



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

# Weekly Newsletter

July 27th 2025 / 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.  
*Luke 11:9-10*

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Christine Kenny & Sandra Daly 090 6494 150  
**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates**  
are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

## Drum Mass Intentions for July 26th - August 3rd.



**Sat. 26th - 8 pm (JW)** Owen McManus & his partner  
Leonie Kirwan.  
**Sun. 27th - 10 am (JD)** Martin & Mary McManus, Drumlosh.  
**Tues. 29th - 7 pm (JD)** Patrick Higgins, Curryroe.  
**Thurs. 31st - 7 pm (JW)** Pilgrim Group Medjugorje.  
**August**  
**Sat. 2nd - 11am (JW)** Celebration Mass for all  
The Connaughton's, Clonark.  
**Sat. 2nd - 8 pm (JD)** Charles and Anna O'Neill,  
Mount Florence.  
**Sun. 3rd - 10 am (JW)** Peter & Mary Shine, Taylorstown and  
deceased family members.

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th July to Sunday 3rd August 2025

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> For all parents past & present.
<b>26th July</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Imelda Horan - <b>Month's Mind.</b> Patrick Henry - <b>Month's Mind.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>27th July</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Annie & William Shine. Maureen Egan. Joe Kelly, Baylough. Raymond (Ray) O'Rourke. Ben & John Balfe.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>Mass, Novena &amp; Benediction</b> For our deceased parishioners.
<b>28th July</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>29th July</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> For those who find life difficult.
<b>30th July</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> For peace in our world.
<b>31st July</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Frank Shaw & his daughter Nicola Shaw & grand daughter Donna Mc Guire.
<b>1st August</b>		
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Sam Gibson. David Flynn. Owen & Tony Connaughton. Margaret, James & Paddy Gately.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> For all our parishioners working overseas.
<b>2nd August</b>	<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Maura Casey (née Goode) - <b>Month's Mind.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>3rd August</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Mollie Fennelly. Eamon & Clare Gleeson.

Church gate collection on 26th & 27th July in aid of  
St. Hilda's, Athlone.

## Clonown Mass Intentions for July 27th - August 3rd.



**July 27th 11.15am (JW)** Tommy & May Curley, Clonown and  
their daughters Mary & Francie &  
deceased family members.

**August 1st 7pm (JW)** First Friday.

**August 3rd 11.15am (JD)** No Intention.

## 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](http://www.athloneparish.ie) (link is on the right)



To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840 [www.athloneparish.ie](http://www.athloneparish.ie)  
[www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

**The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time focuses on prayer, trust, and God's care for us.**  
**The readings show how people turn to God with faith and hope, asking for help and guidance.**

- **Persistence in prayer:** Abraham and Jesus teach the importance of continuing to ask God for help. Both show that faith means trusting God will listen and respond.
- **God's justice and mercy:** Abraham asks God to spare the innocent when Sodom is judged. This reminds us that God is both fair and full of mercy.
- **Faith and forgiveness:** Paul tells the Colossians that their sins are forgiven because of Jesus. This shows that faith brings new life and freedom from sin.
- **The gift of prayer:** Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, giving them the Lord's Prayer. Prayer is a way to build a deeper relationship with God.
- **Trust in God's care:** Jesus says God gives good gifts to those who ask. This reminds us to trust in God, who loves and provides for us.
- **Interceding for others:** Abraham's prayer for Sodom shows the power of asking God to help others. Prayer is not just for ourselves but for those in need.

**These themes help us reflect on how we pray and trust in God.**  
**They encourage us to turn to God with faith, knowing that He listens and cares for us.**

#### 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](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

#### National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2025

Join the National Grandparents Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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). A bus is going from Athlone to Knock, please contact Caroline **086 1960256**.

#### "Lord, Nurture our Hope!"

From Monday 28th July (7.30pm) until Saturday 3rd August, the **Sisters at the Chapel of Adoration**, 8 Castle Street, Athlone are hosting a time of prayer and reflection. The retreat guide is Fr. Chika Kamalu, CSSP PHD. He is a well-known retreat giver from California. The days will have various themes and there will be a special emphasis on healing and ministering to those who desire to live a fuller commitment to Jesus. **Introductory talk Monday 28th July @ 7.30pm. Daily Mass at 12 midday and talks @ 10.00am and 4.00 pm.** The days conclude with a Pilgrim Blessing on Saturday 2nd August @ 11am Mass.  
 All are welcome! Contact Sr. Kathryn **087 317 0964**, or Liturgical centre **090 64 92278**.

#### 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 **PRE-BOOKING YOUR PLACE IS ESSENTIAL**,  
 Cost €50 cash pp - pay on the day, Price includes Bus and admission to Island.

**Spiritual Director Fr. Joseph Curate, Drum, Athlone 090-6437125** To book or enquire Email; [loughderg@athloneparish.ie](mailto:loughderg@athloneparish.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](mailto:drumoffice@athloneparish.ie)

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Melly Connaire**, Garden Vale.  
**Noel Brennan**, Strokestown.  
**May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

#### Part-Time Sacristan Drum Church.

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

#### 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.**

#### The Samaritans confidential support

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

#### Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

##### Offertory Collection

Sunday July 20th € 1,690.

**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

#### 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.