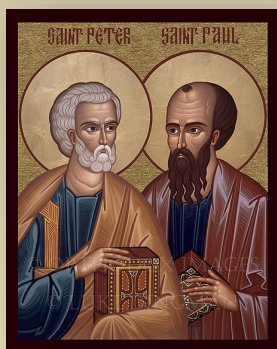




PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

June 29th 2025 / Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul



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

Drum Mass Intentions for June 28th - July 6th.



Sat. 28th - 8 pm (JD) Rose Lawless, Cornafulla South.
Sonny & Bridget Lawless.
Pat & Ellen Shine, Drumlosh.
Sun. 29th - 10 am (JD) Francis & Mary Ann Henry, Clonellan.
Also, parents James and Mary.
Tues. 1st - 7 pm (JD) No Intention Booked.
Thurs. 3rd - 7 pm (JW) Cathriona Meehan, Liberty.
Sat. 5th - 8 pm (JW) Tom, Kathleen and John Shine.
Crannaghmore.
Sun. 6th - 10 am (JW) Gloria Walshe, Crannaghbeg.

Clonown Cemetery Mass

in Clonown on Sunday 6th July @11.15 a.m.
Weather permitting

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th June to Sunday 6th July 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed For peace in our world.
28th June	6.30pm Vigil	(BP) Also Live Streamed Paddy Moran - 1st Anniversary. Stafford & Justin Golden. Christy Barry.
Sunday	9.00am	(BP) Also Live Streamed
29th June	12.00pm	People of the Parish (JD) Also Live Streamed Ray Fallon. Larry & Martina Hayes and Lorna Carty.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
30th June		Mass, Novena & Benediction No Intention Booked
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
1st July		Birdie and Joe Glennon
Wednesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
2nd July		Sr. Angela Forde
Thursday	6.00pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
3rd July	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked
Friday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
4th July	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed The Gilligan Family, Sean Fallon and deceased members of the Mulkerrins Family, William, Elizabeth and Peggy Ryan and dec members of the Ryan and Enright Families, Kathleen McCormack, Michael Woods.
Saturday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed For all who are sick
5th July	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Agnieszka Wazydrag (Months Mind Tommy Wall (1st Anniv) Johnny Shine Michael Shine)
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
6th July	12.00pm	People of the Parish (JW) Also Live Streamed James, Anne, Desmond, Terry, Charlotte and Margaret Whelan and Jim Caffrey. Mary Lennon and her daughter Catherine. Tina Kildea,

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Office
will be closed from 25th June to 4th July.
If you have any queries, please contact Catherine
in the Drum Office 090 6437125.

Clonown Mass Intentions for June 29th - July 6th.



June 29th	11.15am (BP)	Tim, Laurence, Mary and Paddy Geoghegan, Pidgeon Field and deceased family members.
July 4th	7.30pm (JW)	Tom and Mary Shine, Deerpark, Athlone. Also, Norma and Niall.
July 6th	11.15am (JD)	Mass In the Cemetery.

Annual Cemetery Mass in Clonown on Sunday 6th July
@11.15 a.m.

Webcam: www.churchservices.tv/athlone

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

Saints Peter and Paul: Lessons for Everyday Faith

The lives of Peter and Paul teach us that God can use anyone to do His work. Peter was an ordinary fisherman, and Paul started as someone who opposed Christians. Both became leaders of the Church. This reminds us that no matter our past or weaknesses, we can serve God if we are willing to follow Him.

Peter's life teaches us about trust and forgiveness. He made mistakes, like when he denied Jesus three times. But Peter repented and accepted Jesus' forgiveness. He went on to lead the early Church with courage. This shows us that failure is not the end. When we turn back to God, He gives us another chance.

Paul's life shows the power of change. He was once an enemy of Christians, but after his conversion, he became one of the greatest missionaries. Paul reminds us that God's grace can change even the hardest hearts. No one is too far away from God to come back to Him.

Both Peter and Paul show us how to be brave in our faith. They faced threats, prison, and even death, but they kept preaching the Gospel. Their courage inspires us to stand firm in our beliefs, even when it is not easy.

Another lesson from their lives is the importance of working together. Peter and Paul had different missions and sometimes disagreed. But they worked for the same goal: spreading the message of Jesus. They remind us that unity is more important than differences.

The examples of Peter and Paul teach us to trust God, seek forgiveness, be open to change, and stay strong in faith. Their lives encourage us to live with purpose and to share the message of Jesus with others.

Annual Mass of the Angels

The Annual Mass of the Angels will be held on **Wednesday August 20th in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 7.30 at pm.** The Celebrant this year will be Bishop Kevin Doran. After the Mass we will unveil and bless a memorial in the church grounds to remember the little ones called home too soon.

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

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

PRE-BOOKING YOUR PLACE IS ESSENTIAL Cost €50 per person - pay on the day, cash please.

Bus Pick up at Ss. Peter & Paul's , Kiltoom & Knockcroghery Church's

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.

First Friday Holy Communion Calls

We would like to hear from anyone in the parish who would like to be added to the monthly Holy Communion Call list.

Please contact the parish office **090 - 6492171.**

APOSTOLIC WORK:

Annual display day on Sunday 29th June in Four Mile House Community Centre, F42 N277. Doors open @12 noon. Mass with Bishop Kevin Doran @ 2pm followed by distribution of funds & light refreshments. **All supporters & friends are invited to attend.**

St. Peter's Pence Collection

Today 29th June, the Church around the world celebrates the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul and this day will also see the traditional Peter's Pence collection take place at Mass. As with every year, every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. As Peter's Pence is a concrete way to support Pope Leo in his mission of service to the universal Church, your contribution is gratefully received and appreciated. Further information available from the official website www.obolodiSanPietro.va

All Ireland Rally for Life 2025

Rally for Life takes place on Saturday 5th July commencing at 1.30pm at Parnell Square, Dublin. details: email info@rallyforlife.net

Elphin & Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Elphin & Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday, 17th August 2025. There will also be a Family Day on the same date offering various activities for families with children of all ages. The dioceses extend a special invitation to altar servers in our parishes to join the pilgrimage along with their families.

For more details about the Family Day visit www.knockshrine.ie

Elphin & Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Elphin & Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 29th August to 3rd September 2025. Application forms for the **Assisted Pilgrim Section** are available from Fr. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon (090 6661115). **Nominations for the Youth Section are being sought from parishes for young people aged 17 to 20 years to participate in the pilgrimage. Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. Forms available from the local parish office.** For all other enquiries contact: Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800 or email info@joewalshstours.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
2395718	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2395979	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2395711	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2392596	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
2395624	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.

St. Bridget's Church Drum.

Have a vacancy for a Part-Time Sacristan. If you are interested please contact the Drum parish office **090 6437125.**

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Florence (Florrie) Cribbon (née Cunningham), St. Anne's Tec.

Josephine (Josie) Quigley (née Boyne), Iona Park.

Patrick J Henry, Battery Road.

Imelda Horan (née O'Brien) Lakeview Roscommon Rd.

Rosemary Aldridge (née Fallon), UK, formerly Talbot Avenue.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday June 22nd € 1,540. Tap Machine June €720.

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