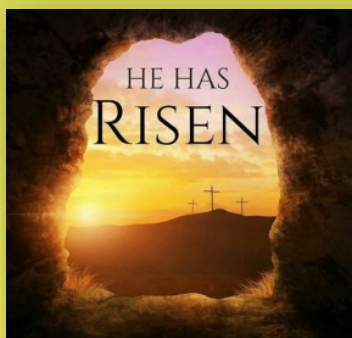




PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

April 20th 2025/ Easter Sunday



He is Risen

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

Drum Mass Intentions for April 20th to April 27th.

Sat. 19th - 9 pm (JW) Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil.
Sun. 20th - 10 am (JW) Easter Sunday of
The Resurrection of the Lord.
Tues. 22nd - 7 pm (JW) Ned, Lily and Eamon McManus,
Rooskey. Also, deceased family
members.
Thurs. 24th - 7 pm (JW) Pake Naughton and his parents
Willie and Mai, Blackstown.
Sat. 26th - 8 pm (JD) Tommy Harney, Creggane, Cornafulla.
Sun. 20th - 10 am (JW) Maura McCormack (nee Glynn) late
of Crannaghmore.
Church gate collection on 19th & 20th April for the Pro Life Campaign.
RSPCA church gate collection on 1st & 2nd March raised €175.35, your
generosity was greatly appreciated.

Wishing all our parishioners a blessed and joyful Easter!
As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, may the
triumphant spirit of this holy season fill your hearts with
renewed hope, unwavering faith, and boundless joy. May
the risen Christ illuminate your path and guide you
towards peace and love in all aspects of your lives.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 19th April to Sunday 27th April 2025

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

Saturday 19th April	9.00pm Vigil (JD) Easter Vigil Also Live Streamed For peace in our world. (CE) Easter Sunday - Easter Mass
Sunday 20th April	9.00am 12.00pm People of the Parish (JD) Also Live Streamed Easter Mass Mary Hanley - Month's Mind. Frank & Nuala Larkin. Patricia Irwin. Muriel Galbraith. Marie Farrell. Jimmy, Mary & John Sherlock. Nell, Ned, William & Anthony Mc Manus - Monksland.
Monday 21st April	9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed Mass, Novena & Benediction Michael & Bridie Nolan & deceased family members. (JD) Also Live Streamed For those who are sick. (JW) Also Live Streamed John Shine. (CE) Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (CE) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked. (CE) Also Live Streamed P.J. Kearney. (JD) Also Live Streamed Sandra De Rosa & her father Paul Gibson. Theresa Wykes.
Tuesday 22nd April	9.30am
Wednesday 23rd April	9.30am 6.00pm 7.30pm
Thursday 24th April	9.30am
Friday 25th April	9.30am
Saturday 26th April	9.30am 6.30pm Vigil (CE) Also Live Streamed Tommy & Kathleen Kenny. Mary Ann Duignan & son Tom. (JW) Also Live Streamed Mary Lynch - 1st Anniversary & her husband Jimmy. Anthony Magliocco. Lorraine Degg (née Mc Loughlin). (CE) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish (CE) Also Live Streamed Pat & Babs Treacy. Angela Coyle. Terry Byrne. Kathleen Lynch - Baylough.
Sunday 27th April	9.00am 12.00pm

Clonown Mass Intentions for April 20th to April 27th.



April 20th 11.15am (CE) Easter Sunday of
The Resurrection of the Lord.
April 27th 11.15am (JD) Willie Shine, Currnaboll.

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840 www.athloneparish.ie

Easter 2025

Dear Parishioners

As the bells of our Churches ring out across Athlone, Drum & Clonown this Easter Sunday, I, offer you a message of hope. The world around us may still face uncertainties and challenges, but the radiant truth of Easter transcends all earthly concerns. Christ is Risen! He is truly risen! This is not just a beautiful story; it is the cornerstone of our faith, the promise of eternal life, and the unwavering beacon guiding us through darkness.

Let us allow the light of the Risen Christ to illuminate our hearts, dispelling fear and doubt. May we embrace this season of renewal with renewed faith, strengthened hope, and overflowing love for God and for one another. As we gather in fellowship and prayer, let us remember those who are suffering, those who are lonely, and those who are in need. Inspired by Christ's selfless sacrifice, let us reach out to them with compassion and generosity, becoming Instruments of his peace and healing in our community and beyond. May the blessings of Easter fill your homes and families with joy, peace, and the unwavering promise of eternal life.

Happy Easter!

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.

You can return the special envelope or scan the QR Code with the camera on your device to contribute. *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.



Pilgrimages this Summer

On August 23rd 2025 we are planning a one day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Booking of places will open in June.

Youth / Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome only 5 places left, details on www.elphindiocese.ie

www.elphindiocese.ie/event/young-adult-pilgrimage-to-italy/

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome August 29th to September 3rd Full details check out

www.joewalstours.ie/tours/elphin-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome/

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes August 29th to September 3rd Full details check out

www.joewalstours.ie/tours/elphin-and-achonry-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/



Assisted Pilgrim Section. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115).

Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is Friday, 16th June 2025.

Youth Section Nominees aged between 17 and 20 are welcome to participate. Nominees must be 17 years or over on the 20th August 2025. Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. Forms are available from the local parish office. All nominees will be representing their parish and expected to participate fully in the Pilgrimage Itinerary

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.**

Comhaltas Áth Luain are hosting the Roscommon Fleadh this Easter. Fleadh dancing competitions will be held in Ballybay hall on Easter Sunday with all other competitions on Saturday and Monday in Coláiste Chiarain. Junior & senior pop up Gaeltacht, sessions, workshops and Ceilí Mór. Please see our socials Facebook & Instagram for more details.

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**.

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.
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**

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Lee Carroll, Tormey Villas & Monksland.
Marie Garrett (née O'Brien) formerly from Connaught Street.
Séan Hegarty, Parnell Square.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

April 13th €1,690.

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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Clonown Church	IBAN IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063 BIC AIBKIE2D
Support of the Priests	IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 BIC AIBKIE2D