



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

Weekly Newsletter

June 1st 2025 / Feast of the Ascension

Please keep our Exam Students in your Prayers
as they prepare for them to begin



And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but
stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

Luke 24:49

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

Drum Mass Intentions for May 31st to June 8th.



Sat. 31st - 8 pm (JW) Margaret McManus, England.
Sun. 1st - 10 am (JW) The Ascension of the Lord
Adeline Lennon Kenny, formerly
Clonbulia - **First Anniversary.**
Tues. 3rd - 7 pm (JW) Trisha Moore, Meehambee.
Thurs. 5th - 7 pm (JW) James Duffy, Clonark.
Sat. 7th - 8 pm (JW) Kathleen Griffin, Rooskey and
deceased family members.
Sun. 8th - 10 am (JW) Patrick and Kathleen Duffy, Drumlosh.
- 3 pm (JW) **Drum Heritage -**
Mass in the Cemetery.
The Open-Air Mass at Drum Old Cemetery takes place on
Sunday 8th June. Mass at 3pm. Rosary at 2.45pm.

PENTECOST

Achnarry and Elphin

PENANCE SERVICE

8th June 7.30pm

Join us in the celebration of
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

PENANCE SERVICES IN

DIOCESE OF ELPHIN:

St Anne's, Sligo
St Joseph's, Boyle
St Peter's and Paul's, Athlone
The Sacred Heart, Roscommon
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strokestown
St Patrick's, Carrleea.

DIOCESE OF ACHONRY:

Our Lady Help of Christians, Swinford
Holy Family, Kiltinagh
St Michael's, Foxford
St James', Charlestown
Cathedral of Annunciation and St Nathy, Ballaghaderreen
St John Evangelist, Tubbercurry
Immaculate Conception, Ballymote
St Brigid's, Ballisodare

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 31st May to Sunday 8th June 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
31st May	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Gabrielle (Gaye) Gaffey.
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
1st June	12.00pm	(JW) The Ascension of the Lord For the success of the Priests retreat.
Monday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Mass, Novena & Benediction Teresa Waters.
2nd June	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed For our deceased parishioners.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed For Peace in our world.
3rd June	9.30am	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed For respect for all human life.
4th June	6.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Dean Kelly Reunion Mass.
Thursday	9.30am	Mike & Ciss Galvin and deceased family members.
5th June	9.30am	Sonny & Peggy Duff, Baylough.
Friday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Frank Norton - Month's Mind.
6th June	7.30pm	Gerard Lennon. Martin Downey.
Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
7th June	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Kevin Duffy.
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
8th June	12.00pm	(JW) Pentecost Sunday Rose Wall. Sean Mc Cann.

St. Peter & Paul's Church Choir

Are looking for new members to join the choir. If you
are interested please contact PJ Stacey **087 2486206.**

Clonown Mass Intentions for May 31st to June 8th.

OUR LADY
OF THE
WAYSIDE

June	1st	11.15am (JD) The Ascension of the Lord Tommy Grenham, Buggane and deceased family members.
June	6th	8pm (JW) Annie O'Boyle, formerly St. Coman's Park.
June	8th	11.15am (JD) Joe Egan, Callowbeg.

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

**The Ascension of the Lord celebrates Jesus' return to heaven after His resurrection.
It highlights the completion of His mission on earth and the promise of His return.**

- **Jesus' Mission Fulfilled:** Jesus completed His work on earth, and now He returns to the Father. The first reading from Acts shows this moment as He ascends into heaven.
- **Promise of the Holy Spirit:** Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to His disciples before He ascends. This is highlighted in the first reading from Acts, where He tells them they will receive power from the Holy Spirit.
- **Hope of Eternal Life:** Jesus' ascension gives hope that we too will be with Him in heaven. The second reading from Hebrews speaks of Jesus entering heaven to appear before God for us.
- **Confidence in Prayer:** Because Jesus is in heaven, we can approach God with confidence. The second reading from Hebrews encourages us to draw near to God with a sincere heart.
- **Jesus' Return:** The ascension reminds us that Jesus will come again. The first reading from Acts tells the disciples that Jesus will return in the same way He ascended.
- **Mission of the Church:** The disciples are called to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. This mission is given to them in the first reading from Acts before Jesus ascends.
- **Worship and Joy:** The disciples worshiped Jesus and were filled with joy after the ascension. The Gospel reading from Luke shows them returning to Jerusalem with great joy.

**The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord encourages us to trust in Jesus' promises and look forward to His return.
It also reminds us of our mission to share His message with the world.**

Pilgrimages this Summer

Youth / Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome, details on www.elphindiocese.ie

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

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

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes August 29th to September 3rd for 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.

Daughters of Charity

We welcome Sr. Geraldine Henry from the Daughters of Charity in conjunction with Vincentian Lay Missionaries VLM who will be visiting our churches during the weekend of 31st May.

Dean Kelly N.S. School 100 Year Celebration

Calling past pupils, staff & acquaintances of Dean Kelly N.S.

We are hosting a special celebration in the Shamrock Lodge hotel on **Sunday 1st June @ 8pm**. Reconnect with old friends, enjoy some music and light refreshments. Tickets are €10. Available from the school, hotel or Eventbrite. There will be a past pupils Football Match on **1st June @ 11am** in St. Peter's FC, contact Noelle **087 4175893**.

We will also have a celebration mass in Ss. Peter & Paul's 6th June @ 9.30am church followed by a celebration in the school.

Midlands Polish Community CLG

Is inviting all the families and children to come and enjoy the afternoon in Drum Community Centre, Athlone & celebrate International Children's Day! Lots of attractions for children & families are being prepared e.g. mural painting workshop, archery workshop, gaming van, pick ladies glam van, arts & crafts workshop and more! **Monday 2nd June - June Bank Holiday Monday from 1pm to 5pm.** Free entry and car park. All children who pay €10 for a wristband which allows them to enjoy all attractions throughout the day. More information on www.polishcommunity.ie

Athlone Pop Up Gaeltacht

Presents a special free event on June 8th at 8pm in the Snug Bar, an evening in conversation with renowned musician and songwriter Rónán Ó Snodaigh. Booking by emailing athlonegaeltacht@gmail.com

**Athlone Deanery One Day Pilgrimage To Lough Derg
(St. Patrick's Purgatory) Saturday 23rd August 2025**

Pick ups at Ss. Peter & Paul's, Kiltoom and Knockcroghery Churches

PREBOOKING YOUR PLACE IS ESSENTIAL

Cost €50 per person - pay on the day, cash please.

Price includes Bus and admission to Island

Spiritual Director Fr. Joseph Curate, Drum, Athlone 090-6437125

To book or enquire Email; loughderg@athloneparish.ie

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

2389572 Caretaker/Grounds person
Clonown Church & Parish Hall.

2389578 Caretaker/Grounds-person
Drum Church & Parish Hall.

2389582 Caretaker/Grounds-person
Gentex Football Club.

2392596 Caretaker/Grounds-person
Monksland Community Centre.

2389585 Environmental Worker
Monksland Tidy Towns.

2392173 Caretaker/Grounds-person
St. Peter's Church.

2389762 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.

BUS TO KNOCK

For the all Ireland Rosary Rally, Saturday 7th June, leaving St. Mary's Church at 10.30am. Booking essential contact Caroline **0861960256**.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Patrick Murphy, Kinawley, Fermanagh.
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offerory Collection

May 25th € 1,845.

**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