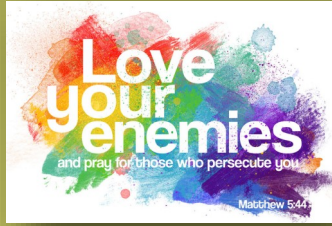




PARISH OF  
**SS. PETER & PAUL**  
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

# Weekly Newsletter

February 23rd 2025/ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

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

### Drum Mass Intentions for

February 22nd to March 2nd.

**Sat. 22nd 8 pm (JD)** Frank Lennon, Creggane & his parents Thomas and Elizabeth.  
**Sun. 23rd 10 am (BP)** Morgan Keena formerly Cornafulla.  
**Tues. 25th 7 pm (JD)** William and Lena Grehan, Coolmore.  
**Thurs. 27th 7 pm (JD)** No Intention.  
**Sat. 1st 11am (JD)** Denise Collins, Rooskey - Month's Mind.  
**March 8 pm (BP)** Paddy and Margaret Mulvey, Johnstown. Also, Jim Hynes.  
**Sun. 2nd 10 am (JD)** James and Kathleen Greene, Doohan. Also, deceased family members.



### SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 22nd February to Sunday 2nd March 2025

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

<b>Saturday 22nd February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Eileen Egan - First Anniversary.
<b>Sunday 23rd February</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(BP) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Bernie & Pat Ward. Jimmy & Mary Lynch. Pa & Vera Nestor. Anne & Jack Devine. Bridie, Joseph, Annie & Edward Connolly.
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> For all the sick in the Parish. <b>Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Louie, Kathleen, John, Michael, Mary, Clem, Angela & Marty Kelly.
<b>Wednesday 26th February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> For all our deceased parishioners.
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.</b>
<b>Thursday 27th February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>Friday 28th February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> For all mourning a loss.
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Mary Gaffey, Jason Gaffey & Patrick Dunning.
<b>Saturday 1st March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Nan Walsh.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Marlene Wogan - Month's Mind. Noel Mannion - Month's Mind.
<b>Sunday 2nd March</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>(BP) Also Live Streamed</b> Susan Reilly. Seamus Mc Cann. Brian & Miriam Lenehan. Ada & Martin Brennan.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	

### Clonown Mass Intentions for

February 16th to February 23rd.

**Feb. 23rd 11.15 am (BP)** Johnny Hynes, Currnaboll & deceased family members.  
**March 2nd 11.15am (JD)** Willie and Kathleen Ward, Currnaboll.



To Contact the Priest on Duty  
Call 085 870 5840

[www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)

**Our Parish Pastoral Council is seeking new members!**

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.

**Please submit nominations before Friday February 28th.**

**Your thoughtful consideration and nominations are greatly appreciated.**

**Nomination form is online at [www.athloneparish.ie](http://www.athloneparish.ie)**

**The readings for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary teach us about mercy, forgiveness, and love.**

- **Mercy over revenge:** David shows mercy to Saul, sparing his life even when he has the chance to kill him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23). This teaches us to choose mercy over revenge.
- **Love your enemies:** Jesus tells us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us (Luke 6:27-28). This shows the radical love we are called to have.
- **Forgive and be forgiven:** Jesus teaches us to forgive others and we will be forgiven (Luke 6:37). Forgiveness is a key part of Christian living.
- **Generosity in giving:** Jesus encourages us to give without expecting anything in return (Luke 6:30, 38). This generosity reflects God's love for us.
- **Image of the heavenly man:** Paul explains that we are to bear the image of Christ, the heavenly man (1 Corinthians 15:45-49). We are called to live like Christ.
- **Judging others:** Jesus warns against judging others (Luke 6:37). We are called to show understanding and compassion.

**These themes remind us of the importance of love, mercy, and forgiveness in our lives. By following these teachings, we can live more like Jesus every day.**

**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the souls of;  
Patrick (Paddy) Seery, Taylorstown.

Also, Kathleen Kelly (nee McManus) formerly Ardhanure.

**May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

**Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group**

AGM on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of March at 8.30pm  
in Drum Parish Hall.

New members most welcome.

**ALL DAY PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED In the grounds of Ss. Peter & Paul's Church**

The Car park is primarily for the use of people using the church or collecting a pension in the post office.

The last thing we want to do is introduce pay parking or clamping.

Please respect those wishing to visit the church for church services and private prayer by not parking all day.

*We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.*

**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**.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie) or phone Joe Walsh Tours: 01 241 0800.**

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**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.
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.
2379823	Caretaker/Grounds-person St. Peter's Church.

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.

**Mobile Library**

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 11am -3.30pm. *Membership is free.*

**St. Peter & Paul's , Athlone Parish  
Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2025  
June 25<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Spiritual director is Rev. Fr. Joseph Wenjeslaus.

The cost is €855 per person sharing. Travel Insurance is €35 extra.

For more information on joining the group, please contact Mary Mulligan **087 2936933** for more information.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly  
Offertory Collection  
February 16<sup>th</sup> € 2,010.**

**Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.**

**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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Support of the Priests	IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 BIC AIBKIE2D