

### The readings for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ -

Corpus Christi gives background for the notion of sacrifice and explain why we call Jesus the Lamb of God. The first reading describes how the Israelites sacrificed animals to seal their covenant with God. The second reading explains Christ is our high priest, but he also demonstrates sacrificial love. And in the gospel Jesus institutes the sacrament of the Eucharist during the Passover meal.

**Corpus Christi celebrates the Eucharist. It is a time to reflect on the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood.**

- **Covenant and Commitment:** Moses used blood to seal God's laws with Israel. This shows how serious God's covenant is. It asks us to follow His laws as Israel did.
- **Christ's Sacrifice:** Jesus offered his own blood, not animal blood. This teaches us about His great love and the new life He gives us.
- **The Eucharist's Power:** During Passover, Jesus set up the Eucharist. This moment shows us Jesus' plan to stay with us always through the Eucharist.
- **Unity in Communion:** Sharing the Eucharist brings us together. It helps us feel connected to Jesus and each other.

**This feast day helps us appreciate Jesus' lasting gift in the Eucharist. Let us remember and celebrate this gift together.**

### This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body & Blood of Christ) The Routes are as follows.

**Town** (After 6.30pm Vigil Mass) From the Church of Ss. Peter & Paul through Pearse Street and Connaught Gardens to Connaught Street onto Battery Road down the Clonown Road and into Westlodge where Benediction will be held on the green.

**Drum** (After 10am Sunday Mass) From the Church to the Cemetery for Benediction.

**Clonown** (After 11.15am Sunday Mass) from the Church to the Cemetery for Benediction.

**We encourage those living along the routes to tidy them up in preparation for these very special processions as we carry the Body of Christ through the streets and roads of our parish.**

### Anniversaries of Ordination to Priesthood

The Parish Pastoral Council of Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish, Athlone cordially invite you join them for a **concelebrated Mass in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone on Thursday June 6th, 2024, at 7.30pm with Most Rev. Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin (to mark the 30th anniversary of the Ordination of our Parish Priest Fr. John Deignan and the 55th anniversary of the Ordination of our Curate Fr. Michael Hickey.)**

*You are also invited to join us for a cup of tea in the Shamrock Lodge afterwards.*

### Parish Insurance

The renewal of the Parish Insurance will be coming up in June. Last years policy to cover the three churches etc was in the region of €25,000. This is our biggest single expense each year. I would ask those who can afford it, to help with this cost. You can do so by scanning the QR code with the camera on your phone or by marking an envelope "Insurance". Thank you again for your ongoing support. **I thank you for Donations of €110.**



### 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. May 2024 Total €1,130*

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection May 26th € 1,305.**

**We thank those who donate through the online link on the Parish Website.**

**Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.**

Sat. 1st	8 p.m. (MH)	Drum Mass Intentions for June 1st – June 9th.
Sun. 2nd	10 a.m. (MH)	Kathleen (Kate) Griffin, Rooskey. Also, deceased family members. Hubert and Mary Naughton, Doohan. Also, deceased members of the Naughton and Colleran families.
Sun. 2nd	after 10am mass	<b>Corpus Christi</b> procession to the cemetery. Weather permitting.
Tues., 4th	7 p.m. (MH)	No Intention.
Thurs. 6th		<b>No Mass.</b>
Sat. 8th	11 a.m.(MH)	<b>Gerry Collins, Rooskey, Bealnamulla. Month's Mind.</b>
Sat. 8th	8 p.m. (JW)	Anthony Whyte, Thomastown.
Sun. 9th	10 a.m.(JD)	John & Margaret Caulfield, Doohan. Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 9th	3 p.m. (MH)	<b>Drum Heritage Cemetery Mass. Commencing with Blessing at the well at 2.30 p.m followed by mass at 3pm.</b>

<b>Clonown Mass Intentions for June 2nd - June 9th.</b>		
June 2nd	11.15 a.m. (JW)	Teresa and Tom Lennon, Oldtown. Also, deceased family members.
June 7th	8 p.m. (JW)	Annie O'Boyle late of St. Coman's Park.
June 9th	11.15 a.m. (MH)	Joe Egan, Callowbeg.

### Elphin Diocese's 3 Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Takes place from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June. Pilgrim bus will pass through Athlone, Knockcroghery, Roscommon, Tulsk, Boyle, Sligo, Drumcliffe, Grange and Cliffooney. See [www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg) or contact Justin on 087 6171526 for more info.

### Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in the SuperValu carpark, Monksland on Thursday 6th June from 11am – 3:30pm and Thursday 20th June from 1pm – 3:30pm. We have a great selection of books, CDs, DVDs, e-books and audiobooks for all ages and library membership is free.

### Volunteer at Knock Shrine

The VAKS programme is an opportunity for young people aged 16-18 to make a difference in the lives of the pilgrims who visit Knock. Volunteering at Knock is a great way to meet new people, serve others, express your faith and have fun. For more information on the programme, the application process, accommodation provided, and available dates [knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine](http://knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine) If you have any questions or if you would like to register a group for the programme please contact Knock Youth Ministry on this email or call us on 0876927850/0949375321.

### Jubilee of Marriages

Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond wedding anniversaries are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass, along with their families and friends, on Sunday 22nd September at 2.30pm in St Brigid's Church, Four Mile House or Sunday 6th October at 2.30pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. Light refreshments will be served after both Masses for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at [www.elphindiocese.ie/jubilee2024](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/jubilee2024)

### 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
2329939	Caretaker/Grounds Person	St. Peters Parish Centre.
2333761	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2333762	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre.
2333766	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2333757	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2333768	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.**

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 1st June to Sunday 9th June 2024**

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention
<b>1st June</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD, IS, JW) Corpus Christi 2024</b> Gabrielle (Gaye) Gaffey - 1st Anniversary.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>2nd June</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Sean Mc Cann.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>3rd June</b>		No Intention.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>4th June</b>		Jack Mc Donald, Manchester.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>5th June</b>		Private Intention.
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>6th June</b>		Private Intention.
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Mass to celebrate the Ordination of;</b> <b>Fr. Michael Hickey - 55 years. Fr. John Deignan - 30 years.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>7th June</b>		Sonny & Peggy Duff. Teresa Waters. Mike & Cis Gavin.
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Martin Downey. Jimmy, Mary & John Sherlock.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
		John, Betty & Sean Costello. Joe Joyce. Mr. & Mrs. Ward.
<b>8th June</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Anne Mc Cormack - 1st Anniversary. Fr. Martin Mulvaney. Martin, Alice, Joseph & Andrew Corrigan.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>9th June</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Tony Joyce. Rose Wall. Kevin Duffy. James & Lily Earley.



PARISH OF  
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 Athlone, Drum & Clonown



**2nd June 2024**  
**Feast of Corpus Christi**  
**The Body & Blood of Christ**

**To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840**

***A Prayer for Corpus Christi***

*Come, let us adore Christ the Lord, the bread of life. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. -*

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