



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

Weekly Newsletter

April 13th 2025/ Palm Sunday



Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. **Luke 19:38**

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

Drum Mass Intentions for April 12th to April 20th.

Sat. 12th - 8 pm (JW) Tony Whyte Snr. Thomastown.
- 1st Anniversary.
Sun. 13th - 10 am (CE) Tom Connor, Clonark and deceased
family members.
Also, Michael & Mary Allen.
Tues. 15th - 7 pm (JW) John and Andy Kenny, Dugra and
Rooskey.
Thurs. 17th - 8 pm (JW) Holy Thursday - Mass of our Lord's
Supper.
Fri. 18th - 3 pm (CE) Good Friday - The Passion of Our Lord.
7.30pm (CE) Stations of the Cross
Sat. 19th - 9 pm (JW) Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil.
Sun. 20th - 10 am (JW) Easter Sunday of
The Resurrection of the Lord.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 12th April to Sunday 20th April 2025

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

Saturday 12th April
9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
No Intention Booked.
6.30pm Vigil (CE) Also Live Streamed
Anne Mc Loughlin - Month's Mind.
Patrick (Paddy) Doolan
- 1st Anniversary.
Helen Bannon - 1st Anniversary.
Margaret Bell.
Ray Mc Carrick.

Sunday 13th April
9.00am (JD) Palm Sunday.
People of the Parish
12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
John & Mary Bridget Hurley.
John & Kitty Sloyan and great
grand-daughter Nicole Collison.
Tom Shaw.
Joe Noone.
Michael & Bridie Garrick.
Dympna Kearney Coyne.
Monday 14th April
7.20am (CE) Also Live Streamed
No Intention Booked.
9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
Mass, Novena & Benediction
No Intention Booked.
Tuesday 15th April
7.20am (CE) Also Live Streamed
No Intention Booked
9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
No Intention Booked.
Wednesday 16th April
7.20am (JW) Also Live Streamed
No Intention Booked.
9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
No intention Booked.

Easter Mass Times:

Thursday 17th April
9.30am Morning Prayer - Led by the Sister of
the Divine Master.
8.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Holy Thursday
- Mass of Our Lord's Supper.

Friday 18th April
9.30am Morning Prayer - Led by the Sister of
the Divine Master.
12.00pm Way of the Cross (St. Mary's to Ss.PP)
3.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Good Friday
- The Passion of Our Lord.

Saturday 19th April
9.00pm Vigil (JD) Easter Vigil
Also Live Streamed
No Intention booked.

Sunday 20th April
9.00am (CE) Easter Sunday of
The Lord's Resurrection.
12.00pm People of the Parish
(JD) Also Live Streamed
Mary Hanley - Month's Mind.
Frank & Nuala Larkin.
Patricia Irwin.
Marie Farrell.
Jimmy, Mary & John Sherlock.

Clonown Mass Intentions for April 13th to April 20th.



April 13th 11.15am (JW) Peter, Lena, Kathleen & Sean
Dunning, Newtown North.
April 17th 8pm (CE) Holy Thursday - Mass of our Lord's
Supper.
April 18th 3pm (JW) Good Friday - The Passion of Our Lord.
April 19th 9pm (CE) Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil.
April 20th 11.15am (CE) Easter Sunday of
The Resurrection of the Lord.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

It is a day when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His Passion.

- **Jesus as King:** Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of a humble king. The people welcome Him with shouts of joy, recognising His kingship.
- **Obedience to God's Will:** In Philippians, Paul writes about Jesus humbling Himself and becoming obedient to death. This shows Jesus' commitment to God's plan.
- **Suffering Servant:** The reading from Isaiah describes a servant who suffers and does not turn away from insults. This points to Jesus' suffering and His acceptance of it.
- **Betrayal and Loyalty:** The Gospel of Luke recounts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. These stories remind us of human weakness and the importance of loyalty to Jesus.
- **The Passion of Christ:** The Gospel reading details Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. It highlights the suffering He endured for our salvation.
- **Salvation Through Jesus:** Philippians speaks of Jesus being exalted by God and given the name above all names. This shows that through His suffering and resurrection, Jesus offers salvation to all.

**Palm Sunday invites us to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross.
It reminds us of His love, sacrifice, and the salvation He offers.**

Easter Ceremonies in the Parish of Ss. Peter & Paul, Athlone 2025

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| Holy Thursday | Morning Prayer 9.30am in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church | Mass of the Lords Supper at 8pm in all three Churches |
| Good Friday | Morning Prayer 9.30am in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church | The Way of the Cross (St. Mary's to Ss. Peter & Pauls) 12 noon |
| | The Reading of The Passion of our Lord at 3pm in all three Churches | |
| Holy Saturday | Morning Prayer 9.30am in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church | Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm in all three Churches |

Easter Collection for the support of the Clergy

On Easter Sunday, we will be taking up the Easter Collection, which is one of the four annual collections dedicated to supporting the stipends of our three priests in the parish. Your generosity during this collection directly contributes to their well-being and allows them to continue serving our community.

It is important to note that the clergy do not receive any financial assistance from the parish for essential expenses such as mobile phone costs or the purchase and maintenance of their vehicles. Your contribution, therefore, is even more vital. Our priests are deeply grateful for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement, which are invaluable to them in their ministry.

Thank you for considering a generous gift to the Easter Collection.

The Way of the Cross

On Good Friday at 12 noon We invite you to walk the way of the Cross with us from St. Mary's Church to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. *The Stations will be led by families who have had a bereavement since last Easter and we remember and pray for them in this procession.* Should the day be wet the prayers will take place inside St. Mary's Church. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Holy Places Collection on Good Friday

On April 18, 2025, at the 3pm Good Friday devotions, Catholic Churches worldwide will hold a Pontifical Good Friday Collection to support the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land, specifically aiding Christians, preserving holy sites, and providing humanitarian aid.

Please consider helping this worthy cause.

Samaritans Maytime Concert

Samaritans Maytime Concert will be held in St Brigid's GAA club on Sat 3rd May at 8pm. The Concert features Roscommon Mens Choir, St Brigid's Community choir and Ballybay National School Choir.

Tickets – Adults €15. Children €10. Mulligans Roscommon Rd,

**Samaritans are available 24 hours a day on
Freefone 116 123 24 hrs a day.**

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 |
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| 2380854 | Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall. |
| 2383872 | Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall. |
| 2382180 | Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club. |
| 2383867 | Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre. |
| 2382182 | Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns. |
| 2386397 | Caretaker/Grounds-person St. Peter's Church. |
| 2373601 | Administrator/Co. Ordinator Athlone Drug Awareness Group. |

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.

Dean Kelly N.S. School 100 Year Celebration

Calling past pupils, staff & acquaintances of Dean Kelly N.S. We are starting our preparations for our special celebration of 100 years of education. We would love if people could volunteer. We are also looking for photographs, memorabilia etc. If you can help in any way, please drop into the school or email us at **deankellyboysns@hotmail.com**

Athlone Tidy Towns

Good Friday Annual Litter Pick and Clean-up

On Good Friday 18th April, we are asking householders, families, businesses, and individuals to help in our annual **Litter Pick and Clean-up** of our town. This will greatly assist our regular volunteers, who help every week to keep Athlone neat & litter free. Thank you for your support.

St. Brigid's Church, Curraghboy.

A Holy Hour will take place on Tuesday 15th April at 8pm in St. Brigid's Church, Curraghboy. Fr. Michael Mc Manus PP. Candles will be blessed at the Holy Hour. All are welcome.

Drum Apostolic Work

Annual Raffle for Food Hampers will take place on Good Friday 18th. April. Over 20 Hampers to give away. To be in with a chance to win contact Margaret Fallon or Collette Harney. Lines €2 each or 3 for €5. **Your support would be appreciated.**

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Brenda Duffy, Meehambee.

Kitty Naughton (née Fallon), Johnstown, Cornafulla.
Maureen Kennedy (née Barry) Arcadia Court.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection
April 6th € 1,680.

**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 |