



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

Weekly Newsletter

March 2nd 2025/ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember Pope Francis
in your prayers.



Next Wednesday March 5th is Ash Wednesday
The first day of the Season of Lent.
A day of Fast & Abstinence

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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

Drum Mass Intentions for March 1st to March 9th

Sat. 1st March	8 pm (BP)	Paddy and Margaret Mulvey, Johnstown. Also, Jim Hynes.
Sun. 2nd March	10 am (JD)	James and Kathleen Greene, Doohan & deceased family members.
Tues. 4th March	7 pm (CE)	No Intention.
Thurs. 6th March	7 pm (CE)	Bernie and Rose Kelly, Rooskey & deceased family members.
Sat. 8th March	8 pm (CE)	Dinny Owen and Kathleen McManus, Dugra.
Sun. 9th March	10 am (BP)	Mary and Tony Duignan, Clonbulia & deceased family members.



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 1st March to Sunday 9th March 2025

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

Saturday 1st March	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Nan Walsh.
	6.30pm Vigil	(CE) Also Live Streamed Marlene Wogan - Month's Mind. Noel Mannion - Month's Mind.
Sunday 2nd March	9.00am	(CE) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish (BP) Also Live Streamed Susan Reilly. Seamus Mc Cann. Brian & Miriam Lenehan. Ada & Martin Brennan. James & Nora O'Connor. Sean & Rita Elmore, Mona & Sheila Elmore & George Chitty.
Monday 3rd March	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Brian Lynch. Novena & Benediction (JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Tuesday 4th March	9.30am	(JD) The Beginning of Lent (JD) Ash Wednesday (CE) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Wednesday 5th March	7.20am 9.30am 6.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed (JD) Also Live Streamed (JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Thursday 6th March	7.20am 9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed (JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Friday 7th March	9.30am 7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Michael, Bridget, Mike & Winnie Farrell. (CE) Also Live Streamed John Keyes. Seamus Fuery. Frances Vaughan. Bridget Dolan. May & Larry Collins. Gerard Mc Caul. Mary Bridget Stephens. Ferdie, Kit & Donal O'Callaghan.
Saturday 8th March	9.30am 6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Kitty Mc Fadden & deceased family members. (BP) Also Live Streamed Ann Mc Donnell- Month's Mind.
Sunday 9th March	9.00am 12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish (JD) Also Live Streamed Bridie Bigley - 1st Anniversary. Thomas Grenham. Mary & Tommy Moran.

Clonown Mass Intentions for March 2nd to March 9th.



March 2nd 11.15am (JD) Willie and Kathleen Ward, Currnaboll.
Church gate collection in aid of Pro Life Campaign.
March 7th 8.00pm (JD) First Friday.
March 9th 11.15am (CE) Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh & deceased family members.

To Contact the Priest on Duty
Call 085 870 5840

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time the readings focus on important lessons about how we speak, act, and live as Christians.

- **The Fruit of Words:** Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 reminds us that our words reveal our true selves. Good words reflect a good heart.
- **Victory Over Death:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 talks about the triumph over death through Jesus Christ. It gives us hope and courage to stand firm in our faith.
- **Blind Leading the Blind:** In Luke 6:39, Jesus warns about the dangers of following blind guides. We must seek true wisdom and guidance in our leaders.
- **Removing the Beam:** Luke 6:41-42 teaches us to look at our own faults before judging others. Self-examination leads to true humility.
- **Good and Bad Fruit:** Luke 6:43-45 compares people to trees, saying that good trees bear good fruit. Our actions and words should show our good hearts.
- **Steadfast Labor:** 1 Corinthians 15:58 encourages us to work hard in the Lord's service. Our efforts are never in vain when done for God's glory.

Reflecting on these themes helps us grow in our faith and live better Christian lives. By aligning our words, actions, and hearts with these lessons, we can follow Christ more closely.



The Season of Lent
Ash Wednesday Masses
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church 7.20am & 9.30am
Blessed Sacrament Chapel 6pm
St. Brigid's Church Drum 7pm Clonown Church 8pm
 Ashes will be distributed **AFTER** all Masses



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

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of;
 Frank (Francis) Lennon, Curramore, Kiltoom. Brother to Jay Lennon, Gorrynagowna.
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group

AGM on Tuesday 11th of March at 8.30pm
 in Drum Parish Hall. New members most welcome.

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**.

Retreat for Women

Takes place at Our Lady Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo from 7th – 9th March, led by Louise & Frank McGuinness. Time for renewal & rest. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Healing & Confession. Meet new friends while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Mullaghmore. Cost: €260 includes full board. For more info & booking details, please see www.staroftheseacentre.com/events or email staroftheseacentre@gmail.com or call Frank or Louise on **071 9176722**.

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.
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.
2380853	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 6th March from 11am -3.30pm. *Membership is free.*

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland

Are looking for volunteers to help them with their collections in Dunnes Stores Montree, Irishtown & Harbour Place on Friday, 11th April. If you are available from 10am to 2pm or 2pm to 7pm on this date & would like to help with our collections by sitting at table with another volunteer, please email 65roses@cfireland.ie or call **01 4962433**.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

February 23rd € 1,760. Tap Machine Feb.€ 980.
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