



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

Weekly Newsletter

October 12th 2025 / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Month of the Rosary



**Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?
Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?**

Luke 17:17-18

Parish Contact Details

V. Rev John Deignan P.P. 090 - 6490874
10 Ashford, Monksland. frjohn@athloneparish.ie
Ss. Peter & Paul's Office: Tues - Fri 9.30am - 2pm
Secretary: Martina Mc Sweeney, 090 - 6492171
Forthill House. parishoffice@athloneparish.ie
Fr. Joseph Wenjeslaus C.C. 090 - 6437125
St Brigid's Presbytery, Drum frjoseph@athloneparish.ie
(Drum / Clonown Areas)
Drum Office: Monday - Wednesday 9am to 1pm
Secretary: Catherine Higgins, St Brigid's Presbytery, Drum
090 - 6437125
drumoffice@athloneparish.ie

Deacon Tony Larkin:
Chaplain Colaiste Chairáin 085 739 2473
deacontony@athloneparish.ie

Parish Organist:
PJ Stacey 087 248 6206

Folk Group:
Frank Conroy 086 860 5333

Safe guarding Rep:
Lisa Malone 087 144 0833

Parish Pastoral Council:
John Daly Chairperson c/o Parish Office

Sacristy Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
(attended at Mass times only)
Christine Kenny & Sandra Daly 090 6494 150
Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)
PRIEST ON CALL 0858705840

Drum Mass Intentions for October 11th - October 19th.



Sat. 11th - 8 pm (JW) John Naughten, Ardkeenanan
- 1st Anniversary.

Sun. 12th - 10 am (JD) Patrick & Margaret Curley, Clonellan.
Also, their daughter Mary.

Tues. 14th - 7 pm (JW) Patrick Hogg, Crannaghmore.

Thurs. 16th - 7 pm (JW) Ellen & John Lennon, Kilmacormack
and deceased family members.

Sat. 18th - 8 pm (JD) Annie & Patrick Cuniffe,
Thomastown.
Patrick & Catherine Murray, Clonellan.

Sun. 19th - 10 am (JW) Bernadette Shine, Kilty.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th October to Sunday 19th October 2025

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

Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
11th October No Intention booked.

6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
Mark O'Connor - 1st Anniversary.

Sunday 9.00am (DO) Also Live Streamed
12th October **People of the Parish**
(JD) Also Live Streamed
Liam Hynes.
Pat Gavin.
Brenda, Fred, Brendan,
Joan Madden &
Freda Mc Cormack (née Madden).
Tommy Curley - 20th Anniversary.
Nuala Naughton, St. Coman's Park.

(JD) Also Live Streamed
Mass, Novena & Benediction
John O'Neill, Summerhill.

(JD) Also Live Streamed
14th October No Intention booked.

(JW) Also Live Streamed
15th October No Intention booked.

(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
(DO) Also Live Streamed
16th October No Intention booked.

(JW) Also Live Streamed
17th October 7.30pm Mary Feeney Kilmartin.
(JD) Also Live Streamed
Joe and Eileen Cahill & deceased
members of the Cahill & Flynn
families. Also, Alan Heaney
& Nick Quinn.
Thomas, Bridget, Peg
& David Hassett.
James & Bridget Reilly
& Damian Stephens.
Thomas Cassidy & deceased
family members.
John Healy & deceased family
members.

Saturday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
18th October No Intention booked.

6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed
Chris Keleghan.
Jimmy & Mary Kirwin.

Sunday 9.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed
19th October **People of the Parish**
(JW) Also Live Streamed
William & Mary Hannon.

The Parish Office will be closed from 13th Oct. until 21st Oct.

Clonown Mass Intentions for October 12th - October 19th.



Sunday 12th 11.15am (JW) Laurence, Rose & Sonny Shine,
Currnaboll.

Sunday 19th 11.15am (JD) Maureen & Paddy O'Brien,
Carricknaughton.

October the month of the Holy Rosary!

As we embrace the beauty of autumn, let's also embrace this powerful prayer. The Rosary offers a path to peace, a way to meditate on the life of Christ, and a unique connection to Our Blessed Mother. Whether you pick up your beads daily or join a group prayer, consider dedicating a little time this month to the Rosary – you'll be amazed by the grace it brings.

The readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time talk about healing, faith, and gratitude.

They show how people respond to God's help and how faith brings wholeness.

- **Healing comes from God:** Naaman is healed of leprosy after following God's instruction. Jesus heals ten lepers, showing that God brings both physical and spiritual healing.
- **Faith leads to healing:** Naaman at first doubts but then obeys and is healed. The Samaritan leper trusts Jesus, returns to give thanks, and is told his faith has saved him.
- **Gratitude is important:** Naaman returns to thank Elisha after being healed. Only one of the ten lepers thanks Jesus, showing that many forget to be grateful.
- **God's mercy is for all:** Naaman is not an Israelite, but God still heals him. The one grateful leper is a Samaritan, showing that God's love is for everyone.
- **Hardship and faith:** Paul suffers for preaching about Jesus, but he stays faithful. He reminds others that suffering for Christ leads to glory with him.
- **Jesus is always faithful:** Paul says that even when people fail, Jesus remains true. Jesus heals even those who do not return to thank him.

The readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time teach about faith and gratitude.

They remind people to trust in God and to give thanks for his blessings.

Parish Pastoral Council

The October meeting will be on Tuesday October 14th at 8pm in Forthill House. All members are requested to attend.

Parish Finance Committee

Will meet on Wednesday October 15th at 8pm in Fr. John's House.

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.

Heating in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church

We have turned the heat on in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Over the winter months we will endeavour to keep the church as warm as possible for Masses and ceremonies. We are all aware that the cost of heating Oilis at an all time high, this means huge bills for us over the winter months. We appeal to those who can afford it to kindly give what they can towards the heat. Special envelopes are available at the church for those who wish to use them, or you can scan the QR code with the camera on your phone to make an online donation. We thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Takes place October 1st-31st. For further info www.breastcancerireland.com

Information & Awareness Evening

Soroptimist International Ireland want to highlight & raise awareness of human trafficking in Ireland today. "Hidden in Plain Sight" will focus on the issue of trafficking in our communities. A meeting will be held in The Shamrock Lodge hotel on **Thursday 16th October @ 7.30pm**. All are welcome.

Athlone Little Theatre

Presents the Sean O'Casey classic 'Juno & the Paycock' from Friday, Oct. 17th to Friday, Oct. 24th. All performances @ 8pm, except for Sunday, Oct. 19th when there is a matinee only at 3pm. Book your tickets via www.athlonelittletheatre.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.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Mary Gaynor (née Derwin), St. Paul's Terrace.

Fergus Mc Carrick, The Park.

Breda Grenham (née Horan), Cornafulla South.

Eileen Noone (née Lennon), Summerhill.

Teresa Mc Manus (née Glynn), Nure. Cornafulla.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

St. Brigid's Church, Curraghboy.

A Holy Hour will take place on Wednesday 15th October at 8pm in Church of the Risen Christ, Kiltoom with Fr. Michael Mc Manus PP.

Candles will be blessed at the Holy Hour. All are welcome.

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 5th € 1,625.

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