

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd November to Sunday 1st December 2024

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
23rd November		Brendan Mc Fadden & deceased family members.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		November Mass for the Deceased.
Sunday	9.00am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
24th November		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed
		Kieran & Pat Fallon & deceased family members. Mary Hanna. George, Thomas C & Maria Bannon (Bealnamulla).
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed (Novena & Benediction)
25th November		Thomas, Mary & Michael Rattigan & deceased members of the Rattigan & Brennan families.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
26th November		No Intention
Wednesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
27th November		Sean, Mary Anne & Hubert Connolly. PJ & Mary Macken.
	6.00pm	(CE) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
28th November		No Intention.
Friday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
29th November		No Intention.
	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Kevin, Ann & Martin Devaney. Robbie & Maura Mc Manus. Michael, Annie & Hughie Macken. Tom O'Connor. Paddy, Pdraig & Breege Sheriff. Rosemary Brill. John & Kitty Keena & deceased family members. Amanda Slone (née Edwards).
Saturday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
30th November		Jack & Maura Campbell & their son John.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Marie Rushe - Month's Mind. Luke Duffy - Month's Mind.
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
1st December		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Baby Clodagh Petit. Kathleen Byrne. Patricia Gibson.

A prayer for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heavenly Father, on this special day, we honour Your Son, who reigns with justice and mercy over all creation. Help us to recognise His sovereignty in our lives and to seek His will in all that we do. May we be inspired by His example to act with humility and compassion, serving those in need and promoting peace in our communities.

We ask for the grace to be faithful stewards of His kingdom, working together to build a world that reflects His glory and grace. In moments of doubt or challenge, remind us that He is the King who stands beside us, guiding and strengthening us through life's trials. As we celebrate the reign of Christ, may we be reminded of our call to be co-workers in His mission. We ask this in His holy name.

Amen.



November 24th 2024 Solemnity of Christ the King,



In November
we remember ...



... Jesus predicts upheavals in nature and the heavens as signs of the Son of Man's imminent arrival.

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The Solemnity of Christ the King Year B reminds us of the kingship of Jesus and His authority over all. This feast invites us to reflect on Jesus' role as our leader and saviour.

- **Jesus as King:** Jesus is the King who has all power and authority, as shown in Daniel 7:13-14. He rules over all nations and people forever.
- **Eternal Kingdom:** Jesus' kingdom is eternal, unlike earthly kingdoms. Revelation 1:5-8 tells us His rule will never end.
- **Truth of Jesus:** Jesus came to bear witness to the truth, as He says in John 18:33B-37. His truth guides us and sets us free.
- **Jesus' Sacrifice:** Jesus, the faithful witness, loves us and freed us from sin by His blood (Revelation 1:5). His sacrifice shows His kingship through service.
- **Hope in Christ:** The readings give us hope in Christ's ultimate victory. His kingdom brings peace and justice.
- **Universal Reign:** Jesus' reign is for everyone, as seen in Daniel 7:14. His kingdom includes all people, nations, and languages.
- **Christ's Witness:** Jesus' role as a witness to the truth is central in John 18:37. This shows His authority and purpose.

Reflecting on these themes helps us understand Jesus' kingship and its importance in our lives.

Annual Memorial Mass on Saturday 23rd November

The Annual Mass will be offered for those from our parish who have died in the last year on **This Saturday November 23rd at 6.30pm in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church**. We extend an invite to family and friends of the deceased to attend. The names of all who have died will be read out during Mass and an individual candle lit for each one of them.

As we Remember ...

As we remember our dead, we are reminded of the profound bond that unites us with those who have gone before. In our Catholic tradition, this act of remembrance is not merely a sombre occasion; it is a celebration of life and love that transcends death. We honour our loved ones by recalling their virtues, the joy they brought into our lives, and the faith they shared with us. In doing so, we affirm our belief in the resurrection and the hope of eternal life, as professed in the Apostles' Creed.

When we reflect, we also recognise that our memories are a sacred connection to the communion of saints. Each prayer we utter for the deceased serves as a loving gesture of solidarity, invoking God's mercy and grace upon their souls. We are reminded of our own mortality, encouraging us to live each day with purpose and compassion. As we light candles and share stories, we create a tapestry of remembrance that honours their legacy and invites the presence of God's love into our hearts.

In remembering, we not only keep their memory alive; we also strengthen our faith, fortifying the hope that one day we will be reunited in the embrace of Christ.

May they rest in peace.

Samaritans Christmas Concert

The Samaritans are hosting a concert with the Army Band of 2nd Brigade, Tenor Paul Linehan, Athlone Pipe Band and Athlone A Cappella Choir. It will be held on **5th December** at 8pm in St. Peter & Paul's Church. Tickets are €20 & can be purchased in Mulligans shop, Roscommon Road, Cunninghams Pharmacy & Whyte's Pharmacy. **Please try and support this worthy cause.**

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a sacred time of preparation and reflection as we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ. It encourages us to open our hearts to hope and renewal. Through prayer, contemplation, and acts of charity, we cultivate a spirit of joy and readiness for the coming of our Savior.

We would like to invite four families to light the Advent Candle at the four Saturday evening 6.30pm Vigil Masses in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. Please let Martina know if you and your family would like to be involved. 0906492171 or email stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com

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 November 17th €1,585.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Drum Mass Intentions for November 23rd to December 1st.

Sat. 23rd 8 p.m. **(JD)** Kathleen and Peter Harney, Rooskey.
 Sun. 24th 10 a.m. **(JW)** Kathleen, Peter, Pauline and Peter Watson, Kilmacormack.
 Tues. 26th 7 p.m. **(JW)** Holy Souls.
 Thurs. 28th 7 p.m. **(JW)** Colm Shine, KIELTY. Also, deceased family members.
 Sat. 30th 8 p.m. **(CE)** Jodie Harney, Crannaghmore - 1st Anniversary.
 Sun. 1st 10 a.m. **(JD)** Eugene Nolan, Doohan. Also, daughter Margaret and son Martin.

Clonown Mass Intentions November 24th to December 1st.

Nov. 24th 11.15a.m. **(JD)** Roddy and Bridget Hardiman, Drumlosh. Also, deceased members of the Hardiman and Dunning families and Norma Shine.
 Dec. 1st 11.15a.m. **(CE)** Johnny and Mary Flynn, Clonown. Also, Sonny Egan.

Luan Gallery

Presents **Let The Mirror Express The Room**; A Westmeath Artists Awards exhibition featuring work by 32 Westmeath Artists selected by Guest Curator, Benjamin Stafford. Opening reception takes place at 6pm on Friday 29th November at Luan Gallery. All Welcome.

Athlone Little Theatre

Presents 'Four pint-sized plays for a tenner!' from Friday, November 29 to Wednesday, December 4 next. The evening features four light hearted and poignant one-act plays from three new directors Katie Lynch, Michelle Kelly, Ekiñe Azcárate Martínez, along with a more familiar name in Clive Darling. There will be a Sunday matinee only on December 1 at 3pm. The duration of the four plays will be 75 minutes approximately, and patrons should note there will be **no interval**.
 Booking is via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie or the Eventbrite website

Knights of St Columbanus

A Mass of Remembrance for our deceased members on Friday 29th at St. Ciaran's House at 12 noon. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Connell, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. We would like to invite all the families and friends of our deceased members to this special mass.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The annual fund raising collections for the charitable works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Athlone and surrounding areas, will take place during the first two weeks of December. All donations will be much appreciated.

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In St Mary's Hall Athlone on Friday afternoons, activities next week from approximately 1:30pm to 4:30pm for young people aged 13 - 17. There will be art classes, DJ lessons and an active club. All activities are free and materials will be provided. Contact Mary **086 0221 621**.

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
2360066	Caretaker/Grounds person	Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2356298	Caretaker/Grounds Person	St. Peters Parish Centre.
2350792	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2350793	Cleaner/Caretaker	Monksland Community Centre.
2360063	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Gentex Football Club.
2359010	Caretaker/Grounds-person	Monksland Community Centre.
2360064	Caretaker/Grounds-person	St. Francis FC.
2360065	Environmental Worker	Monksland Tidy Towns.

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.