

The readings for Palm Sunday Year B (Passion Sunday) focus the sacrifice which Jesus Christ made for me and you. The reading for the procession of the palms tells of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

- **Kingship and Humility:** Both the Procession readings from Mark and John highlight Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as a king, but in a way that defies worldly expectations. Riding on a colt or donkey, He fulfills ancient prophecies about the Messiah's humble arrival, emphasizing the contrast between divine kingship and earthly power.
- **Obedience and Suffering:** *The reading from Isaiah and the account of Jesus' passion in Mark showcase the obedience of the servant, who, despite facing suffering and humiliation, remains steadfast and trusts in God's plan. This obedience even unto death highlights the depth of Jesus' commitment to fulfilling His Father's will.*
- **Salvation and Redemption:** *The passion narrative, particularly Jesus' crucifixion and death, focuses on the themes of salvation and redemption. Jesus' sacrificial love, evident in His willingness to endure the cross, opens the path for humanity's reconciliation with God, offering hope and the promise of eternal life.*
- **Divine Exaltation:** *The reading from Philippians speaks to the theme of divine exaltation, where Christ's humility and obedience lead to His ultimate glorification by God. This exaltation serves as a testament to Jesus' lordship and the acknowledgment of His divine nature by all of creation.*
- **Faith and Perseverance:** *Implicit in these readings is the call to faith and perseverance for believers. As followers of Christ, we are invited to embrace humility, endure suffering, and remain faithful to God's will, inspired by Jesus' own example.*

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 (**Remembering our Dead**)

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

We look forward to journeying with you on these very sacred days.

Easter Collection for the Support of the Clergy

Envelopes are being delivered to you homes for the Easter Collection for the support of the priests of the Parish. This is one of four collections each year that make up the income for the priests. These can be returned through the collection at Mass or by dropping them to the sacristy or parish office. The priests are never paid from the normal Sunday collection.

We thank you for your on-going support and generosity.

TABLE QUIZ

Buccaneers U-15's are holding a TABLE QUIZ in The Bounty on Thursday, March 28th at 8 p.m. Table of four €40. Raffle. Complimentary finger food. All support will be greatly appreciated by these young players.

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 17th € 1,790.

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. 23 rd . at 8 p.m.	-	(JD)	Geraldine Hogg, late of Crannaghmore. Margaret and William Macken. Creggane.
Sun. 24 th . at 10 a.m.	-	(MH)	Patrick and Ellen Kenny, Clonbulia & dec. family members.
Tues. 26 th . at 7 p.m.	-	(MH)	John Joe Meares, Curryroe.
Thurs. 28 th . at 8 p.m.	-	(MH)	Holy Thursday.
Fri. 29 th . at 3 p.m.	-	(MH)	Good Friday - Passion of the Lord
Fri. 29 th . at 7.30 p.m.	-	(MH)	Stations of the Cross.
Sat. 30 st . at 8 p.m.	-	(MH)	Holy Saturday.
Sun. 31 st . at 10 a.m.	-	(MH)	Easter Sunday.

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

Sun. 24 th . at 11.15 a.m.	(JW)	Willie and Rosie Shine, Drumlosh. Also, deceased members of the Shine and Grenham families.
March 28 th . at 8 p.m.	(IS)	Holy Thursday.
March 29 th . at 3 p.m.	(IS)	Good Friday - Passion of the Lord.
March 30 th . at 8 p.m.	(IS)	Holy Saturday.
March 31 st . at 11.15 a.m.	(IS)	Easter Sunday.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of James Dolan, St. Coman's Park. Anne Kelly (nee Duffy), Thomastown, Ballydangan. David Kelly, Clonbrusk, Ballymahon Rd. Brother to Anita Glynn, Thomastown.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Drum Apostolic Work

Annual Raffle for Food Hampers will take place on Good Friday 29th March. Over 20 Hampers to give away. To be in with a chance to win contact Margaret Fallon or Collette Harney. Lines €2 each or 3 for €5. 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.*

HOLY HOUR in Kiltloom Church

Holy Hour on Tuesday 26th March at 8pm in The Church of The Risen Christ, Kiltloom. 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."

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd March to Sunday 31st March 2024

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

Saturday 23rd March	9.30am 6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention. (JW) Also Live Streamed Mickey Cunniffe 1st Anniversary. Tommy Kelly, Talbot Avenue. Margaret (Peggy) Mc Cracken.
Sunday 24th March	9.00am 12.00pm	(IS) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish (JD) Also Live Streamed John Lafferty, Ada & Martin Brennan.
Monday 25th March	7.20 am 9.30am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) (JD) Also Live Streamed Thanksgiving Mass.
Tuesday 26th March	7.20 am 9.30am	(JD) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) (JD) Also Live Streamed Christy & Molly Willis. Roy Smith & deceased family members.
Wednesday 27th March	7.20 am 9.30am	(JW) Early Mass for Lent (Also Live Streamed) John & Nancy Lennon & dec. family members. (JW) Also Live Streamed Jackie & Molly Keane.
Thursday 28th March	9.30am 8.00pm	Holy Thursday - Morning Prayer. (JD) Also Live Streamed
Friday 29th March	9.30am 3.00pm	Good Friday - Morning Prayer. (JD) The Pasion of Our Lord Also Live Streamed
Saturday 30th March	9.30am 8.00pm Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday - Morning Prayer. (JD) Also Live Streamed
Sunday 31st March	9.00am 12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish (JD) Also Live Streamed - Easter Sunday Eileen Egan (Month's Mind). Frank & Nuala Larkin. Pat Coyle.

A prayer on Palm Sunday

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through your Son. He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Just as we carry these branches, may we follow Christ in the way of the cross that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen



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24th March 2024
Palm Sunday / Holy Week



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