



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

Weekly Newsletter

August 10th 2025 / 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.
Luke 12:39

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

Drum Mass Intentions for August 9th - August 17th.



Sat. 9th - 8 pm (JW) Peter & Maureen Killian, Crancam and deceased family members.
Sun. 10th - 10 am (JR) Tony McManus, Thornhill and deceased family members.
Tues. 12th - 7 pm (JW) No Intention.
Thurs. 14th - 8 pm (JW) Mike, Pat & John Fallon and deceased members of the Murray family, Dugra.
Fri. 15th - 10 am (JR) **The Assumption of Our Lady.**
John & Mary Fallon, Cornafulla South and deceased family members.
Sat. 16th - 11 am (JW) Bridie McManus, Nure - **Month's Mind.**
- 7 pm (JD) Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group
Annual Mass in the cemetery, weather permitting.
Sun. 17th - 10 am (JW) Norah Seery, Clonellan and deceased family members.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th August to Sunday 17th August 2025

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

Saturday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
For peace in our world.

9th August 6.30pm Vigil (JR) Also Live Streamed
Raymond Harris - **Month's Mind.**
Frank O'Connor, Monksland.

Sunday 9.00am (JW) Also Live Streamed
10th August People of the Parish
12.00pm (JR) Also Live Streamed
Jimmy & Kevin Byrne.

Monday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
11th August Mass, Novena & Benediction
John & Elizabeth Roche.

Tuesday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
12th August Willie & Maureen Browne.

Wednesday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
13th August John Mollaghan.
6.00pm (JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
14th August Peter & Bridie Vaughan.
6.30pm Vigil (JR) Also Live Streamed
Caroline Reilly - **1st Anniversary.**
Kathleen & Gerard Glynn.
James & Edward Glynn.
Michael Rafferty.
Sean Francis & Mary Brennan
& Lorraine Carberry.

Friday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
15th August The Assumption of Our Lady.
12.00pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
Vincent Earl.
Willard Fitzmaurice & deceased members of the Maguire and Fitzmaurice families.

Saturday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
16th August 6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
Freda Murphy (née Slevin)
- **1st Anniversary.**
Maureen Beaumont - **1st Anniversary.**

Sunday 9.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed
17th August People of the Parish
12.00pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
Martin Lennon.
Mark Cox. Edmond Ennis.
Terry Egan. Frank Harney.

Clonown Mass Intentions for August 10th - August 17th.

August 10th 11.15am (JW) Kieran Dunning & baby Hannah Rose Martin, Drumlosh.

August 15th 8pm (JR) **The Assumption of Our Lady.**
Ned and Mary Egan, Callowbeg.

August 17th 11.15am (JD) Willie Shine, Drumlosh
- **50th Anniversary.**

PRAY FOR PEACE



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)



The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time teaches about faith, readiness, and trust in God.
The readings encourage believers to stay faithful, prepare for what is to come, and rely on God's promises.

- **Faith in God's Promises:** Abraham trusted God's promises even when he could not see how they would come true. The readings show how faith means believing in what God says, even when it seems impossible.
- **Readiness for the Lord:** Jesus tells His followers to be ready for His coming at any time. The Gospel warns that those who are prepared will be blessed, but those who are careless will face consequences.
- **Trust Over Fear:** Jesus tells His followers not to be afraid because God cares for them. Faith means trusting that God is in control, even when things seem uncertain.
- **Obedience to God's Call:** Abraham obeyed God and left his home without knowing where he was going. The readings remind believers that faith often requires action, even when the future is unclear.
- **Stewardship and Responsibility:** Jesus speaks about servants who must take care of what their master has given them. The Gospel teaches that God expects people to use their gifts wisely and not waste what they have been given.
- **Hope for the Future:** The Israelites trusted that God would rescue them from Egypt. The readings encourage believers to hope in God's promises, even when they are waiting for answers.

Faith means trusting God even when life is uncertain.

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds believers to stay faithful, live responsibly, and prepare for what God has planned.

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.



Drum Community Care Committee Senior Citizens mass

will take place in Drum Parish Hall on **Thursday 21st August at 3pm** with Blessing of the sick followed by light refreshments and music.

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

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

Mary's Meals Walk from Kilkenny to Knock

Mary's meals are walking to Knock from St Johns in Kilkenny on 7th August over 9 days to 15th August to raise funds to feed starving children in the poorest countries in the world. They will be arriving in Athlone on Monday 11th August and continuing their journey on Tuesday 12th August. Please support this worthy cause.

Jubilee of Marriages 2025

Jubilee Mass Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass, along with their families and friends, on: **Sunday 5th October at 2.30pm in Sligo Cathedral (F91 CF59) or Sunday 19th October at 2.30pm in Strokestown Church (F42 Y422).**

Light refreshments will be served...

Drum Parish Office

Catherine is on leave until Monday August 18th.

Please contact Fr. Joseph **090 6437125**

email – drumoffice@athloneparish.ie

or contact Forthill House 090 6492171

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Eileen Keegan (née O'Neill), formerly Mitchell's Terrace.
May she rest in the peace of Christ.

The Legion of Mary, Athlone, invite you to join them in praying the rosary, on the feast day of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - **Friday 15th August @ 6pm at the Grotto in St. John Paul Park.**

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
2404529	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2400939	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2404413	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2403712	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
2404563	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.

The Samaritans confidential support

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

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday August 3rd €1,615.

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