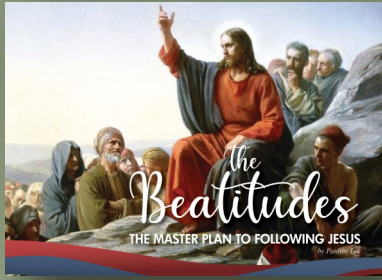




PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

February 16th 2025/ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

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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 February 15th to February 23rd



Sat. 15th 8pm (JW) Michael & Mary Shine, Creggane & deceased family members.

Sun. 9th 10 am (CE) Joe & Mary Duignan, Clonellan & deceased family members.

Tues. 18th 7 pm (JW) James O'Neill, Clonbulia & deceased family members.

Thurs. 20th 7 pm (JD) Hannah Bracken, Clonark - First Anniversary.

Sat. 22nd 11am (JD) Pat Daly, Thomastown - Month's Mind.

8pm (JD) Frank Lennon, Creggane & his parents Thomas and Elizabeth.

Sun. 23rd 10 am (BP) Morgan Kenna formerly Cornafulla.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th February to

Sunday 23rd February 2025

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

Saturday 15th February	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mary Mannion - 25th Anniversary.
	10.30am	(BP) Also Live Streamed Sr. Carmel Molloy - Month's Mind.
	6.30pm Vigil	(CE) Also Live Streamed Patrick (Paddy) Harney - Month's Mind.
Sunday 16th February	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Laurence & Pat O'Connell and deceased members of the O'Connell & Mulligan families. Annie & Pat Fallon. Bridie Murray & deceased family. Warren Hynes. Michael Lennon.
Monday 17th February	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed JJ & Joe Glennon. Christina Egede, Willy Egede & Louis Agbanobi. Mary Hutchinson.
Tuesday 18th February	9.30am	Novena & Benediction (JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Wednesday 19th February	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Baby CJ Marsh Conroy. William O'Connor.
	6.00pm	(CE) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday 20th February	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Maureen & John Cox.
Friday 21st February	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Marie, Eamon, Michael & Marian Fuery. Rose, Michael, Sean & Carmel Long. Michael (Mike) O'Reilly. Anne Ganly.
Saturday 22nd February	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Eileen Egan - First Anniversary.
Sunday 23rd February	9.00am	(CE) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(BP) Also Live Streamed Bernie & Pat Ward. Jimmy & Mary Lynch. Pa & Vera Nestor. Anne & Jack Devine. Bridie, Joseph, Annie & Edward Connolly.

Clonown Mass Intentions for February 16th to February 23rd.



Feb. 16th 11.15 am (JW) Tommy, Patrick & Annie Dunning, Buggane and deceased family members.

Feb. 23rd 11.15 am (CE) Johnny Hynes, Currnaboll & deceased family members.

To Contact the Priest on Duty
Call 085 870 5840

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

Our Parish Pastoral Council is seeking new members!

- The Parish Pastoral Council serves as an advisory body to the Parish Priest, playing a crucial role in shaping the vision and direction of our parish. We are a group of committed parishioners who collaborate to discern the needs and hopes of our community, develop strategies to address them, and support the implementation of pastoral priorities.
- The Parish Pastoral Council is a vital group within the parish that collaborates with the parish priest to support the spiritual and pastoral needs of the community. It is, often composed of parishioners with diverse backgrounds and talents, serves as a consultative body that aids in planning, organising, and implementing various aspects of parish life.
- The Parish Pastoral Council makes important decisions regarding liturgy, religious education, social outreach, and other areas of pastoral ministry. They work to ensure that the parish's mission reflects the Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. By fostering open communication, mutual respect, and a shared sense of responsibility, this council promotes the growth and well-being of the entire parish community.
- It's essential to clarify that the Parish Pastoral Council is not a democratically elected group that governs the parish. Instead, it is a consultative body that offers recommendations and advice to the parish priest, who ultimately holds the final decision-making authority. This structure reflects the hierarchical nature of the Catholic Church, where the parish priest serves as the spiritual leader and shepherd of the parish community.
- We are actively seeking nominations for dedicated individuals to contribute to this important initiative. We invite you to nominate suitable and interested persons from the following areas: two from Monksland/Bealnamulla, two from West Athlone, two from the Clonown area, two from the Drum area, and one representative from the religious communities. Additionally, the Priests of the Parish will be involved. Before putting any name forward, please ensure you have obtained their explicit permission. The term of service is four years, requiring attendance at approximately nine meetings per year.

**Your thoughtful consideration and nominations are greatly appreciated.
Nomination form is online at www.athloneparish.ie**

John Daly Chairperson

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**.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of;
Kathleen (Kay) Lennon née Collins, St. Coman's Park.
Seamus Kelly, Milltown, Curraghboy. Brother in law to Elizabeth Murray & Martin O'Neill, Thomastown.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

St. Patrick's Church, Knockcroghery.

A Holy Hour will take place on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm in Knockcroghery church. Conducted and led by Fr. Michael Mc Manus PP. Theme - "Pilgrims of Hope". Candles are available €6 each, they will be blessed at the Holy Hour, to take home. All are welcome.

Elphin & Achonry Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

'Pilgrims of Hope' is the theme of Jubilee 2025. To mark this special year of faith, the Diocese of Elphin and the Diocese of Achonry will journey on pilgrimage to Rome from 22nd to 27th October, 2025.
This 5 night pilgrimage promises to be a special time in Rome, visiting Vatican City and Rome's most important basilicas and religious sites. Price per person: €1499 on half board basis at centrally located hotel (€300 single room supplement).
For bookings and enquiries: email info@joewalshstours.ie or phone Joe Walsh Tours: 01 241 0800.

Come, Follow Me - Outreach to Children and Catholic Families

A special gathering of adults, including parents and grandparents, open to exploring how we can compliment the work of parents and teachers in sharing our faith with children, 7 – 11 years, will take place at Donamon Castle on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February from 10.30am to 5.00pm (both days). For more details see www.elphindiocese.ie/cfm.
All welcome, but pre-booking essential.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 20th February from 1pm -3.30pm. We have a great selection of books, e-books & audiobooks for all ages & library membership is free.

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

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| 2373160 | Caretaker/Grounds person
Clonown Church & Parish Hall. |
| 2373184 | Caretaker/Grounds Person
Athlone Boat Club. |
| 2377652 | 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.

Athlone Choral Society

Are hosting a quiz night on Thursday 20th February at 8pm in The Bounty, Athlone. Tables are €40 for a table of 4. There will also be a raffle on the night. All are welcome.

The Samaritans confidential support

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, 24 / 7 It's good to talk!

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

February 9th € 1,790.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.
If you wish to use the weekly envelope for your contribution please contact the office.

If you wish to set up a weekly / monthly standing order for your contribution

(Please ensure you include your envelope number in the narrative section)

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