

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th August to Sunday 25th August 2024

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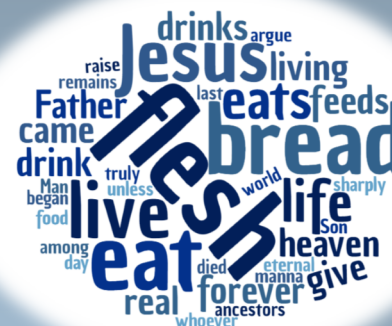
Saturday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
17th August	6.30pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed John, Maureen & Mark Cox.
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
18th August	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Martin Lennon. John Sherlock. Martin Coleman. William, Elizabeth & Peggy Ryan and deceased members of the Ryan & Enright families. Edmund Ennis & dec. family members.
Monday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed (Novena & Benediction) Bridget & Patrick Mc Kinley. Mary Roper.
19th August	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Private Intention.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
20th August	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mass of the Angels.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Tommy & Johnny Curley.
21st August	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed John & Rose Meehan.
	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Tom Caulfield. James Heavey - 20th Anniversary. Marie Mc Ardle - 1st Anniversary. Teresa & Pat Fennell. Maureen Mc Cormack. Daniel Darby. Mary & Paddy Gaffey and deceased members of the Gaffey & Ward families. Bridie & Michael Harkins and deceased members of the Harkins & Cunningham families. Mark Wallis.
Thursday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Paddy Walshe. Kathleen Ward. Bernie Bannon.
22nd August	6.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Ann Mc Cracken - 1st Anniversary. Gerry Lacey - 1st Anniversary.
Friday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
23rd August	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Peggy & Mick Fenlon. Jackie Mc Loughlin. Teresa Norton. Jean Cunningham. Pat & Kieran Fallon and deceased family members. Michael Greaney and deceased family members.
Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
24th August	6.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
25th August	12.00pm	(MH) Also Live Streamed

A prayer for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heavenly Father, on this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we come before You with hearts open to Your presence and grace. As we reflect on the readings of the day, we ask for the wisdom to embrace Your Word and a deeper understanding of Your infinite love. May our faith be strengthened as we remember the inclusive nature of Your kingdom, where all are welcomed at Your table. Help us to recognise those who feel marginalised or forgotten, and inspire us to reach out with compassion and kindness, mirroring the love that Christ shows to each of us. As we gather in community, may our worship be a source of encouragement and unity, guiding us to live out our calling as disciples in a world that so desperately needs Your light. **Amen.**



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



August 18th 2024
20th 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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, the readings call us to live with wisdom and understanding. They encourage us to seek true nourishment from Jesus, the Bread of Life, and live in a way that pleases God.

- **Invitation to Wisdom:** The first reading from Proverbs invites us to leave behind foolishness and choose the way of understanding. Wisdom offers us true life and fulfillment.
- **Living Wisely:** Ephesians reminds us to live with wisdom, understanding God's will for our lives. It urges us to be careful in how we live, making the most of every opportunity.
- **Thankfulness to God:** Paul encourages us to always give thanks to God. This thankfulness helps us to live joyfully and gratefully, recognizing God's many blessings. God's help. This reminds us that God provides what we need for our spiritual journey.
- **Jesus, the Living Bread:** In the Gospel, Jesus offers himself as the living bread from heaven. Those who partake in Him through the Eucharist will receive eternal life, unlike those who ate manna and still died.
- **Eternal Life Through Christ:** Jesus promises eternal life to those who believe in Him. This promise is a central theme, showing that true life is found in Jesus.
- **Spiritual Nourishment:** The readings highlight the need for spiritual nourishment. Just as our bodies need food, our souls need the sustenance that comes from Christ in the Eucharist.
- **Living with Joy:** Paul speaks of expressing joy through spiritual music. This joy comes from living in harmony with God's will and being filled with the Holy Spirit.

The themes for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B guide us to live wisely, nourish our spirits with Christ in the Eucharist, and be thankful.

Annual Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Will take place this Sunday 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.

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.

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. Please register your details at www.elphindiocese.ie/jubilee2024

Ss Peter & Paul's Folk Group

are presenting an evening of musical entertainment with guest artists in The Shamrock Lodge Hotel on November 15th Doors open at 8pm Show starts 9pm.

ALL proceeds are towards the St. Vincent's Care Centre Comfort Fund

Tickets from any member of the Folk Group or call Helen on 0862463032.

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 11th € 1,660.

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

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

Drum Mass Intentions for Aug 17th – Aug 25th

Sat. 17th @ 8 p.m. **(JD)** No Intention.
 Sun. 18th @ 10 a.m. **(MH)** **Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group - Annual Mass (Weather permitting).**
 Tues. 20th @ 7 p.m. **(MH)** James Duffy, his Wife Mary Ellen and Son Frank. Clonark.
 Thurs. 22nd @ 7 p.m. **(MH)** No Intention.
 Sat. 24th @ 8 p.m. **(MH)** Norah Seery, Clonellan.
 Sun. 25th @ 10 a.m. **(MH)** Michael Kilroy, Lucas Court. First Anniversary.

Clonown Mass Intentions Aug 18th – Aug 25th

Sun. 18th @ 11.15 a.m. **(CE)** Kieran Dunning and Baby Hannah Rose Martin, Drumlosh.
 Sun. 25th @ 11.15 a.m. **(JD)** Bill and Peg Fallon. Also, Son Michael. Newtown.

Drum Community Care Committee

Senior Citizens Mass will take place in Drum Parish Hall on Wednesday 21st August at 3pm with Blessing of the Sick followed by light refreshments and music.

Drum Parish Office taking Mass bookings for 2025. Drum and Clonown Churches.

Contact Drum area office @ 090-6437125 or email drumparish1@gmail.com

Local Railway History

A talk will take place on Local Railway History by Eamon Leonard at Drum Parish Hall on Thursday 22nd August at 8pm, Heritage Week event organised by Drum Heritage Group.

Moore Community Council

Are conducting a survey with the intent in campaigning for a new local bus service between Athlone and Ballinasloe. If you are interested can you complete the survey on the link below.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/tr/Athlone_to_Ballinasloe_Local_Bus_Service_Survey

Any queries, call Sean O'Rourke **087 1206085.**

HERITAGE WEEK ON CONNAUGHT STREET 17th – 25th 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 089-2107277 or stpaul2024@proton.me

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/Grounds-person	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.