



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

Weekly Newsletter

March 16th 2025/ Second Sunday of Lent

St Patrick's Day Parade 12.30pm on Monday



While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. *Luke 9:29*

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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 March 15th to March 23rd



Sat. 15th 8 pm (CE) Mary Higgins, Ardkeenan.
Also, Tommy and Winnifred Higgins.
Sun. 16th 10 am (CE) Anne Kelly, Thomastown
- First Anniversary.
Mon. 17th 10 am (JD) P.J. Lawless, Cornafulla South.
Tues. 18th 7 pm (CE) Tony Whyte (Jnr.), Thomastown.
Thurs. 20th 7 pm (CE) Thomas & Mary Ann Naughton,
Doohan. Also, son Tom & grandson Feargal.
Sat. 22nd 11am (JW) Paddy Seery, Taylorstown
-Month's Mind.
8 pm (JW) Patrick & Kathleen O'Neill, Mt Hussey
& deceased family. Stella Brockman.
Patrick (Pake) Naughton, Thomastown.
Sun. 23rd 10 am (CE) Kathleen Hynes, Drum Road -
First Anniversary.



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 15th March to Sunday 23rd March 2025

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

Saturday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
15th March No Intention booked.
6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

Sunday 9.00am (BP) Also Live Streamed
16th March **People of the Parish**
12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Anne Geoghegan.

Monday 9.30am (CE) St. Patrick's Day
17th March 11.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed
Edward (Ned) Egan.
For all our parishioners living overseas.

Tuesday 7.20am (JD) Also Live Streamed
18th March 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention booked.

Wednesday 7.20am (JD) Also Live Streamed
19th March 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
For all who find life difficult.
6.00pm (CE) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Thursday 7.20am (JD) Also Live Streamed
20th March 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
Nora, Martin, Derek & Alan Kiernan.

Friday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
21st March 7.30pm (CE) Also Live Streamed
For those who are Sick.
Bridie, Mary, Noel & Kieran Dunning.
Michael, John & Hettie, Sean & Mary, Paddy & Mary, Mike & Nancy & Patricia Goode.
Michael Cunniffe.

Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
22nd March No Intention booked.
6.30pm Vigil (CE) Also Live Streamed
Kathleen (Kay) Lennon - Month's Mind.
James Dolan - 1st Anniversary.

Sunday 9.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed
23rd March **People of the Parish**
12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention booked.



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



March 16th 11.15am (BP) Kathleen Shine, Currnaboll.
March 17th 11.15am (CE) St. Patrick's Day.
March 21st 8pm (JD) Lenten Mass.
March 23rd 11.15am (JW) Pat Burns, Cedarwood Drive,
Monksland.

To Contact the Priest on Duty
Call 085 870 5840

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On the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the readings invite us to reflect on faith, transformation, and God's promises. These themes help us to grow closer to God.

- **God's Promise to Abram:** God promises Abram descendants as numerous as the stars. This shows God's faithfulness and His plan for our salvation.
- **Covenant with Abram:** God makes a covenant with Abram, ensuring his future and the land for his descendants. This covenant is a sign of God's commitment to His people.
- **Faith and Righteousness:** Abram's faith is counted as righteousness. This teaches us the importance of faith in our relationship with God.
- **Heavenly Citizenship:** St. Paul urges us to follow his example and live as citizens of heaven. This reminds us to focus on our heavenly home and not just on earthly things.
- **Christ's Glory Revealed:** In the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals His glory to Peter, James, and John. This shows His divine nature and prepares them for His suffering and death.
- **Listen to Jesus:** God the Father tells the disciples to listen to His beloved Son. This emphasises the importance of Jesus' teachings and following His example.

The 2nd Sunday of Lent calls us to deepen our faith and trust in God's promises. It encourages us to listen to Jesus and live as citizens of heaven.

First Confessions

Congratulations to the pupils from Cloonakilla, Cornafulla, Dean Kelly, St. Peter's, Ardkeen and Summerhill National School's who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the past week in preparation for their First Holy Communion in May. We pray that this is the start of a very special relationship for them with Jesus.

Special thanks to the schools and the parents for their work in preparing the children for the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th Bishop Kevin will visit the parish to Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 160 of our young people, in three separate ceremonies two in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church and one in St. Brigid's Church, Drum. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they take this big step in the faith development.



The Season of Lent Weekday Masses during Lent Ss. Peter & Paul's Church



Monday thru Thursday 7.20am & 9.30am Friday 9.30am & 7.30pm—Saturday 9.30am followed by confessions.
St. Brigid's Church, Drum Tuesday & Thursday 7pm
Our Lady of the Wayside Chapel, Clonown Friday 8pm



St. Patricks Day Masses
Ss. Peter and Paul's Church 9.30am & 11am (to facilitate the parade)
St. Brigid's Church, Drum 10am
Clonown Church 11.15am



The Board of Management of St. Peter's NS

Is recruiting for an Early Childcare centre Manager for its Afterschool services in the school. Job Description and application form available from www.stpetersschool.ie Fixed Term Specified Purpose Contract to August 2025, 20-hours/week.

Completed Application Form only [CVs not accepted] emailed to recruitment@stpetersschool.ie Closing date for receipt of Application form is **Friday 21st March 2025**

The Light is On For You

You are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this Jubilee Year, as we are called to be "Pilgrims of Hope", special emphasis is placed on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have a special opportunity for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, on **Sunday March 23rd between 3.00pm and 5.00pm** with visiting priests available for Confessions in

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone, The Church of the Risen Christ, Kiltoom, St. Patricks Church, Knockcroghery, St. Joseph's Church, Ballyforan, St. Cuan's Church, Ahascragh.

The Light is on for You. *Please come along and encourage others to do the same.*

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
2380854	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2382168	Caretaker/Grounds Person Athlone Boat Club.
2377652	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2382180	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2367687	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
2382182	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2382249	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.

Trócaire Lenten Fast Boxes

Trócaire Fast Boxes are available in the porches of the three churches in the Parish. Trocaire was founded by the Irish Catholic Bishops in 1973. Last year Trócaire brought support and relief to 1.58 million people living in poverty, conflict and injustice.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Anne McLoughlin** (née Concannon) Crancam, Drum.
May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly
Offertory Collection
March 9th € 1,720.**

**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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St. Brigid's Church	IBAN IE92 AIBK 9322 6411 809048 BIC AIBKIE2D
Clonown Church	IBAN IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063 BIC AIBKIE2D
Support of the Priests	IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 BIC AIBKIE2D