



Just a reminder to turn
back your clocks tonight.



Unfortunately only one
hour, not twenty years.



**Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced
of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.**

Luke 18:9

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Drum Mass Intentions for October 25th - November 2nd.



Sat. 25th - 8 pm (JW) Pat Keena, Cornafulla and deceased
members of the Keena & Faherty families.

Sun. 26th - 10 am (JD) No Intention.

Tues. 28th - 7 pm (JD) Mike & Bridie Naughton, Culfatha and
their son Michael.

Thurs. 30th - 7 pm (JW) Brian Murray, Crannaghmore.

Fri. 31st - 8 pm (JW) All Saints - Vigil Mass

Sat. 1st - 10 am (JD) All Saints

- 8 pm (JD) Thomsie Murray, Gorrynagowna.
Martin and Mai O'Rourke, Rathpeak.

Sun. 2nd - 10 am (JW) Christy McManus, Manchester.
Formerly Thornhill, Drum.

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 25th October to Sunday 2nd November 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
25th October		No Intention booked.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Marie Rushe - 1st Anniversary.
		Nancy Goode.
		May Mulligan.
		Trevor O'Meara
Sunday	9.00am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
26th October		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Joe & Nell Geraghty.
Monday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
27th October		Mass, Novena & Benediction
		Vincent Sweeney.
Tuesday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
28th October		Charlo Gallagher - 22nd Anniversary.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
29th October		No Intention booked.
	6.00pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
30th October		Derek Marsh.
Friday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
31st October		No Intention booked.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) All Saints
		Luke Duffy - 1st Anniversary.
		Elizabeth (Betty) Gallacher.
		Mona, Michael & Eileen Fennell.
		Pamela Ward, Patricia Ryan & Sarah Smith.
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	(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.

**Our church will be closed Sunday through Thursday at 5pm
for the winter months.**

November, the Month of the Holy Souls

On Saturday next we begin the month of November, a month when
we remember & pray for our deceased family, friends & neighbours.

Saturday November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Times November 1st All Souls Day

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Friday 6.30pm, Saturday 9.30am & 12 Noon
St. Brigids Church, Drum Friday 8pm & Saturday 10am
Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown Saturday 11.15am

Clonown Mass Intentions for October 26th - November 2nd.



Sunday 26th 11.15am (JW) Mary and Paddy Dunning,
Ballinaculla. &, dec family members.

Saturday 1st 11.15am (JW) All Saints.

Sunday 2nd 11.15am (JD) Lil, Jack and Pat Ward, Clonown.

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 themes for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time bring important lessons for our lives.

They help us understand how to approach God and live faithfully.

- **God Hears the Humble:** God listens closely to those who are humble and oppressed. In the first reading, we learn that God does not ignore their pleas; instead, He ensures justice for them.
- **Value of Humility:** Humility is key to being right with God. The Gospel shows that self-righteousness is not the way to God's heart, but humility and repentance are.
- **Faithfulness Rewarded:** Staying true to God's way leads to eternal rewards. In the second reading, even though others abandoned him, Paul is confident that God will bring him safely into His kingdom because of his faithfulness.
- **Strength in Trials:** God provides strength in difficult times. Paul speaks about being deserted by friends but supported by the Lord, highlighting that God helps us through our trials.
- **Prayer from the Heart:** Sincere prayer is more valued by God than boastful displays. The Gospel contrasts the prayers of two men, teaching us that a simple, heartfelt prayer is better than one filled with self-praise.

These themes for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time guide us on how to approach our relationship with God and with others. They encourage us to be humble, sincere, and steadfast in our faith.

Annual Defence Forces November Mass

Will be held in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church on Tuesday 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.

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

Kevin and Mary Flynn Ballydangan, would greatly like to thank everyone who supported their recent Coffee Morning in aid of **East Galway & Midlands Cancer Support**. Total raised was €3,200.

Big Coffee Morning

In aid of Roscommon Mayo Hospice, will be held on Saturday 1st November @ 10.30am in Monksland Community Centre, Old Tuam Road. All welcome.

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

Catherine (Jackie)McGee (née Nolan), formerly O'Connell St.

Patricia Gavin (née O'Brien), Carricknaughton.

Richard (Dick) Browne, Meehanbee.

Jimmy Dolan, Slí An Aifrinn, formerly Iona Park.

Marguerite Shanahan (née Naughton), Bora, Tullamore.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Old Athlone Society Lecture - The Quaker Community in Ballymurray, Roscommon by Jacqueline née Creaven d'Towey, Thurs 30th Oct. @ 8pm in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. All are welcome.

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 19th € 1,440.

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

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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