

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 31st August to Sunday 8th September 2024

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Patrick Power.
31st August	6.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Wally Stewart - 1st Anniversary. Owen & Tony Connaughton. Teresa Ganly.
	Vigil	
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
1st September	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Patrick Farrell Snr. & Jnr. and Lily Farrell.
Monday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed (Novena & Benediction)
2nd September		Elizabeth Conneely - 10th Anniversary.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
3rd September		No Intention.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
4th September		No Intention.
	6.00pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
5th September		Private Intention.
Friday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
6th September		No Intention.
	7.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Philomena & William O'Brien. Naughton family (Clongowna). Deceased members of the Mc Niff & Caulfield families.
Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed John & Esther Costello and daughters Esther & Patricia.
7th September	6.30pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed Bridie Woods - 1st Anniversary. Deceased members of the Gardiner & Fallor families.
	Vigil	
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
8th September	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Vera O'Keefe. Peg & Harry Murray and deceased members of the Mc Manus family. Kutch & Paddy O'Rourke.

A Prayer for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heavenly Father, as we gather on this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, we come before You with open hearts, seeking Your guidance and grace.

Help us to embrace the humility that Jesus exemplified, reminding us that true greatness lies not in our status or accomplishments, but in our willingness to serve others.

As we reflect on Your Word, may we have the courage to let go of our self-centred desires and instead prioritise the needs of those around us.

Teach us to listen deeply and speak with kindness, fostering a spirit of love and generosity in our families and communities.

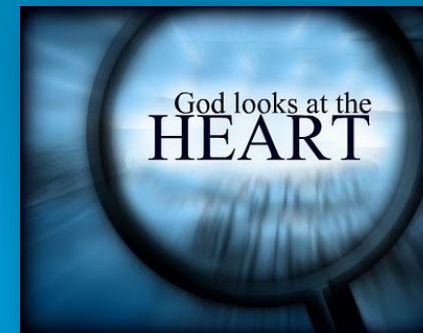
Strengthen our resolve to walk the path of righteousness, trusting in Your providence and mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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

You disregard
God's
commandment
but cling to
human tradition.

Mark 7:8



September 1st 2024
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Season of Creation Sept 1st—Oct 4th

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

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

Weekly Newsletter

Clergy areas of Pastoral Responsibility September 2024

Pastoral Areas

The Parish is organised into three areas for the purposes of Pastoral responsibility.

These areas are **Area 1**; from the town Bridge to west Baylough.

Area 2; Monksland, Bealnamulla & parts of Summerhill. **Area 3**; Drum & Clonown.

- **Fr. Christopher** will look after Area 1,
- **Fr. John** will look after Area 2
- **Fr. Joseph** will look after Area 3.

School Chaplaincy

- **Fr. John**, Cloonakilla NS, Cornafulla NS,
- **Fr. Joseph**, Dean Kelly NS, Ardkeen NS & Clonown NS.
- **Fr. Christopher**, St. Paul's NS, St. Peter's NS & Summerhill NS.

Other areas of Responsibility

- **Fr. John**
Administration of the Parish, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee
Responsibility for overseeing, *Safeguarding, GDPR, Employment & Chaplain to Readers.*
- **Fr. Joseph**
Parish Pastoral Council & Chaplain to Altar Servers
- **Fr. Christopher**
Parish Pastoral Council & Chaplain to Eucharistic Ministers & St. Joseph's Young Priests.
- **Deacon Tony Larkin**
Full Time Chaplain to Colaiste Chairáin

Proposal to erect a memorial to the Angels at Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

In advance of the 2025 Mass of the Angels, the Parish Pastoral Council are seeking to set up a committee to explore the possibility of erecting a permanent memorial to remember the babies / children from our community who have died at any stage of life. Our hope would be to unveil the monument as part of the 2025 10th annual Mass next August. **If you would like to be involved please contact Martina at the parish office on 090 - 6492171 or stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com**

St. Joseph's Young Priests Athlone Deanery Group

After many years in our parish St. Joseph's Young Priests Society is preparing to relaunch in September. We propose to unite the parishes of Ss. Peter & Paul's, Athlone, Kiltoom & Cam, and Knockcroghery, St. John's & Rahara to create a new committee. The purpose of the group will be to pray for and promote vocations to the Priesthood. This will, in the coming year include six public Holy Hours two in each parish. We invite anyone interested in joining this group to contact the parish office on **090 - 6492171 or stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com**

Retirement of Tom O'Neill

Last Wednesday, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Tom O'Neill as he embarked on a well-deserved retirement after five dedicated years as one of our two sacristans in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

As we reflect on Tom's time with us, we recognise the countless ways he has contributed to the smooth operation of the sacristy, ensuring that everything was in place for worship and celebration. On behalf of all the members of the parish, we extend our deepest gratitude for your years of service.

Tom, May the years ahead be filled with health, happiness, and the fulfilment you truly deserve.

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. **Total for August €750.00**

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection August 25th € 1480.00

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 31st – Sept 8th

Sat. 31st @ 8 p.m. **(CE)** James and Margaret Lennon, Summerhill and dec. family members.
Sun. 1st @ 10 a.m. **(JW)** No Intention.
Tues. 3rd @ 7 p.m. **(JD)** No Intention.
Thurs. 5th @ 7 p.m. **(JW)** Annie and Patrick Kilroy, Clonbulia.
Sat. 7th @ 8 p.m. **(JD)** Tom Griffin, Rooskey. Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 8th @ 10 a.m. **(CE)** No Intention.

Clonown Mass Intentions Sept 1st – Sept 8th

Sun. 1st @ 11.15 a.m. **(CE)** Margaret and John Dunning, Creggane, Clonown.
Also, Michael Dunning, Rose Rogers, Fr. Brendan Dunning (SMA),
Sr. Philomena Dunning (FMDM) and John Francis.
Sept. 6th @ 8 p.m. **(JD)** First Friday.
Sun. 8th @ 11.15 a.m. **(JD)** Deceased members of the Dunning family, Ballinaculla.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Devine, Mihanboy, Drum.

Also, Johnny Halligan, Buggane, Clonown.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

A Celebration of Fr Michael Hickey's Ministry in Drum/Clonown/St. Peter & Paul's

Will take place in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Sunday evening 1st. September at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A cover charge of €15 will apply to defray costs and make a presentation to Fr. Michael.

New School Year

As the Schools in the parish reopen after the summer break we wish all the pupils/ students, teachers and staff a successful year filled with learning, friendship and fun.

Weekly Progressive 25 Card Game

Will resume in Johnstown Club house on Monday night 2nd. September at 9pm sharp.
All card playing enthusiasts are welcome. **Jackpot €400!**

Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnoise - Pattern Day

Is taking place on Sunday 15th September. Pattern prayers are at 2.45pm and Pattern mass is at 3pm. Celebrating the mass will be Bishop Paul Connell and Fr. Peter Burke. Everyone is welcome, entry is free and there will be ample parking.

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.
2350792	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2350793	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre.
2350794	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2349784	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2350795	Caretaker/Grounds-person	St. Francis FC.
2351126	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.**