

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 3rd August to Sunday 11th August 2024**

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
3rd August	6.30pm	(MH) Also Live Streamed Thomas (Tommy) Wall - Month's Mind. Patrick (Paddy) Moran - Month's Mind. Annemarie Relihan - Month's Mind.
Sunday	9.00am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
4th August		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Mollie Fennelly.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
5th August		Anna, Eugene Snr. & Eugene Jnr. Leonard.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
6th August		Kathleen & Patrick Malone and dec. family members.
Wednesday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
7th August		Private Intention.
	6.00pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
8th August		Tommy & Mary Marsh.
Friday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
9th August		No Intention.
	7.30pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed Philip Lennon (Months Mind, Late of St. Annes & UK) Bernie Broderick. Chris Barry. Brigid King. Bernard & Kathleen Brennan. Pauline & Mick Flynn. John & Marie Reardon.
Saturday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
10th August	6.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
	Vigil	Larry Caulfield - 1st Anniversary.
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
11th August		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed Frank Harney. James, Anne, Desmond, Terry, Charlotte & Margaret Whelan. Jim Caffrey. Jimmy & Kevin Byrne.

A prayer for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

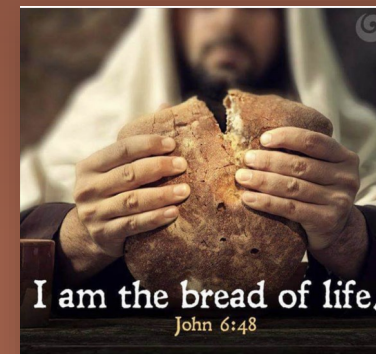
Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and longing. We thank You for the gift of this day and the opportunity to reflect on Your Word. Help us to recognise the abundance of Your love in our lives, even amidst the challenges we face. As we meditate on the teachings of Your Son, may we deepen our understanding of the true bread of life that nourishes our souls. In a world often consumed by material desires, remind us that our worth lies not in what we possess but in our relationship with You and one another. Fill us with the grace to seek first Your kingdom and to share generously with those in need, embodying Your compassion in our actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me
will never hunger, and
whoever believes in me
will never thirst.

John 6:35



August 4th 2024

18th 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

Welcome Fr. Christopher

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr. Christopher to Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish. For the last couple of years Fr. Christopher has worked in Athleague Parish. Having met him a number of times since he came to work in the diocese I have always found him friendly and welcoming. I am confident that he will settle into our parish well.

I ask you to keep him and all the priests of the parish in your prayers, that we may be worthy ministers of Christ in our community.

Welcome Fr. Christopher

Fr. John

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings focus on God's care and our call to live in righteousness. These readings remind us of God's constant presence and the need for spiritual nourishment.

- **God's Care for Needs:** God provided bread and meat to the Israelites in the desert, showing His care for their physical needs. This reminds us that God listens and responds to our needs.
- **Bread from Heaven:** The manna from heaven in Exodus and Jesus as the bread of life in John show that God provides both physical and spiritual nourishment. This teaches us to seek God for our true sustenance.
- **Rejecting Old Ways:** Paul tells the Ephesians to discard their old sinful ways and embrace a new life. This means living according to Jesus' teachings in righteousness and holiness.
- **Renewal of Mind:** Renewal in Christ means changing how we think and act. Paul calls us to let go of sinful thoughts and behaviours and adopt a Christ-like mindset.
- **Seeking Eternal Life:** In John, Jesus tells the crowd to seek food that endures to eternal life. This highlights the importance of focusing on spiritual growth and salvation over earthly desires.
- **Jesus as the Bread of Life:** Jesus declares that He is the bread of life, promising that those who come to Him will never hunger or thirst. This signifies that true fulfilment comes from a relationship with Jesus.

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 you know, who have had a loss, 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. 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

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

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. **Donations in July € 965.00***

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection 28th July € 2,240.00

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 3rd – Aug 11th

Sat. 3rd 8 p.m. (MH) Tom and Kate Rock, son Tony, Cornafulla South. Also, John Joe Rock.
Sun. 4th 10 a.m. (JD) Peter and Mary Shine, Taylorstown. Also, deceased family members.
Tues. 6th 7 p.m. (MH) No Intention.
Thurs. 8th 7 p.m. (MH) Patrick and Bridget Harney, Creggane, Cornafulla. Also, dec. family members.
Sat. 10th 8 p.m. (CE) Michael, Pat and John Fallon, Dugra. Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 11th 10 a.m. (MH) Tony McManus, Thornhill. Also, deceased family members.

Clonown Mass Intentions Aug 4th – Aug 11th

Aug. 4th 11.15 a.m. - (MH) Fr. Lamey Shine. (C.S.Sp) (formerly Clonown), Kimmage Manor. Month's Mind.
Aug. 11th 11.15 a.m. (JW) Ned and Mary Egan, Callowbeg.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group

Annual mass in the cemetery on **Saturday 17th August at 7 p.m.** weather permitting.

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

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

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 9573750. The meeting will take place at 3, Court Devenish, Athlone. **Samaritans provide 24hr emotional support on Freecall 116123.**

MOBILE LIBRARY

In August, the mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on 8th Aug from 11-3.30pm and 22nd Aug 1-3.30pm. We have a great selection of books, e-books and audiobooks for all ages and library membership is free.

The annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child Mary's Meals Walk

from Thurles to Knock will arrive in Athlone Parish on Sunday 11th August and leave on Monday 12th August as they head to Roscommon. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 17 of the world's poorest countries. Please go to www.marysmeals.ie to learn more and support this amazing charity.

Please contact John on 087 8158720 if you would like to get involved.

Father Flanagan Visitor Centre, Ballymoe

Discover the remarkable legacy of Fr. Edward Flanagan, born in Ballymoe and founder of Boys Town, in Nebraska, USA, and whose cause for Canonisation is active in Rome. Open Monday to Friday, 11am to 3pm. For any other time, simply phone 087 7665219 to arrange. Free admission. Eircode F45 Y260.

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.