



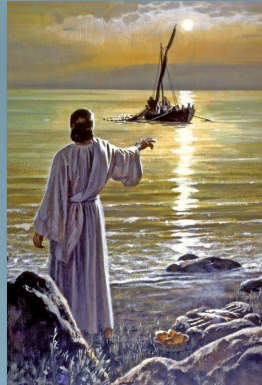
PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

May 4th 2025/ Third Sunday of Easter



And none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they realized it was the Lord. John 21:1



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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

Drum Mass Intentions for May 3rd to May 11th.

Sat. 3rd - 8 pm (CE) Liam O'Neill, Kietly.
Sun. 4th - 10 am (JD) Lil Shine, Drum Road – 1st Anniversary.
Also, her husband Donal.
Tues. 6th - 7 pm (JW) Thomas and Mary Lennon, Clonbulia.
Bridie Mc Phillips (née Lennon) & her husband John and deceased family members.
Thurs. 8th - 7 pm (JW) Lisa Dolan, Clonark, her grandparents Annie & Patrick Dolan.
Sat. 10th - 11am **First Holy Communion – Ardkeen N.S.**
- 8 pm (JW) James and Martin Kelly, Clonbulia.
Also, parents John & Ellen Kelly.
Sun. 4th - 10 am (CE) Gerry Collins, Rooskey – 1st Anniversary.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 3rd May to Sunday 11th May 2025

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

Saturday 3rd May	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed For peace in the World.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Niall Watson - Month's Mind. The Butler Family.
Sunday 4th May	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Bridie Egan - Pearse Street.
Monday 5th May	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mass, Novena & Benediction Private Intention.
Tuesday 6th May	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed For all who find life difficult.
Wednesday 7th May	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed For all our Defence Forces working in the line of duty here and overseas.
	6.00pm	(CE) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday 8th May	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Frank & Delia Brooks.
Friday 9th May	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Mary, Maisie & Pat Mc Guire. Eileen Nolan, Helen & George Mc Guire. Kate & John Fitzmaurice.
	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Paddy, Elizabeth, Brendan & PJ Cannon. Bill, Agnes & Michael Stacey. Chrissie & Jim Byrne. Carmel, Tom, Rose & Willie Milton.
Saturday 10th May	9.30am	(CE) Also Live Streamed Bernie King - 1st Anniversary. Ned & Esther Egan & deceased family members.
	6.30pm Vigil	(CE) Also Live Streamed For all our parishioners living overseas.
Sunday 11th May	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Thomas & Elizabeth Studdert. Larry Fagan.

First Holy Communion

Please keep the pupils from our schools in your prayers as they receive their First Holy Communion in May starting with;
Saturday May 10th **Ardkeen N.S.** @ 11am in St. Brigid's Church, Drum.
Saturday May 17th **Clonakilla N.S.** @ 11am in St. Peter & Paul's Church.
Saturday May 17th **Summerhill N.S.** @ 11am in St. Brigid's Church, Drum.
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 4th to May 11th.

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May 4th	11.15am (CE)	John, Kate and Mike Gavin, Cappamore & deceased family members.
May 11th	11.15am (JW)	Margaret and Michael Fallon, Carricknaughton & deceased family members.

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

The 3rd Sunday of Easter readings remind us of the joy and responsibility that come with following Jesus.

- **Obedience to God:** The apostles insisted on obeying God rather than men, even when faced with persecution. This teaches us the importance of putting God's will first in our lives.
- **Joy in Suffering:** The apostles rejoiced in their suffering for Jesus. This shows us that suffering for our faith is a reason for joy and not despair.
- **Worship of the Lamb:** In Revelation, countless angels and all creatures worship the Lamb. This reminds us that Jesus deserves all honour and glory from every part of creation.
- **Love for Jesus:** Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. This highlights the importance of affirming our love for Jesus and the call to show it through our actions.
- **Caring for Others:** Jesus told Peter to take care of His followers. This directs us to care for our fellow Christians as an expression of our love for Jesus.
- **Jesus' Guidance:** Jesus guided the disciples to a miraculous catch of fish. This illustrates that following Jesus' guidance leads to abundance and success in our spiritual journey.

**These themes from the 3rd Sunday of Easter help us understand our faith more deeply.
They encourage us to live with joy, love, and dedication to Jesus.**

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 only 5 places left, 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.

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.

Dean Kelly N.S. School 100 Year Celebration

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

We are hosting a reunion while also having a special celebration of 100 years of education in the Shamrock Lodge hotel on Sunday 1st June. 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**.

Bus departs Coosan Church at 8.30am for **Pro Life Campaign's March For Life**, 2pm Bank Holiday Mon 5th May 2025, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, preceded by Mass at 12.30pm at Newman University Church. Bus Fare €30. Book a seat by contacting Siobhan on **083 0254 809**.

Five Rivers Fostering

Five Rivers Fostering is looking for caring individuals and couples from all backgrounds, stages of life and nationalities that are interested in becoming foster carers. Do you have space in your heart and home to foster a child?

If you would like to discuss your interest, and find out about the different types of fostering we offer please contact Claire Grant at **086 0785689** or our Northwest office **074 911 6087** or email foster@fiveriversfostering.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.
2383867	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
2389585	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2386397	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.

Mary's Meals

Would like to thank all those who supported our walk to Clonmacnoise on Easter Sunday & for all the generous donations received. To donate online www.marysmeals.ie.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Frank Sumner, The Moorings.

Paulette Fagan (née O'Hara), formerly St. Anne's Terrace.

Joan Harding (née Mc Carrick), formerly Athlone.

Damien Kelly, Crannaghmore.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

April 27th € 1, 635.

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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Support of the Priests IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 BIC AIBKIE2D

Please pray for the Cardinals as they begin the Conclave on Wednesday to select our next Pope.