



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

Weekly Newsletter

July 6th 2025 / 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.
Luke 10:3-4

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

Drum Mass Intentions for July 5th - July 13th.



Sat. 5th - 8 pm (JW) Tom, Kathleen and John Shine.
Crannaghmore.
Sun. 6th - 10 am (JW) Gloria Walshe, Crannaghbeg.
Tues. 8th - 7 pm (JW) No Intention.
Thurs. 10th- 7 pm (JW) No Intention.
Saturday 12th 11am (JW) Nancy Nicholson, Kilmacormack,
Drum. Month's Mind.
Sat. 12th - 8 pm (JD) Ann Kilroy, Lucas Court. First Anniver-
sary.
Sun. 13th - 10 am (JD) Alan Ledwith, formerly Thomastown.
Also, his grandparents Sonny and
Eileen Teape and deceased family
members

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th July to Sunday 13th July 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed For peace in our world.
5th July	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed Eileen Reilly (Months Mind) Tommy Wall (1st Anniv) Johnny Shine & Michael Shine
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
6th July	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Tina Kildea; James, Anne, Desmond, Terry, Charlotte and Margaret Whelan; Mary Lennon and her daughter Catherine; Jim Caffrey. (JD) Also Live Streamed Mass, Novena & Benediction No Intention Booked
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Anne McCormack
7th July		(JW) Also Live Streamed Michael Duignan
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel (JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked
8th July		(JW) Also Live Streamed Patrick Nester
Wednesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Brian Dawson, (Months Mind) Brendan Beirne; Malcolm Biggs; Arthur & Angela Mc Carrick
9th July	6.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Tommy Duignan
Thursday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed James Bell; Mandy Joyce.
10th July		(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
Friday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Joe & Delia Curley; Linda Curley; and Della Sheridan; Nora & James O'Connor & Dec. Family
11th July	7.30pm	
Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Tommy Duignan
12th July	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed James Bell; Mandy Joyce.
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
13th July	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Joe & Delia Curley; Linda Curley; and Della Sheridan; Nora & James O'Connor & Dec. Family

Vespers (Evening Prayer) & Taizé Meditation In the Chapel Coláiste Chiaráin Tuesday Evenings during July from 7pm



Led by Deacon Tony

ALL ARE WELCOME



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**.

Clonown Mass Intentions for July 6th - July 13th.



July 6th 11.15am (JD) **Mass In the Cemetery.**
July 13th 11.15am (VP) **Fr. Larney Shine, Currnaboll. 1st Anniv.**

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

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to reflect on themes of peace, joy, and discipleship. The readings remind us of God's blessings, our call to share the Gospel, and the hope we find in Christ.

- **Joy in God's blessings:** Isaiah speaks of rejoicing in God's care, showing how He comforts His people. This reminds us to trust in His love and rejoice in His blessings.
- **Peace as a gift:** The readings highlight God's gift of peace. Jesus tells His disciples to bring peace wherever they go, showing that peace is central to Christian life.
- **Trust in God's care:** Isaiah shows how God takes care of His people like a mother caring for her child. This reminds us to trust that God provides for all our needs.
- **Boasting in the Cross:** Paul reminds us to glory only in the Cross of Christ. The Cross is a sign of God's love and the source of our salvation.
- **Call to discipleship:** Jesus sends His followers out in pairs to share the Good News. This reminds us that we are called to work together to spread God's message.
- **Hope in eternal life:** Jesus tells His disciples to rejoice because their names are written in heaven. This reminds us that our ultimate joy is in eternal life with God.

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us of the joy, peace, and hope that come from God. The readings call us to trust in Him, share His message, and focus on the promise of eternal life.

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, Kilfoom 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 , Kilfoom & 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

Thanks to all who kindly contributed to the Church gate collections for the Assisted Pilgrim Fund

which was held in Drum and Clonown over the weekend of the 21st/ 22nd of June this year; the proceeds of which came to €400.00 and €228.90 respectively. **A further collection for the Assisted Pilgrim Fund will take place in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone on the weekend of the 12th- 13th of July 2025; your support would be greatly appreciated.**

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

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 First Friday Holy Communion Call list. Please contact the parish office **090 - 6492171.**

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.**

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
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2395718	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
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2395979	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
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2395711	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
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2392596	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
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2395624	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
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2392173	Caretaker/Grounds-person St. Peter's Church.
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2389762	Administrator/Co. Ordinator Athlone Drug Awareness Group.
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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 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.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday June 29th € 1,735.

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