



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

Weekly Newsletter

January 26th 2025 / 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET THE LORD BRING THE

GOOD NEWS

TO THE POVERTY
IN OUR OWN HEARTS.

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*"The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me, because he
has anointed me to
bring glad tidings to
the poor."*

Luke 4:18

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**Sacristy Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
(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 25th to February 2nd.



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,
Gorrynagowna and deceased
family members.

Tues. 28th 7 pm (JW) No Intention.

Thurs. 30th 7 pm (JW) Rose Dunning, Clonark &
deceased family members.

Sat. 1st Feb 11 am (JW) Sharon Naughton, Ballinasloe -
Month's Mind.

8 pm (JD) Catherine Ward, Clonark -
First Anniversary.

Sun. 2nd 10 am (JW) Willie Harney, Doohan. Parents
Thomas and Mary Ann & deceased
family members.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 25th January to Sunday 2nd February 2025

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

Saturday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
25th January For the Holy Souls.
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.
Jackie Shine.

Sunday 9.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed
26th January **People of the Parish**
12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Michael Hanley.
Paddy Kenny, Bealnamulla.
Sonny & Kathleen Kearney and
deceased family members.

Monday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
27th January **(Novena & Benediction)**
No Intention.

Tuesday 9.30am (CE) All Live Streamed
28th January No Intention.

Wednesday 9.30am (CE) All Live Streamed
29th January Patrick & Kathleen O'Connor.
6.00pm (JW)
Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
(JD) Also Live Streamed
30th January No Intention.

Thursday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
30th January **(JD) Also Live Streamed**
Friday 9.30am Margaret Igoe. Parents James &
31st January Margaret Killian. Sisters Mary &
Patricia. Brothers John & Tony.
7.30pm (CE) Also Live Streamed
Patrick Mc Loughlin - Month's Mind
Dessie Conway - 50th Anniversary.
Mattie & Una Grehan.

Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
1st February **The Feast of St. Brigid**
(Bring Crosses to be blessed at
mass.)
Mary, John & Sean Dillon.

The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord - Blessing of Candles at all Masses.

6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
Paddy Lohan - Month's Mind.
Annette Duffy - Month's Mind.
Lena Connaughton - Month's Mind.
Tony Mc Hugh.

Sunday 9.00am (CE) Also Live Streamed
2nd February **12.00pm People of the Parish**
(CE) Also Live Streamed
Edward Egan.
John Mc Cormack.

OUR LADY
OF THE
WAYSIDE

Clonown Mass Intentions for January 26th to February 2nd.

Jan. 26th 11.15 am (JW) Fr. Denis Gavin, Clonown.
Feb. 2nd 11.15 am (JD) Tommy Curley & his son Declan.
Clonark.

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time bring important themes to our faith.

These themes help us understand God's word and how it guides our lives.

- **Importance of Scripture:** Nehemiah shows the people the importance of listening to God's word. Reading and understanding Scripture brings joy and strength.
- **Unity in the Body of Christ:** Paul talks about how every part of the body is important. This means every person in the Church is valuable and has a role.
- **Joy in the Lord:** Nehemiah reminds the people not to be sad but to rejoice in the Lord. Our strength comes from the joy we find in God.
- **Jesus Fulfills Prophecy:** In the Gospel, Jesus reads from Isaiah and says He fulfils this prophecy. This shows us Jesus is the promised Savior.
- **Mission of Jesus:** Jesus explains His mission to bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. He came to help and save everyone.
- **Hearing and Doing:** The readings encourage us to not just hear God's word but to act on it. We should live out our faith every day.
- **Community Worship:** Nehemiah gathers all people to hear God's word. Worshipping together strengthens our faith and community.
- **Empowerment by the Spirit:** Jesus starts His mission filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit helps us live out our mission too.

These themes show us the power of God's word and the importance of our role in the Church. They remind us to find joy in the Lord and to live out our faith together.

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**.

Drum Heritage Group

Table Quiz to take place on Thursday 30th January at the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone. Tables of 4 €40, €10 per person. A raffle will be held on the night.

St. Pauls N.S.

Are accepting applications for enrolment for the school year 2025-2026. Our open day is on Thursday 30th January from 10.00am to 11.00 am. All welcome.

Athlone Community Services Council **Healthy Aging Lifestyle Programme**- Structured Training and Nutrition Classes. For Older Adults aged 65+. Starting 29th January 2025. 12 week programme. Every Wednesday @ 3.45pm. Location: Clonmacnoise room at St. Mary's Church Athlone. To book your place contact ACSC on 0906472174 or email reception@acsc.ie.

Clann na nGael Movie Night

On Saturday 8th February in Drum Parish Hall. Fundraiser for Drum Community Care. €10 admission on the door. Raffle on the night. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Athlone & Midlands Samaritans information Meeting

Could you be a Samaritan volunteer? No experience or qualification necessary as we will train, mentor and support you. If you think you might be interested, please come along to an information meeting on Sunday **2nd February at 11am** at The Samaritan Centre, 3, Court Devenish, Athlone. You can also call **Anne on 087 7176189** or email **Athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org**. Samaritans provide 24hr emotional support on Freecall 116123.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of;
Sr. Carmel Molloy, Sisters of Mercy, Lyster Street.
Patrick (Paddy) Harney, Monksland.
Darragh Quinn, Monksland.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

The Athlone Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Would like to thank all who contributed to the fundraising collections during December 2024.



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.

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

Early booking discount of €50 per person for all deposits of €200 received before 31st January'25.
Spiritual director Rev. Fr. Joseph Wenjeslaus.
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 Offertory Collection
January 19th € 1,595.**

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.