



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

# Weekly Newsletter

May 18th 2025/ Fifth Sunday of Easter



This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. *John 13:35*

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

## Drum Mass Intentions for May 17th to May 25th.

**Sat. 17th - 11am** First Holy Communion – Summerhill N.S.  
- 8 pm (JD) Annie Hogg, Crannaghmore.

**Sun. 18th - 10 am (JW)** Maura Meehan, Ardbrae Park, Athlone.

**Tues. 20th - 7 pm (JW)** Betty Cuniffe, Clonown.  
Pat, Catherine, Ned and Bridget Murray.

**Thurs. 22nd - 7 pm (JW)** Tom and Kathleen Nicholson, Cornafulla South.

**Sat. 24th - 11am** First Holy Communion – Cornafulla N.S.  
- 8 pm (CE) John Bohan, Gorrynagowna.

**Sun. 25th - 10 am (JD)** Kathleen & Johnny Naughton, Clonellán. Also, grandson Archie Naughton & dec. family members.

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 17th May to Sunday 25th May 2025

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

<b>Saturday 17th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion - Cloonakilla NS.</b>
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Sean Hegarty - <b>Month's Mind.</b>
		Elizabeth (Liz) Shiel - <b>1st Anniversary.</b>
		Larry, Joe & Jimmy Blackweir.
		Sydney Slamon - Baylough & Slamon and Lavell families.
<b>Sunday 18th May</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>
		Jimmy Lennon - 32 St. Coman's Pk.
		Michael Hannon & his daughter Mary & grandson Michael Francis Quain.
<b>Monday 19th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		<b>Mass, Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
		Jackie, Maureen, Frank, Martina & Sean Dowling.
<b>Tuesday 20th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Mary, Joseph & Noel O'Connor.
		Francis & Andy Mc Carthy and deceased members of the Blackweir & O'Connor families.
<b>Wednesday 21st May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.</b>
<b>Thursday 22nd May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
		No Intention Booked.
<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Frank Sumner - <b>Month's Mind.</b>
		Phyllis Ruane.
		Christine (Chrissy) Lennon.
		Enda Fallon, Connaught Gardens.
<b>Saturday 24th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(CE) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Rita Rowe - Month's Mind.</b>
		<b>First Holy Communion - Dean Kelly &amp; St. Peter's N.S.</b>
	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
		Phil Casey - <b>Month's Mind.</b>
		Tom Egan.
<b>Sunday 25th May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish (JW) Also Live Streamed</b>
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## First Holy Communion

Please keep the pupils from our schools in your prayers as they receive their First Holy Communion in May;  
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 May 18th to May 25th.



**May 18th 11.15am (JW)** Tommy and Frank Ward, Currnaboll.

**May 25th 11.15am (CE)** Teresa and Tom Lennon, Oldtown and deceased family members.

**Church gate collection on 25th May in aid of Roscommon SPCA.**

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840 [www.athloneparish.ie](http://www.athloneparish.ie)

**The 5th Sunday of Easter focuses on the growth of the early Church and Jesus' command to love one another.**

- **Spreading the Gospel:** Acts 14:21-27 shows Paul and Barnabas spreading the good news. This theme emphasizes the importance of sharing our faith with others.
- **Endurance in Faith:** Paul and Barnabas encourage believers to remain true to the faith despite hardships. This reminds us to stay strong in our faith through difficulties.
- **New Creation:** Revelation 21:1-5A speaks of a new heaven and a new earth. This theme assures us of God's promise to make all things new.
- **God's Presence:** In Revelation, God dwells with His people. This theme highlights the closeness of God and His presence in our lives.
- **Love One Another:** John 13:34-35 emphasizes Jesus' command to love one another. This theme is central to Christian life and shows how we should treat others.
- **Glorifying God:** Jesus speaks of being glorified in John 13:31-33A. This theme teaches us to honour God in all we do.
- **Community Support:** The early Church supported each other as seen in Acts. This theme reminds us to help and support one another in our faith journeys.

**These themes encourage us to live out our faith in practical ways.**

**They remind us of the importance of love, community, and the hope we have in God's promises.**

**Thanksgiving Mass For Fr. Christopher**

As Fr. Christopher prepares to return to Nigeria we invite you to join us for A Mass of Thanksgiving for his time in Athlone. The Mass will be in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone On Wednesday May 21st, 2025, at 7.30pm All are welcome

**A Basket will be available for those of you who wish to be part of a presentation to Fr. Christopher**

**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, 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.

**Athlone Choral Society**

Are delighted to announce details of this year's annual Summer concert on Sunday 18th May 2025 in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Athlone. Doors open 5.30pm | Concert starts 6pm. Admission: €15. With Special Guests: Daren Lane & Méli Mélo (coming from Chateaubriand, France).

**The FREE annual Disability and Older people's services and information event**

is taking place on Monday 19th May from 10.00am to 1.30pm in the Bloomfield House Hotel Mullingar Co. Westmeath. All welcome. For further information please contact Linda-Jo Quinn at Westmeath Community Development 087 250 0161. To book your place ring WCD reception on **044 93 48571**.

**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**.

**Short breaks Scheme**

Would you be interested in providing home from home short breaks for children & adults who have an intellectual disability? Brothers of Charity Services Ireland, Homeshare Roscommon are recruiting host carers. For further information on what is involved, please email [Homeshareroscommon@bocsi.ie](mailto:Homeshareroscommon@bocsi.ie) or phone Catherine on **090 6628500 / 087 2126607**.

**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
<b>2389572</b>	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
<b>2389578</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
<b>2389582</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
<b>2383867</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
<b>2389585</b>	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
<b>2386397</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person St. Peter's Church.
<b>2389762</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.

**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the souls of

**Michael Cahill**, Barrybeg.

**Frank Norton**, formerly Ava Maria Row.

**Joseph (Joe Ball) O'Neill**, St. Anne's Terrace.

**Aodhán Ó Faoláin** - Dublin / (Summerhill, Athlone).

**May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

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

**Offertory Collection**

**May 11th €1,975.**

**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**