



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

Weekly Newsletter

January 19th 2025 / 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**“Do whatever
he tells you.”**

John 2:5

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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 January 18th to January 26th.



Sat. 18th	8 pm	(CE)	Patrick (Pakie) Duignan, Ardkeenán - 1 st Anniversary.
Sun. 19th	10 am	(JD)	John and Margaret McManus. Also, deceased family members.
Tues. 21st	7 pm	(JW)	Mike and Mary Kate Hynes, Drumlosh & dec. family members.
Thurs. 23rd	7 pm	(JW)	John, Bridie & Pat Halligan, Collogorriff.
Sat. 25th	8 pm	(JW)	Una Naughton, Clonark. Bridie McManus, Nure - 1st Anniversary & her late husband John.
Sun. 26th	10 am	(CE)	Mary & Tom Grenham, Gorynagowna and deceased family members.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 18th January to Sunday 26th January 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
18th January		No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Denis & Marie Hannon and their daughter Ann-Marie.
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
19th January		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		William & Mary Hannon. Bridie Geraghty. Ann, Helen & Bruce Savage and their parents.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
20th January		(Novena & Benediction)
		No Intention.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) All Live Streamed
21st January		No Intention.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JD) All Live Streamed
22nd January		Grandparents Day Mass
		for St. Peter's and the Dean Kelly, National Schools.
	6.00pm	(JD)
		Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
23rd January		John Mc Neill.
Friday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
24th January		Nora & John Mc Grath and deceased members of the Mc Grath, Dunleavy & Brilly families. Jim Killian.
	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Christy Finlass. Johnny, Francis, Jody & Margaret Derwin. Pauline Mc Cormack. Mai Mc Enroe. Brian Johnson. Josie, Jimmy, Tony & James Duffy. Joan Downey & deceased members of the Downey & Hatchett families.
Saturday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed
25th January		No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(CE) Also Live Streamed
		Yvonne Thompson - Month's Mind Thomas (Ned) Mc Cracken - First Anniversary. Danny Mc Cracken. Frank, Esme & Aaron Fernandes.
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
26th January		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Michael Hanley.



Clonown Mass Intentions for January 19th to January 26th.

Jan. 19th	11.15 am	(CE)	Fr. Sean O'Dowd.
Jan. 26th	11.15 am	(JW)	Fr. Denis Gavin, Clonown.

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C highlights the importance of recognising God's work in our lives.

The readings emphasise the joy, unity, and gifts we receive from God.

- **God's Promise of Joy:** Isaiah speaks of Jerusalem's new name and joy. This joy is a sign of God's love and faithfulness.
- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Paul explains that the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people. These gifts are for the good of the community.
- **Unity in Diversity:** Paul teaches that though there are many different gifts, they come from the same Spirit. This shows the importance of unity in the Church.
- **Transformation through Christ:** The wedding at Cana in John's Gospel shows Jesus turning water into wine. This miracle is a sign of Jesus' power and care for others.
- **The Role of Mary:** At the wedding in Cana, Mary notices the need for wine and asks Jesus to help. Her role shows her care and faith in Jesus. She also acts as an intercessor for us.
- **Celebration of Marriage:** The wedding feast in Cana reminds us of the importance of marriage. It highlights marriage as a joyous celebration and a sign of God's presence.

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time helps us see how God is present in our lives. It encourages us to use our gifts and celebrate the joy and unity God brings.

Church Unity week

You are invited to a Christian Unity Service of Prayer in the Methodist Church, Northgate Street, Athlone on Wednesday next January 22nd at 7.30pm. Preacher Fr. John Deignan PP, Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish.

All are welcome

Church of the Risen Christ, Ballybay, Kiltoom

A Holy Hour will take place on Wednesday 22nd January at 8pm in Ballybay church. All are welcome.

St. Bridget's Church Drum.

Have a vacancy for a Part-Time Sacristan. If you are interested please contact the Drum parish office **090 6437125**.

Thank you for your ongoing Financial Support

Thank you for supporting our parish. Your generosity helps us to maintain parish facilities and services as we are completely dependent on your support.

Tax Rebate Scheme

The government provides us with the opportunity, through the Tax Rebate Scheme, to maximise all charitable donations over €250 in a given year.

- If you are a taxpayer (PAYE or Self Assessed), under the Scheme of Tax Relief on Donations to Charities, the Parish can claim from Revenue, the related tax relief on your donations, amounting to an extra 31% if you contribute over €250 to the parish over the course of a year.
- In order for the Parish to receive the tax relief payment from Revenue, all that is required, is for you to complete and sign the Enduring Certificate (CHY3 form), and return it to your parish.
- If you provide this certificate to the parish you will be providing additional personal data to us. This includes your PPS number and this will be used by the parish in connection with this application under the Charitable Donation Scheme **ONLY**. We are required to retain the information on the Enduring Certificate for 7 years for financial and taxation purposes."

We really appreciate how much parishioners show their support for parish work through their financial contributions.

(CHY3 forms are available on line or from the parish offices)

Yours sincerely, *Fr. John*

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of;

Michael (Mickie) Mullin, Bastion Street. Joe Parkes, formerly Parnell Square.

Pat Daly, Thomastown, Ballydangan. Kathleen Connolly, Summerhill.

Marie Gavin (née Buckley), Crancam, Drum.

Eileen Dwyer (née Lennon), Cornafulla North. Sister to Willie and Michael Lennon.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.



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
2373160	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2373184	Caretaker/Grounds Person Athlone Boat Club.
2373164	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2373152	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2367687	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
2373154	Caretaker/Grounds-person St. Francis FC.
2373157	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.

Catholic Schools Week 2025

Sunday, 19th January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. During the week, we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ..*

Come, Follow Me - Outreach to Children and Catholic Families

A special gathering of adults, including parents and grandparents, open to exploring how we can complement the work of parents and teachers in sharing our faith with children, 7 – 11 years, will take place mid-February. All welcome, but places limited.

For more details see www.elphindiocese.ie/cfm

Medjugorje 2025 June 25th - July 2nd

Cost: €805 per person sharing. Travel Insurance is €35 extra. If you are interested, please contact Mary **087 2936933** for more information.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offerory Collection
January 12th €1,835.**

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.