



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

Weekly Newsletter

July 13th 2025 / 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself. Luke 10:27

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

Drum Mass Intentions for July 12th - July 20th.

Sat. 12th - 8 pm (JD) Ann Kilroy, Lucas Court.
- 1st Anniversary.

Sun. 13th - 10 am (JD) Alan Ledwith, formerly Thomastown.
Also, his grandparents Sonny & Eileen Teape and deceased family members.

Tues. 15th - 7 pm (JW) Mary and Tom Hynes, Johnstown.
Jim and Elizabeth Dwyer.

Thurs. 17th - 7 pm (JW) John & Hannah Duignan, Ardkeen
& their daughter Kathleen Cunningham.
Patrick and Norah Rafferty.

Sat. 19th - 8 pm (JW) Teresa Whyte, Thomastown.

Sun. 20th - 10 am (JW) Hubert & Mary Naughton, Doohan
and deceased members of the Naughton & Collieran families.



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th July to Sunday 20th July 2025

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

Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
Tommy Duignan

12th July 6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
Mandy Joyce.
James Bell.

Sunday 9.00am (JW) Also Live Streamed
13th July 12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
People of the Parish
Joe & Delia Curley, Linda Curley & Della Sheridan.
Nora and James O'Connor & deceased family members.

Monday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
14th July Mass, Novena & Benediction
For Peace in our World.

Tuesday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
15th July
For all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Wednesday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
16th July
For all those mourning a loss.

Thursday 6.00pm (JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
17th July 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
James O'Brien & deceased members of the O'Brien & Rushe families.

Friday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
18th July 7.30pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
For all those who find life difficult.
For the clergy in our parish.

Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
19th July 6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
Mc Namara & Walshe families.
Florrie Cribbon - Month's Mind.
Bridie, Jimmy & Mark West and deceased family members.

Sunday 9.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed
20th July 12.00pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
People of the Parish
Pat & Annie Fallon.
Nell & Dan Egan.
Tommie & Mollie Grenham.
Mary Caulfield, Summerhill.

Church gate collection on 12th & 13th July for the Assisted Pilgrim Fund to Lourdes.

Clonown Mass Intentions for July 13th - July 20th.



July 13th 11.15am (VP) Fr. Larney Shine, Currnaboll
- 1st Anniversary.

July 20th 11.15am (JD) Joe & Bridget Roche, The Togher
and deceased family members.

Welcome New Parishioners
If you are new to our Parish and would like to register as a parishioner. Please go to the following webpage to register.
Thank you
www.athloneparish.ie (link is on the right)



To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840 www.athloneparish.ie
www.churchservices.tv/athlone

**The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time focuses on living out God's Word in everyday life.
The readings encourage faith in action, love for others, and seeing Christ as the centre of all creation.**

- **Obedying God's Word:** God's commandments are clear and close to us. The first reading reminds us that following God's will is not beyond our reach.
- **Christ at the Center:** The second reading highlights Jesus as the foundation of creation and our faith. Everything exists through Him and is united in Him.
- **Loving Your Neighbor:** The Gospel calls us to love others, especially those in need. The story of the Good Samaritan challenges us to show kindness and mercy.
- **Faith in Action:** Faith is not just about knowing God's Word. The readings show that faith comes alive when we live it out through our actions.
- **Compassion for Others:** The Good Samaritan shows what compassion looks like. True love for God means caring for people, even strangers or those we find hard to love.
- **God's Word is Close:** The first reading teaches that God's Word is already in our hearts. We can live it out if we listen and choose to follow it.
- **Jesus as the Source of Unity:** The second reading shows Jesus as the one who holds all things together. Our faith unites us with Him and with one another.

**On the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time we are reminded to live our faith through love and action.
God's Word is near to us, and Jesus calls us to serve others with compassion and care.**

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.



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. See www.knockshrine.ie

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2025

Join the National Grandparents Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine on Sunday, 27th July, celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Grandparents, families and all the faithful are invited to this joyful celebration. The day includes Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm; Mass at 3pm, and rosary procession (weather permitting).

St. Bridget's Church Drum.

We are seeking a Part-Time Sacristan in Drum Church. If you are interested please contact the Drum parish office **090 6437125**.

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

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

Price includes Bus and admission to Island

PRE-BOOKING YOUR PLACE IS ESSENTIAL Cost €50 per person

- pay on the day, cash please.

Spiritual Director Fr. Joseph Curate, Drum, Athlone 090-6437125

To book or enquire Email; loughderg@athloneparish.ie

Recollection Weekend: 22nd - 24th August 2025 in

Clonmacnoise. A retreat for adult Catholics seeking to deepen their spiritual life & grow in holiness. A time for silence, reflection & fellowship with talks from various guest speakers. €160pp - all meals & accommodation provided with custom welcome pack. **Early bird pricing of €135pp is available until 16th July, www.thecollect.ie**

Drum Parish Office

Are taking **Mass Bookings for 2026** in Drum and Clonown Churches. Contact the Parish Office @ **090-6437125** or email – drumoffice@athloneparish.ie

The Samaritans confidential support

If you are feeling lonely, depressed, isolated or need to talk to someone about something that is bothering you.

Call the Samaritans on 116 123, 24 / 7 It's good to talk!

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Bridie McManus née McManus, Nure, Athlone.

Ronald (Ronnie) Hourigan, Battery Heights.

Kathleen Nolan (née Bourke) Ballydangan / Thurles, Tipperary.

May they 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
2395718	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2400939	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.
2400874	Cleaner/Caretaker St. Peter's Church.

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.

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

A friendly reminder to all who use the car park at Ss. Peter & 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.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday July 6th € 2,070.

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