



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

Weekly Newsletter

August 3rd 2025 / 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable of the Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21



You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?
Luke 12:20

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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 August 2nd - August 10th.

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.
Tues. 5th - 7 pm (JW) No Intention.
Thurs. 7th - 7 pm (JW) No Intention.
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.



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd August to Sunday 10th August 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed For all our parishioners working overseas.
2nd August	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed Maura Casey (née Goode) - Month's Mind.
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
3rd August	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed Mollie Fennelly. Eamon & Clare Gleeson. Annie & William Shine. (JW) Also Live Streamed Mass, Novena & Benediction Kathleen & Paddy Malone and deceased family members. (JW) Also Live Streamed Special Intention for all those who are sick. (JW) Also Live Streamed The Transfiguration of Our Lord. (JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel (JW) Also Live Streamed Eamon Mc Sweeney - 1st Anniversary. (JW) Also Live Streamed Feast Day of St. Dominic. (JW) Also Live Streamed Bernie Broderick. Chris Barry. Brigid King. Larry Caulfield. Tommy Marsh & his mother Mary.
Monday	9.30am	
4th August		
Tuesday	9.30am	
5th August		
Wednesday	9.30am	
6th August	6.00pm	
Thursday	9.30am	
7th August		
Friday	9.30am	
8th August	7.30pm	
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.
Sunday	9.00am	(JW) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
10th August	12.00pm	(JR) Also Live Streamed Jimmy & Kevin Byrne.

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...

Clonown Mass Intentions for August 3rd - August 10th.

August 3rd 11.15am (JD) Private Intention.
August 10th 11.15am (JW) Kieran Dunning & baby Hannah Rose Martin, Drumlish.

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

**On the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time the readings call us to examine our values and priorities.
They remind us to look beyond material wealth and focus on what is eternal.**

- **The Emptiness of Wealth:** The first reading warns us that worldly riches and success can feel empty. It reminds us that only God can give lasting joy and fulfilment.
- **Setting Hearts on Heaven:** Paul encourages believers to seek what is above and keep their focus on God's kingdom. This calls us to prioritise spiritual growth over material concerns.
- **Letting Go of Greed:** Jesus' parable in the Gospel warns against greed and storing up riches. It shows that selfish desires can separate us from God and others.
- **True Security in God:** The readings remind us that earthly wealth is fragile, but God's love is steady and secure. Our security and peace come from trusting in God rather than possessions.
- **Living for Eternal Life:** Paul calls us to focus on eternal life by living in a way that pleases God. This theme reminds us that our actions should reflect our hope in heaven.
- **Seeking Lasting Joy:** The readings call us to seek joy that endures beyond this life. True joy comes from our relationship with God and living according to His ways.

**These themes from the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to live with purpose and hope in God.
They remind us that true happiness and peace come from placing our lives in God's hands.**

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

Luan Gallery

The official launch of **Garden to Gallery Couture**, a photography exhibition by photographer Chris Burke takes place at **4:30pm on Friday, 1st August** in Luan Gallery with performances by members of Athlone Youth Orchestra & Féile na Sionnaine. Exhibition runs until 10th August.

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.

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.

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

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

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Mary O'Neill (née Murray), Clonellan.
Roseanna Reid, Baylough.
May she 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.

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 July 27th € 1,705.

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