



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

# Weekly Newsletter

February 9th 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.  
*Luke 5:7-8*

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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 8th to February 16th.



**Sat. 8th 8 pm (CE)** Margaret & William Macken, Creggane.  
Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown.

**Sun. 9th 10 am (JD)** Michael & Willie Berrigan, Clonark. Also, deceased family members.

**Tues. 11th 7 pm (JW)** Sr. Canisius Duffy, Clonark and her brother John Duffy.

**Thurs. 13th 7 pm (JW)** John (Cal) and Mary McManus, Nure.

**Sat. 15th 11am (JW)** Mary Gavin, Crancam, Drum - Month's Mind.

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

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

### SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th February to

Sunday 16th February 2025

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

**Saturday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed**  
8th February John, Eileen & Martin Lennon.  
Donal & Eileen Murphy.

**6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
Kathleen Connolly - Month's Mind.  
Gary Shine - 1st Anniversary.  
Linda Dowling - 1st Anniversary.  
Donal Sumner.  
Tommy Keogh.

**Sunday 9.00am (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
9th February 12.00pm **People of the Parish (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
Michael (Mick) Daly.  
Thomas O'Donoghue.  
Kieran & Rita Gavin.  
Kathleen & Frank Killian.

**Monday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed**  
10th February No Intention.

**Tuesday 9.30am Novena & Benediction (CE) Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Anointing of the sick after mass**  
Fr. Tommy Moran.

**11th February (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
**Wednesday 9.30am**  
**12th February 6.00pm (CE)**  
**Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
Special Intention.

**Thursday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
**13th February (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
**Friday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed**  
**14th February 7.30pm**  
Chris Healy.  
Pat & Christopher Walsh.  
Bridget & John Dolan.  
Declan Dolan & Baby Hope.

**Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
**15th February 10.30am (BP) Also Live Streamed**  
Mary Mannion - 25th Anniversary.  
**(CE) Also Live Streamed**  
Sr. Carmel Molloy - Month's Mind.  
Patrick (Paddy) Harney - Month's Mind.

**Sunday 9.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
**16th February 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.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for February 9th to February 16th.



**Feb. 9th 11.15 am (CE)** Hugh Roche formerly Togher.

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



**Pilgrims  
of Hope**  
*Jubilee 2025*

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840  
[www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C readings help us understand our faith and God's call in our lives.

- **God's Holiness:** Isaiah's vision shows God's holiness. The seraphim praise God, reminding us of His greatness and our need to honour Him.
- **Human Unworthiness:** Isaiah feels unworthy before God. This teaches us humility and the need for God's forgiveness.
- **God's Call:** Isaiah answers God's call, saying, "Here I am, send me." This shows that we should be ready to respond to God's call in our lives.
- **Witnessing to Faith:** Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached. This shows the importance of sharing our faith with others.
- **God's Grace:** Paul speaks of God's grace working in him. This reminds us that any good we do is by God's help.
- **Following Jesus:** In the Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow Him. This teaches us to trust Jesus and follow His lead.

**These themes guide us in our faith journey.  
They remind us of God's greatness, our call to serve, and the need to trust and follow Jesus.**

#### 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;  
Marlene Wogan, Ardbrea Park.

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

#### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday next February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The anointing of the Sick will take place after the 9.30am Mass in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church and after the 7pm Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Drum.

#### Monksland Community Mass

The February Monksland Community Mass will take place on Thursday night February 13th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. The Mass will be offered for all who are sick and will include the anointing of the sick.

**All are welcome, Tea, scones and friendly chat afterwards.**

#### 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.**

#### 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](http://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.

#### Moore Youth Drama Group

Presents an evening of comedy sketches on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February in Moore Hall @7:00pm.

All are welcome. No admission fee.

Donations supporting 'Spotlight Moore Youth Drama' and 'Rainbows Ireland' are gratefully accepted at the door.

#### 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.

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.

#### Young Pioneers & Accompanying Adults Retreat

Young Pioneers & Accompanying Adults Annual Retreat takes place in Donamon Castle on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. More details @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/youth-retreat](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/youth-retreat).

**All welcome but booking essential.**

#### 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 2nd € 2,175.

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

*If you are a user of the weekly contribution envelopes & have not received your new box 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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