

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th September to Sunday 15th September 2024

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

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. And deceased members of the Gardiner & Faller families.
Sunday	Vigil	
8th September	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Vera O'Keefe. Peg & Harry Murray and deceased members of the Mc Manus family. Kutch & Paddy O'Rourke.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed (Novena & Benediction)
9th September		Jack, Bridget & Joe Brassil.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
10th September		Eileen & Pat Breen.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
11th September		No Intention.
	6.00pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
12th September		Private Intention.
Friday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
13th September		No Intention.
	7.30pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed Paula Behan.
Saturday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
14th September	6.30pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed
	Vigil	No Intention.
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
15th September	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Josie & Hugh O'Neill. Jack Rigney. Carmel, Michelle & Damien Laharte. Danny Wall.

A Prayer for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In a serene moment of devotion, we reflect on the profound story of Jesus healing the blind man, a powerful testament to compassion and divine mercy.

Lord Jesus, with Your gentle touch and boundless love, You opened not only the eyes but also the hearts of those who witnessed Your miracles. As the blind man cried out for Your help, You answered him with grace, demonstrating that faith can illuminate the darkest of circumstances.

Help us, Lord, to see not just with our physical eyes, but with the vision of faith, understanding, and kindness. May we be inspired by this miracle to reach out to those in need, offering support and hope as You did. In moments of despair and blindness in our own lives, let us remember Your promise of healing, trusting in Your light to guide our paths.

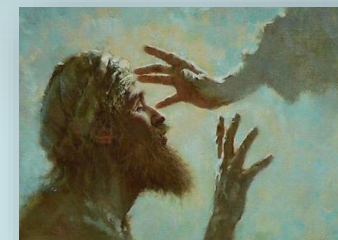
Amen.



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

He looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" – that is, "Be opened!" – And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

Mark 7:34-35



September 8th 2024
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Season of Creation Sept 1st—Oct 4th

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To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings highlight God's healing and justice. They remind us of God's care for the needy and the importance of treating everyone equally.

- **God's Promise of Healing:** God promises to deliver and heal, turning barren landscapes into flourishing life. This is seen in Isaiah where God transforms the dry land into streams of water.
- **Justice for the Poor:** James emphasizes that favouritism based on wealth is against Christian faith. God honours the poor in spirit, promising them His kingdom.
- **Jesus' Healing Power:** Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech problem. This miracle shows Jesus' compassion and power to heal.
- **Equality in Faith:** James warns against treating people differently because of their wealth. True faith means treating everyone equally, as God does.
- **God's Care for the Needy:** Isaiah's prophecy shows God caring for the afflicted. He brings joy and healing to those who suffer.
- **Faith in Action:** The readings call us to act on our faith. This means helping those in need and not showing favouritism.

These themes remind us of God's love and care for all people, especially the poor and needy. They call us to live our faith by treating everyone with equality and compassion.

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**

Monksland Community Mass

The monthly Mass in Monksland Community Centre resumes on Thursday evening at 8pm. The Theme of the Mass will be offered for **Children who are sick.** (September is the month of awareness of Childhood Cancers). ALL ARE WELCOME, Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards.

Mass of Gratitude

The parish Pastoral Council are inviting ALL Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Collectors from ALL three areas of the Parish to a Mass of gratitude and get together in Clonown Church and Hall On Wednesday September 18th at 7.30pm.

Please contact either parish office to confirm your attendance for the purposes of catering.

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 September 1st € 1,410.

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 Sept 7th – Sept 15th

Sat. 7th @ 8 p.m. **(JD)** Tom Griffin, Rooskey. Also, deceased family members.
 Sun. 8th @ 10 a.m. **(CE)** No Intention.
 Tues. 10th @ 7 p.m. **(JW)** No Intention.
 Thurs. 12th @ 7 p.m. **(JW)** Thomas and Mary Ellen Lenon, Cornafulla North. Also, daughter Kathleen Maher (USA) and deceased family members.
 Sat. 14th @ 8 p.m. **(JD)** Kathleen and Jim Carr. Also, son John. Deceased members of the Carr and Brady families.
 Sun. 15th @ 10 a.m. **(CE)** John and Mary Naughton, Clonellan. Also, dec. family members.

Clonown Mass Intentions Sept 8th – Sept 15th

Sun. 8th @ 11.15 a.m. **(JD)** Deceased members of the Dunning family, Ballinaculla.
 Sun. 15th @ 11.15 a.m. **(JD)** Sonny Cunningham, Oldtown. Also, deceased family members.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Claire Grenham (née Duignan), Doohan. Also, Aidan Foley, Meehanbee, Drum. **May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

Epilepsy Association

Annual church gate collection at Drum and Clonown Churches on the 7th & 8th of September.

The Legion of Mary

Invite you to join them for the Rosary on Sunday, September 8th - Our Lady's birthday, at John Paul Park Grotto at 5.30pm. All are Welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Season of Creation

An Ecumenical Service will be held in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on **Wednesday October 2nd at 7.30pm.** All are welcome.

Parish Social

The Parish Pastoral Council are planning a Parish Social for **Sunday October 13th** in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, from 6pm to 9pm. A light meal, music and dancing are planned. Full details later.

Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

Saturday **November 2nd to Monday November 4th**. Full Programme to follow.

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.

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.
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.