



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

# Weekly Newsletter

April 6th 2025/ Fifth Sunday of Lent



Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. John 8:7

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

### Drum Mass Intentions for April 5th to April 13th.

**Sat. 5th - 8 pm (JD)** Jane Moore, Meehambee - 1st Anniversary.

**Sun. 6th - 10 am (JW)** Pakie, Teresa, Michael & Christopher Harney, Clonrulla.

**Tues. 7th - 7 pm (JW)** Catherine Higgins, Curryroe, Drum.

**Thurs. 9th - 7 pm (JW)** Maisie O'Reilly, Monksland.

**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.

### SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 5th April to Sunday 13th April 2025

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

<b>Saturday 5th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention booked.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Sr. Mary McGovern - Month's mind. Mary O Connor - 1st Anniversary. Joe & Margaret Cunniffe. Margaret & Edward Mulligan. James & Jane Connaughton & Anne Moran. Francis Flynn late of Chapel Street.
<b>Sunday 6th April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish (CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Pat Coyle. Kevin Gilligan. Pat & Mary Crehan. Michael Hanley SNR.
<b>Monday 7th April</b>	<b>7.20am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention Booked.
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Mass, Novena &amp; Benediction</b> James & Lena Lennon. Frank & Delia Collins.
<b>Tuesday 8th April</b>	<b>7.20am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention Booked
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention Booked.
<b>Wednesday 9th April</b>	<b>7.20am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention Booked.
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> No intention Booked.
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(CE) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.</b>
<b>Thursday 10th April</b>	<b>7.20am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention Booked.
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention Booked.
<b>Friday 11th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Jim Crowe. John Flynn.
<b>Saturday 12th April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention booked.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b> Anne Mc Loughlin - Month's Mind. Patrick (Paddy) Doolan - 1st Anniversary. Helen Bannon - 1st Anniversary. Margaret Bell. Ray Mc Carrick.
<b>Sunday 13th April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(JD) Palm Sunday.</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish (JD) Also Live Streamed</b> John & Mary Bridget Hurley. John & Kitty Sloyan and great grand-daughter Nicole Collison. Tom Shaw. Joe Noone. Michael & Bridie Garrick.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for April 6th to April 13th.

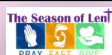


<b>April 6th</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>(JD)</b> Michael Fallon, Newtown.
<b>April 11th</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>(JW)</b> Lenten Mass.
<b>April 13th</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>(JW)</b> No Intention.

**The 5th Sunday of Lent highlights God's mercy and our journey in faith.  
The readings guide us to reflect on new beginnings and leaving behind our old ways.**

- **New Beginnings:** In Isaiah, God promises to do something new for His people. This theme reminds us that God always offers us a fresh start.
- **Forget the Past:** God tells His people to forget former things. This means we should not dwell on past mistakes but focus on the future.
- **Striving for Christ:** In Philippians, Paul talks about striving to know Christ better. This theme encourages us to make Christ the center of our lives.
- **Pressing Onward:** Paul also speaks about pressing on towards the goal. This reminds us to keep moving forward in our faith journey.
- **God's Mercy:** In the Gospel, Jesus forgives the woman caught in adultery. This theme shows that God is always ready to forgive our sins.
- **Avoiding Judgement:** Jesus tells the accusers that whoever is without sin should throw the first stone. This teaches us not to judge others, as we are all sinners.
- **Freedom from Sin:** Jesus' forgiveness brings freedom to the woman. This reminds us that God's forgiveness frees us from the burden of sin.
- **Hope for Renewal:** The readings give hope that God will renew our lives. This theme encourages us to trust in God's promises for a better future.

**The 5th Sunday of Lent reminds us to leave behind our old ways and look forward to the new life God offers.**



**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**

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

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

**Monksland Community Mass for April**

The April Mass will be held on Thursday evening next April 10th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. The Theme of our Mass will be **"Awaiting the King: Preparing Our Hearts for the Passion"**. All are welcome, Tea, scones and friendly chat afterwards

**Young Adult Pilgrimage to Italy**

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Italy 29 July - 8 August 2025 with Bishop Kevin Doran. The pilgrimage is open to 18 - 35 year olds.  
All the details and how to book are available at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)  
**This is an inter-diocesan pilgrimage for young adults living in the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin; Galway and Clonfert.**

**Athlone Little Theatre**

Athlone Little Theatre presents the witty and touching 'Chapatti' by Christian O'Reilly from April 4-11th next.  
Sunday matinee only on April 6th at 3pm.  
Book your tickets via [www.athlonelittletheatre.ie](http://www.athlonelittletheatre.ie)

**Easter fun for all the family at Athlone Castle**

Athlone Castle is delighted to celebrate the Easter Bank Holiday weekend with an exciting and fun-filled family event taking place on Easter Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Ardkeenán N.S.**

**A fundraising 6km Walk/Run on Sunday 6th April.**  
Registration at 1.30pm. **Race @ 2pm** commencing at Drum Parish Hall. €10 for adults and €5 for children. Lots of great raffle prizes on the day.  
**Your support would be greatly appreciated.**

**Drum Apostolic Work**

Annual Raffle for Food Hampers will take place on Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 greatly appreciated.**

**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.**

<b>Job Ref:</b>	<b>Position / Project Area</b>
<b>2380854</b>	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
<b>2382168</b>	Caretaker/Grounds Person Athlone Boat Club.
<b>2383872</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
<b>2382180</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
<b>2383867</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
<b>2382182</b>	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
<b>2382249</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person St. Peter's Church.
<b>2373601</b>	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.

**St. Peter's National School are Celebrating 90 years**

Join us as we celebrate our 90th anniversary with mass in St. Peter & Paul's Church on 9th April at 11am. Refreshments afterwards in St Peter's National School Hall.  
**All are 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.**

**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Rita Rowe (née Pigott)**, Auburn Heights, Athlone.  
**May she rest in the peace of Christ.**

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly**

**Offertory Collection  
March 30th € 1,725.**

**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)*

<b>Ss Peter &amp; Pauls Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE68 AIBK 9322 6436 857014 <b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>St. Brigid's Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE92 AIBK 9322 6411 809048 <b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>Clonown Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063 <b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>Support of the Priests</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 <b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D