



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

# Weekly Newsletter

September 14th 2025 / The Triumph of the Holy Cross



*Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of a cross.*

St. John Vianney

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

## Drum Mass Intentions for

**September 13th—September 21st.**

**Sat. 13th - 8 pm (JW)** Dan, Kathleen & Peter Harney,  
Rooskey and deceased family members.  
**Sun. 14th - 10 am (JW)** John & Mary Naughton, Clonellan  
and deceased family members.  
**Tues. 16th - 7 pm (JW)** Feast Day of St. Cornelius.  
**Thurs. 18th - 7 pm (JW)** No Intention.  
**Sat. 20th - 8 pm (JW)** Tom, Kate, Tony & John Joe Rock,  
Cornafulla South. Also, Coley Barry.  
**Sun. 21st - 10 am (JD)** No Intention.

## Booking of Masses in Drum & Clonown

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)

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

**Saturday 13th September to Sunday 21st September 2025**

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

**Saturday 9.30am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

For our deceased parishioners.

**13th Sept. 6.30pm Vigil**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

Roseanna Reid - **Month's Mind.**

Bridie Egan - **1st Anniversary.**

Michael Mc Grath - **1st Anniversary.**

Johnny Fallar, Tommy Gardner

and deceased members of the

Fallar & Gardner families.

William, Agnes & Alexander Beville.

Thomas & Mary Gibson

and deceased family members.

**Sunday 9.00am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

**14th September**

**People of the Parish**

**12.00pm**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

Josie & Hugh O'Neill.

Jack Rigney.

Carmel, Michelle

& Damian Laharte.

Annie, Michael & Hughie Macken.

**Monday 9.30am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

**15th September**

**Mass, Novena & Benediction**

Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows.

**Tuesday 9.30am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

**16th September**

For all those mourning a loss.

**Wednesday 9.30am**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

**17th September**

For those who find life difficult.

**6.00pm**

**(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Thursday 9.30am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

**18th September**

For respect for all human life.

**Friday 9.30am**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

**19th September**

James & Mary Finneran.

Trevor Mc Cormack & deceased

members of the Barclay & Mc Cormack families.

**7.30pm**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

Marie Lennon.

Tommy & Ann Ward.

**Saturday 9.30am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

**11.00am**

Maura Walsh - **Month's Mind.**

**20th Sept. 6.30pm Vigil**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

Mary Craughwell - **Month's Mind.**

Geraldine, Patrick &

Josephine Quirke.

Anne Egan - 36th Anniversary.

Thomas Lacey.

**Sunday 9.00am**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

**21st September**

**People of the Parish**

**12.00pm**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

Madge Kelly- **Month's Mind.**

Phil Daly.

Anita Burke.

## Clonown Mass Intentions for

**September 14th—September 21st.**

**Sunday 14th 11.15am (JD)** Deceased members of the

Dunning family, Ballinaculla.

**Sunday 21st 11.15am (JW)** Ned and Catherine Shine,

Clonown. Also, Joe Fahey.

## 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)



### The Triumph of the Cross

We celebrate this feast on September 14th. On this day in the year 335, the Church in Jerusalem dedicated a new church built on the site where Jesus died and rose from the dead. The church was built to honour both His crucifixion and His resurrection. Every year since then, the Church remembers this day and the power of the Cross.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a time to reflect on what the Cross means to us. It is more than a symbol. It is a reminder of God's love and mercy. By celebrating this feast, we honour the victory Jesus won for us through His death and resurrection.

### Harvest Collection

The Harvest Collection for the support of the clergy in the parish will be taken up next weekend. This is one of four collections taken up each year to support the clergy in our parish. Envelopes are being delivered to your home for this collection, should you not receive an envelope you can simple write your name, envelope number on any envelope and mark it as "Harvest Collection". **We the priests of the parish thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.**

### Parish Pastoral Council

Will meet at Forthill House on Tuesday September 16th at 8pm.

### Parish Finance Committee

Will meet at Fr. John's House on Wednesday September 17th at 8pm.

### 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...*

### Johnstown Parent and Baby/Toddler group

Is starting back next Thursday 11th September from 09:30 to 11am in Clann na nGeal clubhouse, Johnstown, N37Dx94. It is a lovely way to meet and enjoy being with other parents or guardians, enjoy a tea/coffee & refreshments while the children can play together in a child friendly environment. There is a family cost of €2.

### THE BUTTERFLY CHOIR:

A creative project for people who have experienced stillbirth & neonatal loss, however long ago. All levels of singing experience welcome. No costs involved. Meeting on Saturdays in September and October in Roscommon Town (Roscommon Arts Centre and the South Roscommon Family Resource Centre) Contact : Text Dee on **086 0750493** or email Lou on **butterflychoir@gmail.com**

### Athlone Community Services Council Healthy Ageing Lifestyle Programme

Structured Exercise Classes, Nutrition Workshops, Meditation and Wellness. For Older Adults aged 65+. Running from 10th September - 26th November 2025. Every Wednesday @ 3.45pm. Location: St. Mary's Hall, Northgate Street, Athlone. To book your place contact ACSC on **0906472174** or email [reception@acsc.ie](mailto:reception@acsc.ie)

### Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 19th September from 1pm -3.30pm.  
*Membership is free.*

### New Altar Servers

We invite those interested in becoming an altar server in any of the three churches in the parish to complete the online application form on the parish website [www.athloneparish.ie](http://www.athloneparish.ie)

### Concert for Children in Cambodia

On Saturday 11th October at the Dean Crowe Theatre. Artists : Shaskeen, MegaTrad, Trish Reilly & Sarah Clogher Dancers. Tickets : [www.deancrowetheatre.com](http://www.deancrowetheatre.com)

### Vespers (evening prayer) & Taizé meditation

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

### 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 Free call 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 September 7th € 1,775.

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

2404529 Caretaker/Grounds person  
Clonown Church & Parish Hall.

2410301 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.

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.