



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

# Weekly Newsletter

April 27th 2025/ Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday



**Divine Mercy Sunday**



**Pope Francis RIP**  
**1936—2025**

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

## Drum Mass Intentions for April 26th to May 4th.

**Sat. 26th - 8 pm (JD)** Tommy Harney, Creggane, Cornafulla.  
**Sun. 27th - 10 am (JW)** Maura McCormack (nee Glynn) late  
of Crannaghmore.  
**Tues. 29th - 7 pm (JW)** Special Intention – Pope Francis.  
**Thurs. 1st - 7 pm (JW)** Tom and Mae Henry, Drumlosh &  
deceased family members.  
**Sat. 3rd - 8 pm (CE)** Liam O'Neill, Kiely.  
**Sun. 4th - 10 am (JD)** Lil Shine, Drum Road – 1st Anniversary.  
Also, her husband Donal.

**Pro Life Campaign** church gate collection on 19th & 20th  
March raised €390, your generosity was greatly appreciated.

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 26th April to Sunday 4th May 2025

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Tommy & Kathleen Kenny. Mary Ann Duignan & son Tom.
<b>26th April</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Mary Lynch - 1st Anniversary. & her husband Jimmy. Anthony Magliocco. Lorraine Degg (née Mc Loughlin).
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>27th April</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Pat & Babs Treacy. Angela Coyle. Terry Byrne. Kathleen Lynch - Baylough. Timothy Connolly.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Mass, Novena &amp; Benediction</b> For all our deceased parishioners.
<b>28th April</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> For all the sick in the Parish.
<b>29th April</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention Booked.
<b>30th April</b>		
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> For all those mourning a loss.
<b>1st May</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention Booked.
<b>2nd May</b>		
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Peter & Mary Fallon and also her brother Michael Hynes. Gerard Lennon. Lolly & Lily Earle.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> For peace in the World.
<b>3rd May</b>		
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Niall Watson - Month's Mind. The Butler Family.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>4th May</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Bridie Egan - Pearse Street.

## First Holy Communion

Please keep the pupils from our schools in your prayers as they  
receive their First Holy Communion in May starting with;  
**Saturday May 10th Ardkeen N.S.** @ 11am in St. Brigid's Church,  
Drum.  
**Saturday May 17th Cloonakilla N.S.** @ 11am in St. Peter & Paul's  
Church.  
**Saturday May 17th Summerhill N.S.** @ 11am in St. Brigid's Church,  
Drum.  
**Saturday May 24th St. Peter's & Dean Kelly N.S.** @ 11am in St. Peter &  
Paul's Church.  
**Saturday May 24th Cornafulla N.S.** @ 11am in St. Brigid's Church,  
Drum.

**May it be a very special encounter with Christ.**

## Clonown Mass Intentions for April 27th to May 4th.



<b>April</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>11.15am (JD)</b>	Willie Shine, Currnaboll.
<b>May</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>8pm (JW)</b>	First Friday.
<b>May</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>11.15am (CE)</b>	John, Kate and Mike Gavin, Cappamore & deceased family members.

**To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840**

**[www.athloneparish.ie](http://www.athloneparish.ie)**

### What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

#### Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates God's infinite mercy and forgiveness.

The readings highlight themes of faith, healing, and the importance of believing in Christ's resurrection.

- **God's Healing Power:** In Acts 5:12-16, the apostles perform many signs and wonders, showing God's healing power. This reflects how God's mercy brings physical and spiritual healing.
- **Faith in Jesus:** The Gospel of John 20:19-31 recounts Jesus appearing to Thomas, who initially doubted. It shows the importance of believing in Jesus, even without seeing Him.
- **Peace from Christ:** Jesus says, "Peace be with you," when He appears to the disciples. This peace comes from His mercy and forgiveness, calming our fears and doubts.

### Easter 2025

The Priests of the Parish wish to thank the many people who were involved in the Easter Ceremonies, Choirs, Readers, Ministers, Servers, Volunteers, Cleaners and everyone who helped make these days meaningful and Special. **THANK YOU**

#### Easter Collection for the support of the Clergy

The Priests of the Parish wish to thank those who contributed to the Easter Collection towards their Monthly Stipend. If you have not yet returned your contribution 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.*



**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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)**

[www.elphindiocese.ie/event/young-adult-pilgrimage-to-italy/](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/event/young-adult-pilgrimage-to-italy/)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome October 22nd to October 27th for full details check out**

[www.joewalshtours.ie/tours/elphin-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome/](http://www.joewalshtours.ie/tours/elphin-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome/)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes August 29th to September 3rd for full details check out**

[www.joewalshtours.ie/tours/elphin-and-achonry-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/](http://www.joewalshtours.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 to 20 are welcome to participate.** Nominees must be 17 yrs or over on the 20th Aug '25. Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. Forms are available from the local parish office & returned by **24th May'25**. All nominees will be representing their parish & 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 Men's Choir, St Brigid's Community choir & 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.**

#### Pilgrim Passport for Jubilee Year 2025

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, a 'pilgrim passport' will be available at each of the three designated national sites (**Knock Shrine, Croagh Patrick, Lough Derg**), detailing the unique elements of the pilgrimage experience at each destination. The passport will be stamped upon completion of the pilgrimage at each location. Those who complete a pilgrimage to all three sites will receive a Commemorative Lapel Pin in recognition of this achievement.

#### 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](mailto:deankellyboysns@hotmail.com)

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Philip (Phil) Casey**, Deerpark Road.  
**Padraig Naughton**, Derrynell, Athlone.  
**May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly  
Good Friday Holy Places Collection  
April 18th €1,215.**

**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

**Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.**

**John 20:29**