

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

Monday

2nd June

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(attended at Mass times only)

Christine Kenny & Sandra Daly 090 6494 150

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.

PENANCE SERVICES IN
DIOCESE OF ELPHIN: St. Anne's, Signo
St. Toospi's, Boyle

9th June 720nm

8th June 7.30pm

Join us in the celebration of The Sacrament of Reconciliation DIOCESE OF ACHONE

St Anne's, Silgo St Joseph's, Boyle Ss Peter's and Paul's, Athlone The Sacred Heart, Roscommon Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strokestow.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Swinford Holy Family, Kiltimagh

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St Michael's, Foxford
St James', Charlestown
Cathedral of Annunciation and St
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
1st June
9.00am
(JD) Also Live Streamed
People of the Parish
(JW) The Ascension of the Lord
For the success of the Priests

9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed

Mass, Novena & Benediction Teresa Waters.

retreat.

Tuesday 9.30am
3rd June
Wednesday 9.30am
4th June
6.00pm
(JW) Also Live Streamed
For our deceased parishioners.
(JW) Also Live Streamed
For Peace in our world.
(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Thursday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
5th June For respect for all human life.
(JW) Also Live Streamed
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Dean Kelly Reunion Mass.

Mike & Ciss Galvin and deceased

family members. Sonny & Peggy Duff, Baylough.

7.30pm (JD) Also Live Streamed

Frank Norton - Month's Mind.

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

People of the Parish
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 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.

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.

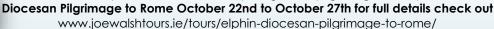
- Jesus' Mission Fulfilled: Jesus completed His work on earth, and now He returns to the Father. The first reading from Acts shows this moment as He ascends into heaven.
- Promise of the Holy Spirit: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to His disciples before He ascends. This is highlighted in the first reading 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

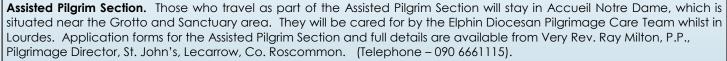
Youth / Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome, details on www.elphindiocese.ie

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





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



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 Noelie 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.

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

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. Administrator/Co. Ordinator 2389762

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 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.

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

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.

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 Offertory 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) Ss Peter & Pauls Church IBAN IE68 AIBK 9322 6436 857014 BIC AIBKIE2D IBAN 1E92 AIBK 9322 6411 809048 BIC AIBKIE2D St. Brigid's Church IBAN 1E46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063 BIC AIBKIE2D Clonown Church Support of the Priests IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 BIC AIBKIE2D