salvation. And in the gospel Jesus foretells his death and explains that those who follow him will find eternal life.

- **Death and Resurrection:** The Gospel according to John introduces the metaphor of a grain of wheat that must die to produce life, illustrating the necessary passage through death to reach the fullness of life. This theme is central to the Lenten journey, pointing towards Jesus' death and resurrection as the path to new life for all believers.
- **Self-Denial and Service:** Jesus' teachings on self-denial and the importance of serving others are key themes in the Gospel. He emphasizes that following Him requires a willingness to let go of personal desires and ambitions in favour of a life dedicated to serving God and others.
- **Universal Salvation:** Jesus' statement about drawing all people to Himself upon being lifted up from the earth speaks to the universal nature of His mission. His death and resurrection are not just for a select few but offer salvation to all who believe in Him, transcending cultural and religious boundaries.

These themes for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B guide the faithful towards a deeper understanding of God's love and salvation plan, encouraging a personal and communal transformation that aligns with the heart of the Lenten season.

Easter Ceremonies 2024

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer led by the Sisters from the Liturgical Centre Ss. Peter & Paul's Church 9.30 am
Mass of the Lords Supper All Three Churches 8 pm

Good Friday

Morning Prayer led by the Sisters from the Liturgical Centre Ss. Peter & Paul's Church 9.30 am
On Street Stations of the Cross, Ss. Peter & Paul's to St. Mary's 12 noon
The Passion of our Lord All Three Churches 3 pm

Holy Saturday

Confessions Ss. Peter & Paul's Church 10 am to 1 pm
Morning Prayer led by the Sisters from the Liturgical Centre Ss. Peter & Paul's Church 9.30 am
Easter Vigil Mass All Three Churches 8 pm
Easter Sunday All Three Churches as normal Sunday

St Patrick's Day Parade

Monday at 2pm The Route is from Athlone Extrusions to Golden Island, Please support

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.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024

Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Phádraig ó gach duine i Trócaire! Today is a day for celebrating our roots, our history and, for many people, celebrating with our family. In Malawi, Malita is also proud to be part of a strong community. Despite the challenges they face, the community works hard to build a better future for their children through education, savings and loans initiatives and village gatherings. Trócaire is supporting communities in Malawi and around the world to provide basic needs so that families can thrive and enjoy life. To learn more, go to trocaire.org

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 10th € 1,515.


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 March 16th - March 24th.

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.
 Tues. 19th. at 7 p.m. - **(MH)** Tony Whyte (Jnr.), Thomastown.
 Thurs. 21st. at 7 p.m. - **(MH)** Lena and James Murray, Clonellan & dec. family members.
 Sat. 23rd. at 11 a.m. - **(MH)** Hannah Bracken. Clonark. Month's Mind.
 Sat. 23rd. at 8 p.m. - **(JD)** Geraldine Hogg, late of Crannaghmore. Margaret and William Macken. Creggane.
 Sun. 24th. at 10 a.m. - **(MH)** Patrick and Ellen Kenny, Clonbulia & dec. family members.

Clonown Mass Intentions for March 17th - March 24th.

Mar. 17th. at 11.15 a.m. - **(MH)** Kathleen Shine, Curnaboll & deceased family members. 
 Sun. 24th. at 11.15 a.m. - **(JW)** Willie and Rosie Shine, Drumlosh. Also, deceased members of the Shine and Grenham families.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Bridie Bigley, Creggane, Cornafulla. Also, Kathleen Hynes, Drum Road, Summerhill. **May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

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.

Mass of Chrism

Bishop Kevin invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. **During the Mass, Bishop Kevin will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry. All are very welcome to attend.**

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.*

Cake Sale

A cake sale will take place in Clonown Community Centre on **Sunday 24 March after 11.15 am Mass.** Home baked cakes, buns, scones etc will be on sale. Also, there will be flower arrangements and wreaths. There will be a raffle for valuable prizes. Proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the community centre.

HOLY HOUR in Kiltoom Church

Holy Hour on Tuesday 26th March at 8pm in The Church of The Risen Christ, Kiltoom. All are welcome.

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."

www.elphindiocese.ie/vocations