

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th August to Sunday 18th August 2024

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
10th August	6.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Larry Caulfield - 1st Anniversary.
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
11th August	12.00pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed Frank Harney. James, Anne, Desmond, Terry, Charlotte & Margaret Whelan. Jim Caffrey, Jimmy & Kevin Byrne.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Anne Kilroy - Month's Mind. Maureen & Willie Browne.
12th August		
Tuesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed John Mollaghan.
13th August		
Wednesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Peter & Bridie Vaughan.
14th August		
Vigil	6.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed - Feast of the Assumption. Terry Egan.
Thursday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Feast of the Assumption.
15th August		
	12.00pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed
Friday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Frank & Jim Duignan and deceased family members.
16th August	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Liz Shiel - Month's Mind. Mike Keegan, Vincent Earl, Stephen Dolan, Mary Brennan, Sean, Francis, Walter & Eileen Henry, Lorraine Carberry, John, Bridget & Patrick Halligan, Eugene & Teresa Pettit, Willard Fitzmaurice & dec. members of the Maguire & Fitzmaurice families, Michael Rafferty.
Saturday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
17th August	6.30pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed John, Maureen & Mark Cox.
Sunday	9.00am	(MH) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
18th August	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Martin Lennon, John Sherlock, Martin Coleman, William, Elizabeth & Peggy Ryan and deceased members of the Ryan & Enright families.

### A prayer for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

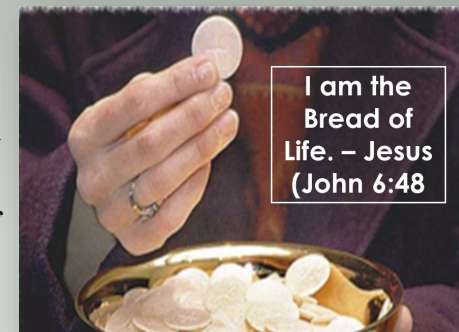
Heavenly Father, on this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and humility. As we gather to reflect on Your Word, we ask for Your guidance and strength to trust in Your divine providence. Help us to embrace our faith with the same courage as the disciples, who faced storms and uncertainties with Your promise of peace. May we find solace in the knowledge that You are always with us, urging us to go beyond our fears and step out into the unknown. Fill our hearts with unwavering hope and inspire us to share Your love with those around us. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**



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

I am the living bread that  
came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will  
live forever; and the bread  
that I will give is my flesh for  
the life of the world.

John 6:51



**August 11th 2024**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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**

On the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we reflect on God's support, the need to avoid negative behaviours, and the significance of Jesus as the bread of life. The readings remind us of God's care, our call to live with kindness, and the importance of faith in Jesus.

- **God's Sustenance:** Elijah was exhausted and wanted to die. An angel gave him food and water, showing God's care and support.
- **Avoiding Sinful Behaviour:** Paul tells us to avoid actions that grieve the Holy Spirit. Instead, we should be kind and forgiving.
- **Following Jesus' Example:** Paul encourages us to live like Jesus. We should love and forgive as He did.
- **Faith in Jesus:** Jesus declares He is the living bread. Believing in Him brings eternal life.
- **God's Invitation:** Jesus says no one comes to Him unless drawn by the Father. This shows God's active role in our faith journey.
- **Nourishment for the Journey:** Elijah's journey to Horeb needed God's help. This reminds us that God provides what we need for our spiritual journey.

These themes help us understand God's care and our call to live faithfully. They remind us of the importance of love, kindness, and belief in Jesus on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B.

### Feast of the Assumption

**Thursday next August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Masses in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church 6.30pm Wednesday Vigil, 9.30am & 12 Noon Thursday. St. Brigid's Church, Drum, 8pm Wednesday Vigil, 10am Thursday. Our Lady of the Wayside chapel, Clonown 8pm Thursday**

### Annual Mass of the Angels 2024

The 9th annual **Mass of the angels** will take place on **Wednesday August 21st at 7.30pm in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church.** This Mass is an opportunity for prayer and healing as you come to terms with the loss of a baby or child at any stage of life. By coming together we share our experience and by prayer we give each other hope. No matter how long it has been since your loss you are most welcome.

**Please tell those who have had a loss know about the Mass.**

### Annual Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Will take place on Sunday next August 18th. Anointing of the sick will take place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass at 3pm led by Bishop Kevin Doran.

### 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. Light refreshments will be served after Mass 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)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 30th August – 4th September 2024. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section are available from Fr Ray Milton, PP, Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon (090 6661115).

Forms are also available from the parish office. All other enquiries in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours at **01-2410800** or [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

### 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 August 4th € 1,390.**

**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 Aug 10th – Aug 18th

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8 p.m. **(CE)** Michael, Pat and John Fallon, Dugra. Also, deceased family members.  
 Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. **(MH)** Tony McManus, Thornhill. Also, deceased family members.  
 Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. **(MH)** Peter & Maureen Killian, Crancam. Also, deceased family members.  
 Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8p.m. **(CE)** John & Mary Fallon, Cornafulla South. Also, dec. family members.  
 Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. **(MH) Feast of the Assumption**  
 Tom, Kathleen and John Shine, Crannaghmore.  
 Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8 p.m. **(JD)** No intention.  
 Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. **(JD) Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group - Annual Mass.**

### Clonown Mass Intentions Aug 11th – Aug 18th

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11.15 a.m. **(JW)** Ned and Mary Egan, Callowbeg.  
 Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8 p.m. **(JW) Feast of the Assumption**  
 Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11.15 a.m. **(CE)** Kieran Dunning and Baby Hannah Rose Martin, Drumlosh.

### Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group

**Change of date!** Annual mass in the cemetery on **Sunday 18th August at 10 a.m.** weather permitting.

### Samaritan Information Meeting.

Athlone Samaritans need additional volunteers to maintain their 24hr befriending service. Could you be a Samaritan volunteer? No experience or qualification needed as we will train, mentor and support you. If you think you might be interested please come along to an information meeting on Sunday 11th August at 11am or call Anne on 087 7176189. The meeting will take place at 3, Court Devenish, Athlone. **Samaritans provide 24hr emotional support on Free call 116123.**

### The Legion of Mary

Invite you to join them for the Rosary on Thursday Aug 15th, The Feast Of The Assumption at John Paul Park Grotto @ 6pm. All are Welcome.

### HERITAGE WEEK ON CONNAUGHT STREET 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Great activities, Traditional market, Music, Information Night with update on group's work, Pipe band march, Sketch scripted by Gearoid O'Brien performed by Athlone Little Theatre group, Genealogy talks... see details for all on social media & posters in businesses.

### Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul (Oct. 23rd – Nov. 2nd 2024)

Experience a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage covering all major sites associated with St. Paul, including an overnight stay on the island of Patmos where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. Hotels are 4-star hotels & half board, entrance fees to sites, a fully licensed guide, air-conditioned bus, ferry tickets with cabin from Patmos island & more. Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Spiritual Director: Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR. This is a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage. Cost: €2040 (Land-ONLY). Please contact Angela at +353-89-2107277 or [stpaul2024@proton.me](mailto:stpaul2024@proton.me) for more information and to receive the full schedule.

### 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
2347315	Caretaker/Groundsperson	Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2347679	Caretaker/Grounds Person	St. Peters Parish Centre.
2343611	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2343613	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre.
2343616	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2343610	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2343603	Caretaker/Grounds-person	St. Francis FC.
2343618	Environmental Worker	Monksland Tidy Towns.
2346955	Receptionist/Administrator	Monksland Community Centre.
2346948	Receptionist/Administrator	St. Peters Parish Project Office.
2347690	Administrator/Co-ordinator	Athlone Drug Awareness Group.

**Please note that you must be eligible for Community Employment in order to apply for the above positions. A person that is between the ages of 50 - 61 and signing for credits for more than one year may also be eligible to participate on a CE programme.**

**For more information please contact the above 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.**