



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

Weekly Newsletter

May 25th 2025/ Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. *John 14:26*

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

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



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.
Tues. 27th - 7 pm (JW) Anne and John O'Neill, Clonellán &
deceased family members.
Thurs. 29th - 7 pm (JW) Mary Dolan & her son Joe Dolan
- **First Anniversary**, Curraghaleen.
Sat. 31st - 11am (JW) Kitty Naughton, Johnstown
- **Month's Mind**.
- 8 pm (JD) Margaret McManus, England.
Sun. 1st - 10 am (JD) Adeline Lennon Kenny, formerly
June - The Ascension Clonbulia - **First Anniversary**.

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

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

Saturday	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Rita Rowe - Month's Mind . First Holy Communion - Dean Kelly & St. Peter's N.S.
24th May	11am	6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed Phil Casey - Month's Mind . Tom Egan.
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
25th May	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Greta Chawauskiene - First Anniversary .
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mass, Novena & Benediction For all who find life difficult.
26th May		(JD) Also Live Streamed Private Intention.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed Birthday remembrance for Corey & Alex O'Meara.
27th May		(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed For all those who are sick in the parish.
28th May	6.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Hugh & Josie O'Neill.
Thursday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mary Dolly Casey. Colin & Kevin Casey. Kathleen & George Newman. Tom Egan & deceased family. Mick, Delia, Ann & Leo Mullin. John & Elizabeth Ruane.
29th May		
Friday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
30th May	7.30pm	6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed Gabrielle (Gaye) Gaffey.
Saturday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
31st May		(JD) The Ascension of the Lord For all those who are mourning a loss.
Sunday	9.00am	
1st June	12.00pm	

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 18th to May 25th.



May	25th	11.15am (CE) Teresa and Tom Lennon, Oldtown & deceased family members.
May	28th	7.30pm (JD) Diamond Jubilee for Clonown Church.
June	1st	11.15am (JW) The Ascension of the Lord Tommy Grenham, Buggane 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

The 6th Sunday of Easter brings us closer to the heart of the early Church's journey.

It invites us to reflect on key themes from the Mass readings and consider how they apply to our lives.

- **Unity in Faith:** The first reading shows the early Church dealing with disagreements. It reminds us that unity in faith requires listening and compromise.
- **Guidance of the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit helps guide the decisions of the apostles. We see how the Holy Spirit still guides the Church today.
- **New Jerusalem:** The second reading describes the vision of the New Jerusalem. It represents the hope and promise of a future with God.
- **God's Presence:** In Revelation, we learn there is no need for a temple because God's presence is everywhere. This shows us that God is always with us.
- **Obedience to Jesus:** The Gospel speaks about keeping Jesus' word as a sign of love. Obeying Jesus' teachings brings us closer to Him.
- **Gift of Peace:** Jesus promises peace. This peace is different from what the world offers and calms our hearts.

These themes highlight important lessons for our faith journey.

The 6th Sunday of Easter encourages us to seek unity, listen to the Holy Spirit, and embrace the peace Jesus gives us.

Wishing Fr. Christopher well as he returns home

Fr. Christopher will depart from Athlone tomorrow (Monday) to return to his Order (*The Missionaries of St. Paul*) in Nigeria. He has been working in our Diocese since the dark days of Covid, being Parish Priest in Athleague before coming to Athlone. We thank him for sharing his deep spirituality and insights with us since he came to our Parish in August of Last Year.

Please keep Fr. Christopher in your prayers as he begins the next stage of his ministry.

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.joewalshstours.ie/tours/elphin-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome/

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

www.joewalshstours.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.

Diamond Jubilee of Clonown Church

Clonown Church was opened sixty years ago and we will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in May. **There will be a concelebrated Mass in the church on Wednesday 28th May @ 7.30 pm.** Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the community centre. Many Clonown people will remember the opening of the church by Bishop Hanley in 1965. People who have left the area may be very welcome to be part of the celebration. Invite friends and relatives to come.

Athlone Deanery One Day Pilgrimage To Lough Derg

(St. Patrick's Purgatory) Saturday August 23rd 2025

Cost € 50 per person Including 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.
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.

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 reunion in the school on **6th June @ 9.30am** with mass in Ss. PP. followed by a celebration in the school.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Eileen Reilly (née Dunning), formerly Bealnamulla.

Mary Horan, Station Road, Moate.

Helen McCloskey (née Cunningham), UK, formerly, Duogue.

Martin Casserly, Galway / Athlone.

Bob (Robert) Gilhooly, Slí an Aifrinn.

Ann Gallagher, Crossmolina, Mayo.

Pat Tobin, Monksland.

Michael Keena, Moynure, Cornafulla.

Jimmy Hussey, Parnell Square.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offerory Collection

May 18th € 1,630.

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

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