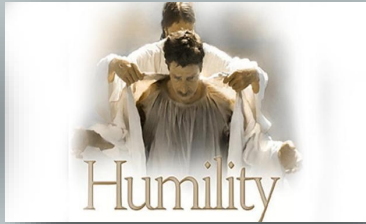




PARISH OF  
**SS. PETER & PAUL**  
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

# Weekly Newsletter

August 31st 2025 / 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. Luke 14:13

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

## Drum Mass Intentions for August 30th—September 7th.



**Sat. 30th - 8 pm (SME)** James & Margaret Lennon,  
Summerhill and deceased family  
members.

**Sun. 31st - 10 am (JW)** Kathleen Nolan, Doohan  
- **Month's Mind.**

**Tues. 2nd - 7 pm (JW)** No Intention.

**Thurs. 4th - 7 pm (JW)** Mary Grenham, Doohan  
- **1st Anniversary.**

**Sat. 6th - 8 pm (JW)** Tom Griffin, Rooskey and deceased  
family members.

**Sun. 7th - 10 am (JD)** Michael & Frances Watson,  
Newtown. Bealnamulla.

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

**Saturday 23rd August to Sunday 31st August 2025**

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

**Saturday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
For all those mourning a loss.

**30th August 6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
Esther Egan.  
Tessie & Pat Ganly.

**Sunday 9.00am Also Live Streamed**  
**31st August People of the Parish**  
**12.00pm (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
Louis Nally—**1st Anniversary.**  
Patrick Farrell Snr. & Jnr. Lily Farrell.  
Patrick Power.  
Jimmy Broderick his parents Frances  
& Michael. Sisters Edna, Nuala, Rosie & Francie.  
Michael Greaney.  
The Gavin Family, Dernasee.  
Paul Egan & deceased family members.

**Monday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
**1st September Mass, Novena & Benediction**  
For peace in our homes.

**Tuesday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
**2nd September** For all those who are sick.  
**Wednesday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
**3rd September** Elizabeth Conneely.  
**6.00pm (KD) Opening mass for National**  
**Safeguarding Conference with**  
**celebrant Bishop Kevin Doran.**  
**(ALL ARE WELCOME)**

**Thursday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
**4th September** For all our parishioners working overseas.  
**Friday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
**5th September** No Intention.  
**7.30pm (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
Deceased members of the Mc Niff  
& Caulfield families.  
Bridie Mc Neill—20th Anniversary.  
Annie Macken, Michael and  
Hughie Macken.  
Marie Fitzpatrick.

**Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
Esther & John Costello and  
daughters Esther & Patricia.

**6th September 6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
For all those who find life difficult.

**Sunday 9.00am (JW) Also Live Streamed**  
**7th September People of the Parish**  
**12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed**  
Ambrose Corcoran.  
Danny Wall.

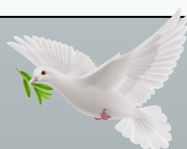
## Clonown Mass Intentions for August 31st—September 7th.

**August 31st 11.15am (SME)** Bill & Peg Fallon, Newtown and  
deceased family members.  
Ann Curley, Carlow formerly  
Cappamore - **Month's Mind.**

**September 5th 8pm (JW)** Brian Ward—**30th. Anniversary.**

**September 7th 11.15am (JW)** Margaret & John Dunning,  
Michael Dunning, Rose Rodgers, Fr. Brendan Dunning, Sr.  
Philomena Dunning, John Francis Dunning and deceased  
family members, Creggane, Clonown.

Please Continue to  
Pray for Peace



**On the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings teach us about humility and generosity.**

**These lessons are shown through simple actions and attitudes.**

- **Humility before God:** Sirach advises humility, reminding us to be modest and not to seek praise. We should acknowledge our limitations and depend on God.
- **Gentleness and wisdom:** Being gentle and wise brings more respect than being proud and boastful. Gentleness leads to better relationships and more peace.
- **Knowing our place:** Recognising our smallness helps us see the greatness of God. It reminds us to be humble and grateful.
- **Generosity without reward:** Jesus teaches to invite those who cannot repay us, showing true generosity. This selfless giving reflects God's love.
- **Serving others:** Helping those in need without expecting anything in return reflects true Christian love. Service is a key aspect of living out our faith.
- **Respect for all:** Respect everyone, not just the wealthy or powerful, as everyone is valuable in God's eyes. This shows that all people deserve love and kindness.

**These themes for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time guide us to live humbly and serve others.**

**They remind us that true greatness comes from being kind and humble.**

#### **Monksland Community Mass**

The September Monksland Community Mass will be held on Thursday September 11th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre at 8pm. The Mass this month will be offered for Peace in Our World. Tea Scones and friendly chat afterwards,

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**Congratulations to Peter Efere Agbanobi** who was invested a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in Maynooth on 19<sup>th</sup> July'25. We wish him well in his mission & congratulate him on his Investiture.

**St. Peter & Paul's Parish Office will be closed on 1st & 2nd September.**

**Please contact the Drum Office 090 6437125 with any urgent calls.**

#### **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...*

#### **Carers Support Group**

H.S.E is running a 5-week Carers Support Group for family members and carers of people living with Dementia commencing on Monday, 1 September 2025 at Clonbrusk Primary Care Centre in Athlone N37 P8P8 from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm. For additional information, please contact 087-4740529 or 087 4740534.

#### **Independent People with Disabilities**

Will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 9th September 2025 at 7:30 pm in The Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone. All members and friends are warmly invited to attend our first in-person AGM since COVID. Please confirm attendance by Friday 5th September at **(090) 6470044** or [independentpwd@gmail.com](mailto:independentpwd@gmail.com). Annual Report 2024 is available at: [independentpwd.ie/annualreport2024.pdf](http://independentpwd.ie/annualreport2024.pdf).

#### **Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Ann Hewitt (née Merrigan),** Battery Road.  
*May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

#### **Vespers (evening prayer) & Taizé meditation**

In the chapel of Coláiste Chiaráin,  
Tuesday evenings from 7pm, led by Deacon Tony Larkin.  
All are welcome.

#### **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.

#### **Athlone and Midlands Samaritans Information Meeting.**

Could you be a Samaritan volunteer? No experience or qualifications required as we will train, mentor and support you. If interested, please come to an information meeting at the Samaritan Centre, 3, Court Devenish, Athlone on Sunday **14th September at 11am** or call **John 087 7176189** or email [Athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org](mailto:Athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org). Samaritans provide 24hr emotional support on Freecall 116 123.

#### **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 August 24th € 1,660.**

**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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**Support of the Priests IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 BIC AIBKIE2D**