



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

Weekly Newsletter

June 8th 2025 / Pentecost Sunday

Please keep our Exam Students in your Prayers



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

Drum Mass Intentions for May 31st to June 8th.



Sat. 7th - 8 pm (JW) Kathleen Griffin, Rooskey and deceased family members.
Sun. 8th -10 am (JW) **Pentecost Sunday**
Patrick and Kathleen Duffy, Drumlosh.
- 3 pm (JW) **Drum Heritage - Mass in the Cemetery.**
Tues. 10th - 7 pm (JW) Jimmy Moore, Meehambee.
Thurs. 12th - 7 pm (JW) Kathleen Henry, Johnstown and deceased members of the Henry & Keogh families.
Sat. 14th -11 am (JW) Aodhán O'Faoláin, Dublin/Summerhill - **Month's Mind.**
- 8 pm (SE) Mary & James Dooley, Sligo/Athlone and deceased members of the Dooley & O'Dwyer families.
Sun. 15th -10 am (SE) Tommy & Nancy McDonnell, Clonark.
The Open-Air Mass at Drum Old Cemetery takes place on Sunday 8th June.
Mass at 3pm. Rosary at 2.45pm.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 7th June to Sunday 15th June 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
7th June	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Joseph (Joe Ball) O'Neill - Month's Mind. Kevin Duffy.
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Pentecost Sunday
8th June	12.00pm	People of the Parish (JW) Also Live Streamed Rose Wall. Sean Mc Cann.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mass, Novena & Benediction John, Ellen & Elizabeth Rushe & deceased members of the Rushe & Quinn families.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed For all those doing exams.
10th June	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed For peace in our world.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
11th June	6.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed For all those who are sick at home or in hospital.
Thursday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed For the Clergy in our parish.
12th June	7.30pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed John, Betty & Sean Costello. Joe Joyce. Mr. & Mrs. Ward. Tony Joyce. Paddy & Eileen Kelly.
Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed For all those who find life difficult.
14th June	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed For all Father's past & present.
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
15th June	12.00pm	(SE) Also Live Streamed Michael Cahill - Month's Mind. Damian (Damo) Kelly - Month's Mind. Roseleen Conway.

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**.

Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday June 22nd

*Eucharistic Processions after the 6.30pm & 8pm Vigil Masses
and after the 11.15am Mass in Clonown.*

Clonown Mass Intentions for June 8th - June 15th.



June 8th	11.15am (JD)	Pentecost Sunday Joe Egan, Callowbeg.
June 15th	11.15am (JW)	Willie Greene, Cappamore and deceased family members.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE

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

Pentecost is a time to reflect on the Holy Spirit and its impact on the early Church and our lives today.

The readings focus on the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

- **Coming of the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles as tongues of fire. This event marks the birth of the Church and empowers the apostles to preach.
- **Unity in Diversity:** People from different nations hear the apostles speaking in their own languages. The Holy Spirit unites people despite their differences.
- **Life in the Spirit:** Paul teaches that living according to the Spirit leads to life. The Spirit gives us strength to overcome sin and live righteously.
- **Adoption as God's Children:** We are adopted as God's children through the Holy Spirit. This means we can call God "Abba, Father" and share in His inheritance.
- **Role of the Advocate:** Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as an Advocate who will be with us always. The Spirit teaches and reminds us of Jesus' words.
- **Witnessing the Mighty Acts of God:** The apostles speak of God's mighty acts in different languages. This shows the universal message of God's salvation.

Pentecost highlights the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

These themes remind us of the Spirit's role in our lives and the unity it brings to believers.

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

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

PRE-BOOKING 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

Pentecost Collection

The Pentecost Collection for the support of the priests in the parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. This is one of four collections each year to support the monthly stipends of the priests. To support this collection you can return your envelope at Mass or online by scanning the QR code with the camera of your device. **We thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.**



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.

Car Parking at Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

A friendly reminder to all who use the car park at Ss. Peter and Paul's Church: this space is primarily intended for those visiting the church. We have noticed an increase in all-day parking, particularly from individuals heading to work in the surrounding areas.

We kindly request that you be mindful of those who need to access the church, especially our elderly and less mobile parishioners.

Alternative parking options, including three public car parks near the courthouse, are readily available.

Your consideration in finding a more suitable long-term parking solution will help us avoid implementing restrictive measures like pay parking or clamping, which we would prefer to avoid. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring the car park remains accessible for its intended purpose.

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.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/

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.

There are some places still available in the **Youth Section** to Lourdes, if interested please contact Marie Doorly **086 8095335.**



Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Agnieszka Wazydrag, Cluainbroc, Athlone.
May she rest in the peace of Christ.

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.

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.

Abbey Road Artists' Studios

Is now accepting studio residency applications for short term rent, available immediately up until 24th August 2025.
This is a fantastic opportunity for visual artists in any discipline to work in a dedicated space in Athlone town. Deadline to apply: Tuesday 10th June. For full details of the application procedure: <http://www.athloneartsandtourism.ie/opportunities/>

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offerory Collection

June 1st € 1,450.

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