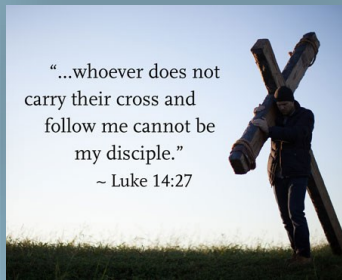




PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

September 7th 2025 / 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple. **Luke 14:33**

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

Drum Mass Intentions for September 6th—September 14th.



Sat. 6th - 8 pm (JW) Tom Griffin, Rooskey and deceased family members.
Sun. 7th - 10 am (JD) Michael & Frances Watson, Newtown. Bealnamulla.
Tues. 9th - 7 pm (JD) No Intention.
Thurs. 11th - 7 pm (JW) No Intention.
Sat. 13th - 8 pm (JD) Dan, Kathleen & Peter Harney, Rooskey and deceased family members.
Sun. 14th - 10 am (JW) John & Mary Naughton, Clonellan and deceased family members.

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

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th September to Sunday 14th September 2025

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

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.
Monday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
8th September Mass, Novena & Benediction
For all our private intentions.
Tuesday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
9th September
Jack, Bridget, Joe & Bridie Brassil.
Eileen Breen.
Wednesday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
10th September
For peace in our world.
6.00pm (JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
11th September
For the clergy of our parish.
Friday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
12th September
Philomena & William O'Brien.
7.30pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Gerry, Aidan & Fintan Lynch.
Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
For our deceased parishioners.
13th Sept. 6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
Roseanna Reid - **Month's Mind.**
Bridie Egan - **1st Anniversary.**
Michael Mc Grath - **1st Anniversary.**
Johnny Faller, Tommy Gardner and deceased members of the Faller & 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.

Clonown Mass Intentions for September 7th—September 14th.

Sunday 7th 11.15am (JW) Margaret & John Dunning, Michael Dunning, Rose Rodgers, Fr. Brendan Dunning, Sr. Philomena Dunning, John Francis Dunning & deceased family members, Creggan, Clonown.
Sunday 14th 11.15am (JD) Deceased members of the Dunning family, Ballinaculla.

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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time God calls us to reflect on discipleship & the wisdom needed to follow Christ.

The readings challenge us to choose Jesus above everything else and to rely on God for understanding.

- **The cost of discipleship:** Jesus reminds us that following Him requires sacrifice. We must be willing to put Him above all else, even when it is difficult.
- **God's wisdom over human understanding:** The first reading shows that God's wisdom is greater than ours. We need His guidance to make the right choices in life.
- **Detachment from possessions:** The Gospel challenges us to let go of material things. True discipleship means not being controlled by wealth or possessions.
- **Carrying the cross:** Jesus speaks about the need to carry our crosses. This means accepting struggles and hardships with trust in Him.
- **Welcoming others as family:** In the second reading, Paul asks Philemon to welcome Onesimus as a brother. This reminds us that we are all part of God's family.
- **Counting the cost:** The Gospel asks us to think carefully before following Jesus. Discipleship requires commitment and planning for the challenges ahead.

**The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time helps us reflect on what it means to truly follow Jesus.
The readings invite us to trust God's wisdom and let go of anything that keeps us from Him.**

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.

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...*

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

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. Annual Report 2024 is available at: independentpwd.ie/annualreport2024.pdf.

Roscommon LEADER Partnership

Invites you to a free Sustainability Development Goals Masterclass for community groups on Friday 12th Sept, 11am-1pm at The Cube, Roscommon Town.
To book, contact Claire: **086 609 4262** / claire@ridc.ie.

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.
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.

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. 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 31st € 1,845.

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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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