



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

Christmas Newsletter

Christmas Day December 25th 2024



Christmas Letter 2024

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the sacred season of Christmas, I write to you filled with gratitude for the many blessings we have shared throughout 2024. This year, our community has come together in many ways, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you who have contributed your time, talents, and resources to support our parish. Your generosity and spirit of service are what truly embody the essence of Christ's love during this holy time.

In our celebration, let us take a moment to remember those among us who are struggling. We hold in our hearts all who are sick at home or in the hospital, and we pray for their comfort and healing. This season can be especially difficult for those who cannot be with family and friends, so let us lift them up in our thoughts and prayers, offering our love and support as a reminder that they are not alone.

As we reminisce about those we hold dear who are no longer with us, may we find solace in our memories and the love they shared. Those who have been called home to God will always remain a part of our community and our hearts. In this time of reflection, let their light guide us as we continue to walk into a brighter future, strengthened by the hope, joy, and peace that Christmas brings.

As we look ahead to 2025, a Jubilee Year themed "Pilgrims of Hope," let us embrace the call to be bearers of hope in our world. Together, we can journey as a community of faith, sharing the light of Christ and extending our hands to those in need.



Wishing you all the blessings of this very sacred time, may the joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with love and peace.

With every good wish,

Fr. John

Parish of Ss. Peter & Paul, Athlone Christmas Arrangements 2024

Christmas Masses

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Christmas eve Children's Mass 6pm. Christmas Vigil Mass 9pm.
Christmas Day 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon.

St. Brigid's Church, Drum Vigil Mass 8pm & Christmas Day 10am.

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown Vigil Mass 6.30pm & Christmas Day 11.15am.



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th December to

Sunday 5th January 2025

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

Saturday 28th December	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Ned & Mai Halligan.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Sunday 29th December	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Sonny Kildea - 1st Anniversary. Joe Brown - 1st Anniversary. Noreen Larkin. Bridie Corcoran. Elizabeth, Paddy, PJ & Brendan Cannon and Pat Healy.
Monday 30th December	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed (Novena & Benediction) No Intention.
Tuesday 31st December	9.30am	(CE) All Live Streamed No Intention.
	23.45pm	(JW) New Year's Eve. Mass to Welcome The New Year & The Jubilee Year - "Pilgrims of Hope"
Wednesday 1st January '25	9.30am	(CE) New Year's Day. Paddy Sweeney. John Casey.
	6.00pm	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday 2nd January	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Friday 3rd January	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Tom Henry & dec. family. Paul Malone - Month's Mind.
	7.30pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed Kathleen Kelly - 1st Anniversary. Adeline O'Connor (Berry). Paddy & Julia Conway & their son Joe & grandson Joseph.
Saturday 4th January	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(CE) Also Live Streamed
Sunday 5th January	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Jack O'Loughlin - Month's Mind. Bernie Mc Loughlin.

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	6.30pm Vigil	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Sunday 5th January	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Jack O'Loughlin - Month's Mind. Bernie Mc Loughlin.
Monday 6th January	9.30am	(JD) Holy Day. (Novena & Benediction) John, Mary & Sean Dillon.
	12.00pm	(JD) Holy Day. Rosemary O'Sullivan & Remembrance of Maura Walker.
Tuesday 7th January	9.30am	(JD) All Live Streamed David Benson & James Benson.
Wednesday 8th January	9.30am	(JW) All Live Streamed Mary Josephine Shine.
	6.00pm	(CE) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 9th January	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Fr. Sean O'Dowd - Month's Mind.
Friday 10th January	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed John King. (Jim & Bessie Mulryan & Winnie Keogh). Thomas & Bridie Mulligan.
Saturday 11th January	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Elizabeth Verzigi. Mary & Ward & Bridget Ward.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed Sr. Patricius Quine 1st Anniversary. Paddy & Patricia Kenny & Brendan Kenny.
Sunday 12th January	9.00am	(CE) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.

**Drum Mass Intentions for
December 28th to January 5th 2025**

Sat. 28th	8 p.m. (CE)	Eamon & Olive Dolan, Lisdillure. Also, deceased family members.
Sun. 29th	10 a.m. (JD)	P.J. Eileen and John McEilly, Johnstown.
Tues. 31st	7 p.m. (JW)	Mary and Patrick Lennon & their daughter Mary, Ardkeenan.
Thurs. 2nd January '25	7 p.m. (JW)	No Intention.
Sat. 4th	8 p.m. (JW)	Eileen Lennon, Gorrynagowna.
Sun. 5th	10 a.m. (CE)	Denis & Nora Minogue. Also, John, Bridie & Thomas Harney, Curraghaleen.

**Drum Mass Intentions for
January 4th to January 12th**

Sat. 4th	8 p.m. (JW)	Eileen Lennon, Gorrynagowna.
Sun. 5th	10 a.m. (CE)	Denis & Nora Minogue. Also, John, Bridie & Thomas Harney, Curraghaleen.
Mon. 6th	10 a.m. (CE) Holy Day.	William & Eileen Connaughton, Clonark.
Tues. 7th	7 p.m. (JW)	Ann Hynds, Ardkeenan, Drum - Month's Mind.
Thurs. 9th	7 p.m. (JW)	Willie & Mary Kelly, Clonbulia. Also, Son Liam.
Sat. 11th	8 p.m. (JD)	John & Mary Kilroy, St. Coman's Park.
Sun. 12th	10 a.m. (JW)	John Farrell, Westwood, Summerhill - 1st Anniversary.

**Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown Mass Intentions
December 29th to January 5th 2025**

Dec. 29th	11.15 a.m. (CE)	John Dunning, The Park. Also, Delia and Michael.
Jan. 3rd 2025	8 p.m. (JW) First Friday.	
Jan. 5th	11.15 a.m. (JW)	Ellen Dunning - 1st Anniversary. Also, her husband Jack Dunning & daughter Bernadette, Newtown North.

**Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown Mass Intentions
January 5th to January 12th**

Jan. 5th	11.15 a.m. (JW)	Ellen Dunning - 1st Anniversary. Also, her husband Jack Dunning & daughter Bernadette, Newtown North.
Jan. 6th	8 p.m. (JW) Holy Day.	
Jan. 12th	11.15 a.m. (JD)	No Intention.