



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

# Weekly Newsletter

September 28th 2025 / 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead. *Luke 16:31*

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

## Drum Mass Intentions for September 28th - October 5th.



**Sat. 27th - 8 pm (JD)** Bea & Edmund McManus, Ardnareure and their son Martin McManus.

**Sun. 28th - 10 am (JW)** Peter, Kathleen, Pauline and Peter Watson, Kilmacormack.

**Tues. 30th - 7 pm (JW)** Thomas & Mary Ellen Lennon, Cornafulla North and deceased family members.

**Thurs. 25th - 7 pm (JW)** Kathleen & Jim Carr, their son John and deceased members of the Brady & Carr families.

**Sat. 4th - 8 pm (JD)** Mary McGlone, Kilmacormack. Also, her brother James & his wife Mary.

**Sun. 5th - 10 am (JW)** Mary Ann & Tommy Lennon, Meehambee.

## Booking of Masses in Drum & Clonown.

The parish office is 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 27th September to Sunday 5th October 2025**

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

**Saturday 9.30am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

Canon Patrick Murray.

**27th Sept. 6.30pm Vigil**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

Ann Hewitt – **Month's Mind.**  
Patrick & Teresa Murray and deceased family members.  
Maureen Mc Hugh.

**Sunday 9.00am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

**28th September**

**People of the Parish**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

Maureen Byrne.  
Thomas & Phoebe Milton and deceased family members.  
Paul Revins.

**Monday 9.30am**

**(JD) Also Live Streamed**

**29th September**

**Mass, Novena & Benediction**  
No Intention booked.

**Tuesday 9.30am**

**(DO) Also Live Streamed**

**30th September**

No Intention booked.

**Wednesday 9.30am**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

**1st October**

No Intention booked.

**Thursday 6.00pm**

**(DO) Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**2nd October**

**(DO) Also Live Streamed**

**Friday 9.30am**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

**3rd October**

No Intention booked.

**(DO) Also Live Streamed**

Teresa Mee.

Christine & Jack Harvey.

David Cassidy.

Evelyn Mulvey (née Curley).

Sean & Kathleen Fuery.

Angela Tymon.

Carol & Eddie Mc Namara.

Johnny Lennon.

Fran Murphy - 5th Anniversary.

**Saturday 9.30am**

**(DO) Also Live Streamed**

**4th October**

**(J) Also Live Streamed**

Betty Lawlor - **1st Anniversary.**

**Sunday 9.00am**

**(DO) Also Live Streamed**

**5th October**

**People of the Parish**

**(JW) Also Live Streamed**

Sr. Bernard Lynch.

Vera O'Keefe. Harry & Peg Murray.

Cait & Paddy O'Rourke.

Bridget Mc Manus & deceased family members.

## Clonown Mass Intentions for September 28th - October 5th.



**Sunday 28th 11.15am (JD)** Sonny & Kathleen Cunningham, Oldtown and deceased family members.

**Friday 3rd Oct. 8pm (JW)** Margaret & John Dunning, Newrow and deceased family members.

**Sunday 5th 11.15am (JD)** Bernadette Dunning & her husband James. Also, Maureen Dunning, Newrow.

**The recent church gate collection for Roscommon SPCA raised €60. Your support was greatly appreciated.**

**The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on themes of wealth, responsibility, and the afterlife.**

**They challenge us to reflect on our own lives in light of eternal values.**

- **Wealth and Complacency:** The reading from Amos criticizes those who are comfortable and indifferent to the suffering around them. It shows that God sees and judges our indifference, especially when we ignore others' needs while living in luxury.
- **Moral Integrity:** Paul urges Timothy to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. This theme tells us that living a good life involves more than avoiding bad actions; it also requires actively cultivating virtues.
- **Eternal Consequences:** The Gospel parable about Lazarus and the rich man illustrates that our actions have consequences beyond this life. It teaches us that how we treat others, especially those in need,
- **The Role of Scripture:** The rich man learns that Moses and the prophets' teachings are enough to guide us to live rightly. This emphasises the importance of paying attention to Scripture as a guide for our lives.
- **Justice for the Poor:** Both Amos and the Gospel highlight God's concern for the poor and suffering. It reminds us that our faith calls us to help those who are less fortunate.
- **Ultimate Authority of God:** Paul describes God as the only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. This reaffirms that all power and authority ultimately belong to God, and we are to live in a way that honours Him.

**These themes from the readings of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to examine our lives and align our actions with God's expectations. They call us to live not just for today, but with an eye toward eternity.**

#### Harvest Collection

The priests of the parish thank you for your support in the recent Harvest Collection. Envelopes can be returned in the basket at Mass, or by dropping them in to the sacristy of the Office. If you did not receive an envelope and wish to contribute you can simply write your name, envelope number on any envelope and mark it as "Harvest Collection", or by scanning the QR Code.

***The priests of the parish thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.***



#### 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...*

#### 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**

#### Bewley's Big Coffee morning

For South Westmeath Hospice in the Bounty on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am – 1.00pm & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am – 12pm. All monies collected go directly to **South Westmeath Hospice**. Any enquiries please contact Geraldine 086 1732711.

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

**Mary Craughwell (née Kennedy),** Cedarwood Drive.

**PJ Craughwell,** Taylorstown & formerly Coman's Park.

***May they rest in the peace of Christ.***

**Old Athlone Society** lecture - Athlone; placenames, maps & settlement by Dr. Aengus Ó Fionnagáin on Wed. 1st October, 8pm in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. All are welcome.

**Athlone Community Services Council** invites you to celebrate International Day for Older Persons on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 in Abbey Road Artist's Studios, Abbey Road, Athlone. 11:00AM-1:00PM. **090 6472174** or **reception@acsc.ie**.

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

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

#### 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)

#### 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
<b>2412359</b>	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
<b>2410301</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
<b>2412364</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
<b>2412357</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
<b>2412361</b>	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.

#### Part-Time Sacristan - Drum Church

Is required for Drum Church. If interested please contact the Drum parish office **090 6437125**.

#### 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)

#### Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

##### Offertory Collection

**Sunday September 21st € 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)*

<b>Ss Peter &amp; Pauls Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE68 AIBK 9322 6436 857014 <b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>St. Brigid's Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE92 AIBK 9322 6411 809048 <b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>Clonown Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063 <b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>Support of the Priests</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 <b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D