



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

# Weekly Newsletter

March 9th 2025/ First Sunday of Lent



Please remember Pope Francis  
in your prayers.



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.  
Luke 4:1

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

### Drum Mass Intentions for March 8th to March 16th



**Sat. 8th 8 pm (CE)** Dinny Owen and Kathleen McManus, Dugra.  
**Sun. 9th 10 am (BP)** Mary and Tony Duignan, Clonbulia & deceased family members.  
**Tues. 11th 7 pm (JD)** Frank & Tessie Naughton, Doohan, and deceased family members.  
**Thurs. 13th 7 pm (JD)** Maureen Dolan, Ballinasloe. Formerly from Curraghaleen.  
**Sat. 15th 8 pm (CE)** Mary Higgins, Ardkeenán. Also, Tommy and Winnifred Higgins.  
**Sun. 16th 10 am (JD)** Anne Kelly, Thomastown - First Anniversary.

### SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 8th March to Sunday 16th March 2025

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

<b>Saturday 8th March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Kitty Mc Fadden & deceased family members.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(BP) Also Live Streamed</b> Ann Mc Donnell- Month's Mind.
<b>Sunday 9th March</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Bridie Bigley - 1st Anniversary. Thomas Grenham. Mary & Tommy Moran.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	
<b>Monday 10th March</b>	<b>7.20am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> For Peace in our World <b>Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th March</b>	<b>7.20am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> For those who are Sick
<b>Wednesday 12th March</b>	<b>7.20am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention booked.
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.</b>
<b>Thursday 13th March</b>	<b>7.20am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> The Deceased Clergy of our Parish
<b>Friday 14th March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention booked.
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Betty Doyle. Kathleen Dempsey. Margaret & Martin Doyle. Mary Ellen O'Neill & deceased family members. John (Sean) Nally. Tom O'Dowd & deceased family members.
<b>Saturday 15th March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>Sunday 16th March</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(BP) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Anne Geoghegan.

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



**March 9th 11.15am (CE)** Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh & deceased family members.  
**March 14th 8pm (CE)** For Peace in Our Hearts  
**March 16th 11.15am (BP)** Kathleen Shine, Curnaboll.

To Contact the Priest on Duty  
Call 085 870 5840

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**The 1st Sunday of Lent begins our journey through Lent. This is a time to reflect on our faith and grow closer to God.**

- **Faith and Confession:** Romans 10:9-10 emphasises the importance of confessing our faith in Jesus. This theme reminds us to openly profess our belief in Christ during Lent.
- **Temptation and Resistance:** In Luke 4:1-13, Jesus is tempted by the devil but resists. This teaches us to stand strong against temptations in our lives.
- **God's Help in Trials:** Jesus' time in the desert shows that God is with us in our struggles. We can rely on God's help when we face challenges.
- **Scripture as Guidance:** Jesus uses Scripture to counter the devil's temptations. This shows the power of God's word in guiding us and protecting us.
- **Salvation for All:** Romans 10:12-13 reminds us that salvation is available to everyone who calls on the Lord. This theme highlights the inclusiveness of God's love.
- **Offering First Fruits:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 speaks of bringing the first fruits to God as an offering. This theme encourages us to give our best to God.
- **Trust in God:** The readings emphasise trusting God in every situation. This trust is key to our faith journey during Lent.
- **Obedience to God:** Jesus' obedience to God in the desert is a model for us. We are called to obey God's will in our lives.

**By focusing on these themes, we can deepen our relationship with God.**



**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

**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael Pym**, Lisdillure, Cornafulla. **Sean Dunning**, Ballymakeegan, Longford and formerly of Clonown. **Niall Watson**, Monksland and formerly St. Coman's Park. Brother to Lesley O'Neill, Kiely and Deirdre O'Brien, Oldtown, Clonown. **Tom O'Neill**, St. Columba's Terrace. **Sr. Mary Mc Govern**, Dún Mhuire, Athlone.

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

**Monksland Community Mass**

The March Monksland Community Mass will take on Thursday night March 13th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. The theme of our Mass is "Being Reconciled"

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

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

**Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group**

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

**Mobile Library**

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 20th March from 1pm -3.30pm.

*Membership is free.*

**Taizé Prayer**

Calling all young adults (18-30) to begin your weekend with prayer at Divine Master Centre, 8 Castle street, Athlone. Every Friday 5pm to 6pm. For more information please contact Sr. Áine Lohan RSM **089 9661004.**

**Pro Life Campaign**

Would like to thank the parishioners of Clonown Church for their generous support in our recent church gate collection (Sun 2nd Mar). There was €112.40 raised.

**Drum Parish Office**

Will be closed from 7th March to 25th March.

**Cystic Fibrosis Ireland**

Are looking for volunteers to help them with their collections in Dunnes Stores Montree, Irishtown & Harbour Place on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

**March 2nd € 1,925.**

**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)*

Ss Peter & Pauls Church **IBAN** IE68 AIBK 9322 6436 857014 **BIC** AIBKIE2D  
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

**LENT; A time for getting back to basics**

**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.

**2380853** Caretaker/Grounds-person St. Francis FC.

**2382182** Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.

**2382249** Caretaker/Grounds-person

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.