



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

Weekly Newsletter

December 15th 2024 / Third Sunday of Advent



I am baptising you
with water, but
one mightier than
I is coming.

Luke 3:16

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(attended at Mass times only)

Christine Kenny & Sandra Daly **090 6494 150**

**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)**

Drum Mass Intentions for

December 14th to December 22nd.

Sat. 14th 8 p.m. (JW)

Margaret & John Murray, Creggane. Also, Gretta Reynolds & deceased members of the Murray & Kenny families.

Sun. 15th 10 a.m. (JW)

Mary Glynn, Crannaghmore.

Tues. 17th 7 p.m. (JW)

No Intention.

Thurs. 19th 7 p.m. (JW)

Eileen Murray, Crannaghmore.

Sat. 21st 8 p.m. (JD)

Séan (Geezer) Duignan, Clonellan – 1st Anniversary. His parents John and Bridget. Also, Tom Duignan.

Sun. 22nd 10 a.m. (CE)

Tom and Mary Hynes. Johnstown.

Also, Jim and Lil Hynes.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th December to

Sunday 22nd December 2024

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on

www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday 9.30am

14th December

(CE) Also Live Streamed

Patrick & Rose Kirby and
Patrick & Veronica O'Hanlon.
Michael & Mary Kelly and sons
Bernard, Michael & daughter
Phyllis Macken (née Kelly)

6.30pm Vigil(CE) Also Live Streamed

Karen Harkins & parents
Frank & Kathy.

Sunday 9.00am

15th December

(CE) Also Live Streamed

People of the Parish

(JW) Also Live Streamed

Bridget Carthy & dec. family.

Eithne & Tommy Barclay & dec. family.

Frank & Mary Egan & dec. family.

Monday 9.30am

16th December

(JW) Also Live Streamed

(Novena & Benediction)

Special Intention.

Tuesday 9.30am

17th December

(CE) Also Live Streamed

No Intention.

Wednesday 9.30am

18th December

(JW) Also Live Streamed

No Intention.

6.00pm

(JD)

Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

(CE) Also Live Streamed

No Intention.

Thursday 9.30am

19th December

(JD) Also Live Streamed

No Intention.

Friday 9.30am

20th December

7.30pm

(CE) Also Live Streamed

Peter & Mai Fallon and

Michael Hynes.

Kathleen & Paddy Reilly and

Great-granddaughters

Robyn & Erin Hill.

The Duggan family, Galway &

the Donaghue family, Clane.

Jim & Mary Ganley.

Saturday 9.30am

21st December

(JD) Also Live Streamed

Mary (Masie) Mc Guire.

Gertie & Johnny Farrell.

6.30pm Vigil

(JW) Also Live Streamed

Tom, Mary & Catriona Egan and
deceased family.

Anne & William Hamilton.

Sunday 9.00am

22nd December

(JW) Also Live Streamed

People of the Parish

(JD) Also Live Streamed

Breda Grenham & dec. family.

Luke Duignan & son Tom.

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown Mass Intentions

December 15th to December 22nd.

Dec. 15th 11.15 a.m. (CE)

Tom and Ann O'Brien, Oldtown.

Also, deceased family members.

Dec. 22nd 11.15 a.m. (JW)

Séan Shine, Buggane.

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

The 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C is also known as **Gaudete Sunday**, a day of rejoicing. The readings encourage us to find joy and hope in the coming of the Lord.

- **Joyful Anticipation:** The readings focus on the joy of waiting for Jesus. Zephaniah speaks of rejoicing and exulting with all our hearts.
- **God's Presence:** God is with His people. Zephaniah assures us that God is in our midst, bringing hope and safety.
- **Peace of Christ:** St. Paul tells the Philippians about the peace of God. This peace will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- **Call to Generosity:** John the Baptist calls people to share with those in need. This echoes the Gospel's message to live out our faith through actions.
- **Repentance and Preparation:** John the Baptist also speaks of repentance. This reminds us to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming by turning away from sin.
- **Hope and Encouragement:** The readings provide hope and encouragement. They remind us that God is near and we should not be afraid.



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



Christmas Confessions
Christmas Eve 10am to 2pm *In Ss. Peter & Paul's Church*

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

The Way of Gentleness

A faith enrichment journey for Advent at St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill, Sligo on Mondays 2nd, 9th and 16th December at 8pm. Online attendance also at: churchservices - spatricksstrandhill

Samaritans

If you are feeling lonely, depressed, isolated or need to talk to someone about something that is bothering you.
Call the Samaritans on 116 123, 24hrs a day, 365 days a year.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of Fr. Seán O'Dowd, Kiltegan Missionaries. Martina Dowd, Monksland.
Ann Hynds, Ardkeen, Drum. Michael (George) Downey, Tanvey, Ballydangan. Father to Mary Kelly, Clonown.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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.
Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish.

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**.

Online Advent Calendar

Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of #Hope, the 2024 online Advent Calendar from the Bishops' Conference offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025.
The Calendar can be accessed at www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar

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
2367667	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2363285	Caretaker/Grounds Person St. Peters Parish Centre.
2367686	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2363758	Cleaner/Caretaker Monksland Community Centre.
2360063	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2367687	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.

A prayer for the Third Sunday in Advent

On third Sunday of Advent, we gather in joyful anticipation, as we light the rose candle of hope and rejoice in the promise of Christ's coming.

Lord, as we prepare our hearts and minds for your arrival, fill us with the light of your love. May this season of waiting remind us of the beauty of patience and the grace found in humble expectations. Help us to open our eyes to the needs of those around us, so that we may share in the joy of giving and the warmth of community. Let us embrace your call to rejoice with all our hearts, knowing that you are with us, guiding our steps towards peace and unity.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark on 19th Dec. 1pm - 3.30pm. We have a great selection of books, e-books & audiobooks for all ages & library membership is free.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection
December 1st. € 1,855**

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

If you are a user of the weekly contribution envelopes and have not received your new box please contact the office.