



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

Weekly Newsletter

November 2nd 2025 / All Souls Day
In November we Remember ...



November, remembering and praying for the Dead

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

PRIEST ON CALL 0858705840

Drum Mass Intentions for November 2nd - November 9th.



Sat. 1st - 8 pm (JD) Thomsie Murray, Gorrynagowna.
Martin and Mai O'Rourke, Rathpeak.
Sun. 2nd - 10 am (JW) Christy McManus, Manchester.
Formerly Thornhill, Drum.
Tues. 4th - 7 pm (JD) No Intention.
Thurs. 6th - 7 pm (JD) Oliver Nicholson, Cornafulla South.
Sat. 8th - 8 pm (JD) No Intention.
Sun. 9th - 10 am (JW) Teresa McManus, Nure - Month's Mind.

Drum Parish office will be closed from 27th Oct. until 17th Nov.
Fr. Joseph will be away from 3rd Nov. until 8th Nov.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st November to Sunday 9th November 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(DO) All Saints
1st November		Peter & Nellie Shiel also their sons and daughter.
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Paul Grogan.
	6.30pm Vigil	(DO) Also Live Streamed
Sunday	9.00am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
2nd November		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Mary Gaynor - Month's Mind.
		Eileen Noone - Month's Mind.
		Fergus Mc Carrick - Month's Mind.
		Lily Fitzpatrick, Railway View.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
3rd November		Mass, Novena & Benediction
		Deceased Clergy of the Parish.
Tuesday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
4th November		Breda O'Neill.
	11.00am	Annual Defence Forces Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
5th November		Catherine Mc Cann & deceased members of the Dolan Family.
	6.00pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
6th November		Ann Shine.
Friday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
7th November		No Intention booked.
	7.30pm	(DO) Also Live Streamed
		Michael & Christina Kelly.
		Mary Vaughan.
		Kitty & Martin Cunningham.
		Bernie & Phyllis Mack.
		Patsy & Betty Beaumont.
Saturday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
8th November		Sean Dillon.
		Norman & Anne Johnson.
		Mary Malone.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Mollie & Jackie Keane.
Sunday	9.00am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
9th November		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Kit & Christina Keogh.
		Paddy, Molly, Brendan
		& Dermot Lennon.

Our church will be close at 5pm on Sunday through Thursday for the winter months.

St. Peter & Paul's Church Choir

Are looking for new members to join the choir. If you are interested please contact **PJ Stacey 087 2486206**.

Clonown Mass Intentions for November 2nd - November 9th.

Sunday 2nd 11.15am (JD) Lil, Jack and Pat Ward, Clonown.
Friday 7th 8pm (JD) Sean Boyle, St. Coman's Park.
Sunday 9th 11.15am (JD) James, Irene and Ronan Mulligan, Taylortown.

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)



There are several practical ways Catholics can observe All Souls' Day.

- * **One of the most important is attending Mass.** By going to Mass, we pray for the dead and offer the sacrifice of the Eucharist for their benefit.
- * **Another common practice is visiting cemeteries.** Many Catholics visit the graves of their loved ones to pray for them. This is a way to show respect and remember the dead. Some people bring flowers or candles to place at the graves. While there, they can say prayers like the Rosary or other prayers for the souls in Purgatory.
- * **Offering specific prayers for the dead is a powerful way to help them.** The Church encourages prayers like the Eternal Rest prayer, which asks God to grant peace to the souls in Purgatory. The Rosary is also a popular choice, as it asks for Mary's intercession for those who have died.
- * **Another way to participate is by offering sacrifices or acts of penance for the souls in Purgatory.** This could mean fasting, giving up something for a day, or offering a small act of charity. These sacrifices, when united with prayer, can help the souls move closer to Heaven.

**In these simple ways, Catholics can participate in All Souls' Day and show love for the dead.
Each action, no matter how small, helps the souls in Purgatory and brings us closer to God and each other.**

Annual Defence Forces November Mass

Will be held in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church on Tuesday of this week November 4th at 11am. ALL ARE WELCOME

Date for your Diary

The Annual November Mass to remember all who have died in the parish in the past 12 months will take place on **Saturday November 29th at 6.30pm in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church**. The names of those who have died will be read out and a candle in each of their memories will be lit. We encourage the families of the deceased to come to the Mass.

We extend an invitation to ALL families who have lost a loved once since November 2024 to join us for this special Mass.

The Legion of Mary invite you to join them in praying the rosary for all our deceased relatives, friends and neighbours, in local graveyards during November:

- Sunday 9th November @ 3pm in Cornamagh Cemetery.
- Sunday 16th November @ 3 pm in Coosan Cemetery.

Date for your diary -Samaritan Christmas Concert

The 35th Annual Samaritan Christmas Concert takes place on Thursday 11th Dec. in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Athlone, at 8pm, featuring the Army Band of the 2nd Brigade, Tenor Paul Linehan, Athlone A Cappella Choir, Athlone Pipe Band and Compere Joe McCarrick. Tickets: €20. Mulligan's Roscommon Road, Whyte's Pharmacy, Cunningham's Pharmacies and Athlone Printing.com. **The Samaritans are available 24hrs on freecall 116 123 for anyone who is lonely, troubled or just needs to talk to someone in confidence.**

Bereavement Information Evening

North West Hospice is holding a free Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday, 5th Nov. 2025 at 7pm in the Sligo Park Hotel.

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 6th & 20th November from 1pm -3.30pm.
Membership is free.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Michael (Mike) Davies, Gloucestershire, England.

Joe Hussey formerly St. Joseph's Villas.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend

Focolare Centre, Proposerous, Co Kildare 7th – 9th November 2025. Step away from the busyness of life, reconnect with your spouse, rediscover the joy of your marriage. An experience to enrich, renew and refresh your relationship. For information and booking www.marriageencounter.ie

Taizé Holy Hour - Prayer & 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
2412359	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2410301	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2412364	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2412357	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
2412361	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2414203	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.

Whisper of God

One day silent retreat at Knock Prayer Centre on Saturday, November 1st, from 10am to 5pm. Take sacred time to step away from the noise of daily life and reconnect with God in the peaceful, prayerful atmosphere at Knock Shrine. Further details: www.knockshrine.ie

First Friday Holy Communion Calls -We would like to hear from anyone in the parish who would like to be added to the monthly First Friday Holy Communion Call list. Please contact the parish office **090 - 6492171**.

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

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday October 26th € 1,685.

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