

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

### Saturday 5th October to Sunday 13th October 2024

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

Saturday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed John Hynes.
5th October	6.30pm Vigil	(CE) Also Live Streamed Fran Murphy & Frank Kelly. Nuala Naughton.
Sunday	9.00am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
6th October	12.00pm	People of the Parish (JD) Also Live Streamed Johnny Lennon, Summerhill.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed (Novena & Benediction)
7th October		No Intention.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
8th October		No Intention.
Wednesday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
9th October	6.00pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
10th October		No Intention.
Friday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
11th October	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Alan Evans. Frank Kerins.
Saturday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
12th October	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Bridie Egan - Month's Mind. Michael Brennan. Jimmy Cribbon.
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
13th October	12.00pm	People of the Parish (CE) Also Live Streamed Brenda & Fred Madden, their son Brendan and daughters Joan & Frieda. Pat Gavin. Liam Hynes.

#### A Prayer for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heavenly Father, we come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your guidance and love. We recognise the beauty of Your creation and the sacredness of the relationships You have woven into our lives. As we reflect on the readings, may we be reminded of the importance of unity and love in our families and communities. Help us to cherish one another, embracing both joys and challenges with grace and patience.

Lord, grant us the wisdom to appreciate the gift of our lives and the bonds we share. Inspire us to support one another, lifting each other up in times of need. May our hearts be open to Your Word, allowing it to transform our perspectives and actions in the spirit of compassion and service. As we gather in worship today, fill us with Your peace and strength, empowering us to be instruments of Your love in the world.

We ask these things in Your holy name.

Amen.



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

## October 6th 2024

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
» YEAR B «



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

Saturday Nov 2nd to Monday Nov 4th

#### Saturday November 2nd

- 12 Noon The Angelus followed by Welcoming Ceremony
- 4pm Guided prayer time
- 6.30pm Mass of St. Bernadette

*Evening Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & individual Confessions Finishing with Prayers from 8.30 til 9pm*

#### Sunday November 3rd

- 9am Mass of our Lady of Lourdes
- 12 Noon The Angelus / Mass of our Lady of Lourdes  
*followed by Anointing of the Sick*
- 4pm Holy Hour
- 8pm The Way of the Cross from Lourdes



#### Monday November 4th

- 9.30am Mass of the Immaculate Conception  
*Mass, Novena and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
- 11.45am Mid-Day Prayer ending with The Angelus & Benediction

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

Weekly Newsletter

**On the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings highlight the importance of unity, family, and following God's will. They remind us of the value of marriage, and Jesus' teachings on these topics.**

- **Unity in Marriage:** God creates woman as a partner for man, showing that marriage is meant to be a union of equals. This unity is blessed by God.
- **Importance of Family:** The readings emphasize the family as the basic unit of society. Jesus' love for children highlights the importance of nurturing and caring for family members.
- **God's Plan for Marriage:** Jesus teaches that marriage is a sacred bond. He reminds us that this bond should not be broken lightly.
- **Respect for Women:** The creation of woman as a partner for man shows the respect and value given to women. This teaches us to respect and honor women in our lives.
- **Jesus' Teachings on Divorce:** Jesus addresses the issue of divorce, urging us to respect the commitment made in marriage. He calls for fidelity and commitment in relationships.
- **Christ's Humility and Suffering:** In Hebrews, we see Jesus' willingness to suffer for humanity. This calls us to follow His example of humility and sacrifice.

**These themes guide us to appreciate marriage, value family, and follow Jesus' teachings. They remind us to live with unity, respect, and commitment in our relationships.**

#### Volunteers for the visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette

As you are aware we have the great privilege of hosting the Relics of St. Bernadette from November 2nd to November 4th in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. We need your help as stewards during this time as we expect a lot of visitors to venerate the relics.

**If you are able to help please let Martina know by contacting the Parish office. Thank You.**

#### Monksland Community Mass

The monthly Mass in Monksland Community Centre is on Thursday evening October 10th at 8pm. As we will not be having a Mass in November we will remember our beloved dead in this Mass.

**ALL ARE WELCOME, Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards.**

#### Parish Social

**The Parish Pastoral Council are hosting a Parish Social on Sunday October 13th in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, from 6pm to 9pm. Tickets are now on sale €10 per person. Tickets on sale at The Sacristy, The Parish Office, Mulligans and the Liturgical Centre.**

*A presentation will be given to Fr. Innocent in gratitude for his time here & also to Tom O'Neill who has recently retired as one of our sacristans. Envelopes towards the presentation to Fr. Innocent are available at the back of the Church. Music, dancing and a light supper on the night.*

#### Monthly Youth Mass in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

We hope to start a monthly Youth Led Mass from the Last Weekend in October. We invite those interested in playing an instrument, joining a choir, reading or helping organise the mass to make contact with Deacon Tony on 085 739 2473 or Miss Nally in Colaiste Chairáin.

#### Fr Joseph on Holidays

*Fr. Joseph has returned home to India for a holiday. He will be away from September 26th returning on October 27th. We wish him a restful break.*

**Anyone from Fr. Joseph's Area needing a priest can call the priest on duty on 085 870 5840**

#### Heating in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

We have turned on the heating in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. We estimate at current oil prices that it will be costing in the region of €800 per week. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church should you be in a position to help us with this cost your donation no matter how small would be greatly appreciated.

#### 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. **The total for September was € 940.00***

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection September 29th € 1,815.**

**Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.**

#### Drum Mass Intentions for Oct 5th - Oct 13th

Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	(JD)	Jim Nugent, Summerhill.
Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	(JD)	Mary Ann & Tommy Lennon, Meehambee.
Tues. 8 <sup>th</sup>	7 p.m.	(CE)	No Intention.
Thurs. 10 <sup>th</sup>	7 p.m.	(CE)	Pat and Mary Ellen Duignan, Doochan.
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	(CE)	Mary McGlone, Kilmacormack. Also, James and Mary Dooley.
Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	(CE)	Bernadette Shine, Kietly.

#### Clonown Mass Intentions Oct 6th - Oct 13th

Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 a.m.	(CE)	Margaret & John Dunning, Newrow and deceased family members.
Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 a.m.	(JD)	James, Irene and Ronan Mulligan, Taylorstown.

#### Drum Monthly Holy Communion Calls

Fr. Joseph would like to hear from anyone in the Drum or Clonown areas who would like to be added to his monthly Holy Communion Calls list.  
Please contact Catherine at the Drum office **090 - 6437125.**

#### The Legion of Mary

The rosary on Monday October 7th - The Feast of the Holy Rosary - at John Paul Park Grotto At 5.30pm.

#### COFFEE AND CHAT

Join us at "Caife Connect" at 11.00am on 07/10/24. We are a mixed bunch of Irish-lovers, keen to use the "cúpla focail". Location: AFRC, Unit 14, ACT, Ball Alley Lane, Parnell Square, Athlone N37C8W6.

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Lawlor College Park and Carol McNamara Ave Maria Row.  
**May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

#### 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 October 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](mailto:stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com)

#### MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be in the SuperValu carpark, Monksland on Thursday 17th October from 1 - 3.30pm.

#### Irish Guide Dogs

*Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind are holding a "Blessing of Animals" on Sunday 6th October at St. Peter and Paul's Church @ 2pm. All welcome.*

#### 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