

The readings for the Trinity Sunday Year B affirm that we are members of God's family and that God desires the whole world to be united into his relationship of love. The second reading tells us that we are truly God's children. In the gospel Jesus tells his followers to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- **God's singular might and choice:** Moses reflects on God's unique acts for Israel, emphasizing His unmatched power and choice of Israel as His people. This underscores the uniqueness and sovereignty of God.
- **Identity and inheritance in Christ:** Paul speaks about believers being children of God, led by the Spirit. This shows the intimate relationship believers have with God, highlighting their identity and inheritance in Christ.
- **Great Commission:** Jesus commands His disciples to teach and baptize all nations, emphasizing His authority and continuous presence. This directive, known as the Great Commission, calls for spreading the Christian faith globally.
- **God's continual presence:** The promise of Jesus' continual presence underscores His unending support and guidance to His followers in their mission.
- **Unity in the Trinity:** The readings collectively highlight the unity and diversity within the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and their cooperative work in the salvation of mankind and the life of believers.

**These themes for Trinity Sunday Year B celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and the Christian call to evangelism and obedience.**

#### First Holy Communion

We congratulate the second class pupils from our primary schools who received their first Holy Communion during May, we remember the pupils of Clonown NS who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 26th of May. **May it be a very special encounter with Christ.**

#### Pentecost Collection for the Support of the Clergy

Envelopes have been delivered to your homes for this collection. They can be returned through the normal basket collection at Mass or dropped in the sacristy or office. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

#### Feast of Corpus Christi 2024

The Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated next weekend, June 1st and 2nd.

##### 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.*

#### 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 May 19th € 1,805.**

**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 May 25th – June 2nd.

Sat. 25th 8 p.m.  
Sun. 26th 10 a.m.  
Tues. 28th 7 p.m.  
Thurs. 30th 7 p.m.

**(MH)** John Bohan, Gorrynagowna.  
**(IS)** Lisa Dolan, Clonark. Also, Annie and Patrick Dolan.  
**(MH)** Johnny and Mary Moran, Kilmacormack.  
**(MH)** Anne and John O'Neill, Clonellan.  
Also, deceased family members.

Sat. 1st 11 a.m.  
Sat. 1st 12 Noon

**(MH)** Elizabeth (Lil) Shine, Drum Road. Month's Mind.  
**(JD)** Jimmy (James) Dwyer, Bealnamulla formerly Drum. Month's Mind.  
Followed by interment of ashes in the local cemetery.

Sat. 1st 8 p.m.  
Sun. 2nd 10 a.m.

**(MH)** Kathleen (Kate) Griffin, Rooskey. Also, deceased family members.  
**(MH)** Hubert and Mary Naughton, Doohan. Also, deceased members of the Naughton and Collieran families.

**Followed by Corpus Christi** procession to the cemetery. Weather permitting.

#### Clonown Mass Intentions for May 26th - June 2nd.

Sun 26th 11.15 a.m  
June. 2nd. 11.15 a.m.

**(JD)** First Holy Communion.  
**(JW)** Teresa and Tom Lennon, Oldtown. Also, deceased family members.

#### Drum Heritage Group

Annual Mass in the cemetery on June 9th. Commencing with blessing at the well @ 2.30pm followed by mass @ 3pm.

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Bernie King (née Wykes), St. Joseph's Villas.  
Elizabeth (Liz) Shiel, Cushla Down, Monksland.

**May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

#### Scripture Rosary

Will take place on 31st May, 3.30pm to 5pm in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone. The feast day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mother. We will pray for our Pope, Priests and all members of religious life. We will also pray for healing in our families, all those who are sick and have no one to pray for them. For prayer groups, the souls in purgatory, those suffering from depression, suicide and choice of vocation. All are welcome.

#### Pray for Life Novena

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

#### Parish Insurance

The renewal of the Parish Insurance will be coming up in the next few weeks. 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.

*Fr. John*



#### 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 25th May to Sunday 2nd 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>11.00am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b> Dean Kelly & St. Peter's N.S.
<b>25th May</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Mary Lynch - Month's Mind. Kieran Molloy. Tom Egan -1st Anniversary.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>26th May</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(MH) Also Live Streamed</b> Edward Dowd & dec. family. Michael Hannon, his daughter Mary & Grandson Michael Francis Quain. Bridget Egan.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>27th May</b>		No Intention.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>28th May</b>		<b>Thanksgiving Mass.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>29th May</b>		Alan Heeney.
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>30th May</b>		No Intention.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>31st May</b>		No Intention
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>(IS) Also Live Streamed</b> Aidan Lynch -1st Anniversary. Mary (Dolly) & Paddy Casey. Colin & Kevin Casey. Kathleen & George Newman. Delia, Mick, Ann & Leo Mullin.
<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.

### A Prayer on Trinity Sunday

*Holy God, Three in One, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, our liberating power. Lead us in your mission, baptizing and teaching in your blessed name, so that all may worship you to the end of the age. Loving God, you sent your son Jesus to lead us in faith to everlasting life.*



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

**26th May 2024**  
**Trinity Sunday**



*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

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

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