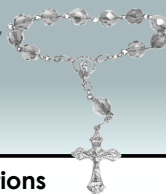




PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

October 19th 2025 / 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday/ October Month of the Rosary



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

19th October 2025

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

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Drum Mass Intentions for October 18th - October 26th.

Sat. 18th - 8 pm (JD) Annie & Patrick Cuniffe,
Thomastown.
Patrick & Catherine Murray, Clonellan.
Sun. 19th - 10 am (JW) Bernadette Shine, Kilty.
Tues. 21st - 7 pm (JD) Martin McManus, Clonrulla. Also,
deceased family members
Thurs. 23rd - 7 pm (JW) Adrian, Denis and Mary Dolan,
Curraghaleen.
Sat. 25th - 8 pm (JW) Pat Keena, Cornafulla. &, deceased
members of the Keena and Faherty families.
Sun. 26th - 10 am (JD) Patrick and Teresa Murray, Culfatha.



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th October to Sunday 26th October 2025

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

Saturday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
18th October No Intention booked.
6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed
Chris Keleghan.
Jimmy & Mary Kirwin.
Daniel & Margaret Mc Cracken
Sunday 9.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed
19th October People of the Parish
12.00pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
William & Mary Hannon.
Monday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
20th October Mass, Novena & Benediction
No intention booked
Tuesday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
21st October No Intention booked.
Wednesday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
22nd October No Intention booked.
6.00pm (JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
23rd October No Intention booked.
Friday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
24th October 7.30pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Paddy & Peggy Corcoran; Jack,
Martin, Paul & Tony Downey.
Kevin, Ann & Barbara Quigley;
Ciss Keegan; Pamela Ward;
Patricia Ryan; Sarah Smith
Frank and Rose McLoughlin.
Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
25th October No Intention booked.
6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
Marie Rushe 1st Anniv
Nancy Goode
May Mulligan & Trevor O'Meara
Sunday 9.00am (DO) Also Live Streamed
26th October People of the Parish
12.00pm (JD) Joe and Nell Geraghty.

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

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.

Clonown Mass Intentions for October 19th - October 26th.

Sunday 19th 11.15am (JD) Maureen & Paddy O'Brien,
Carricknaughton.
Sunday 26th 11.15am (JW) Mary and Paddy Dunning,
Ballinaculla. &, dec family members.

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)



Sharing God's Love: A Glimpse of World Mission Sunday 2025

As we plan for the year ahead, it's wonderful to look forward to special moments that connect us to the wider Church and inspire our faith. One such occasion is **World Mission Sunday**, and in **2025**, it falls on **Sunday, October 19th**.

What is World Mission Sunday?

In essence, World Mission Sunday is a global day of prayer and support for the missionary work of the Catholic Church. It's a time when we, as a parish community, are invited to reflect on the vital mission entrusted to us by Christ: to share the Good News of God's love with all people, everywhere.

Why is it important?

The Church's mission doesn't stop at our parish doors. Across the globe, dedicated priests, religious sisters and brothers, deacons, and lay missionaries are working tirelessly in diverse and often challenging circumstances. They bring Christ's healing, hope, and comfort to communities in need, build schools and hospitals, and share the Gospel message with those who may never have heard it before.

World Mission Sunday provides a concrete way for us to participate in this mission. Through our prayers and our generous offerings, we help sustain and empower these courageous individuals and the vital work they undertake. It's a powerful reminder that we are part of a global family, united in faith and called to serve one another.

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.

Annual Defence Forces November Mass

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

Parish Pastoral Council October Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday October 15th

The meeting opened with a prayer

- Election of new officers, Mr John Daly, Chairperson, Sr Mary Henry, Secretary and John Noone PRO.
- We looked at the Liturgical diary for the next couple of months and agreed times etc for the Masses and events.
- We had a discussion on a proposed programme Fr. John is working on that may be offered to Parishioners next year in which we would invite you to join us in exploring our catholic faith in modern Ireland.
- We were delighted to hear of the numbers who have signed up to be altar servers.
- Registration is just completing this weekend for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026.
- First Holy Communion Candidates have been invited to bring the gifts to the altar at weekend Masses
- Confirmation Candidates have been invited to read the prayer of the Faithful at weekend Masses.

The Meeting ended with a prayer, Next meeting is on Wednesday November 12th.

Date for your Diary

The Samaritans Christmas Concert will be held in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on Thursday December 11th. Details Later

Breast Cancer Awareness Month -

Takes place October 1st-31st. For further info www.breastcancerireland.com

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.

Bible Foundation Courses for Beginners

Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore - [28th - 30th November 2025] and [6th - 8th March 2026]. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness. Cost: €290. Price includes full board and accommodation. This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to get more comfortable reading and praying with the bible. Each participant will receive a free copy of the bible and resource kit on how to simply navigate and understand the big picture of salvation history.

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 12th € 1555.00

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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Clonown Church	IBAN IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063 BIC AIBKIE2D
Support of the Priests	IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 BIC AIBKIE2D