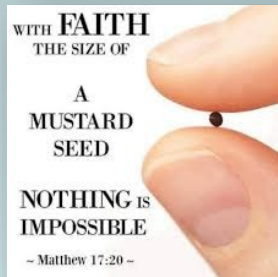




PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

October 5th 2025 / 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Month of the Rosary



"The apostles said to the Lord,
"Increase our faith." Luke 17:5

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Drum Mass Intentions for October 4th – October 12th.



Sat. 4th - 8 pm (JD) Mary McGlone, Kilmacormack. Also,
her brother James & his wife Mary.
Sun. 5th - 10 am (JW) Mary Ann & Tommy Lennon,
Meehambee.
Tues. 7th - 7 pm (JW) John & Kathleen Dunning. Also, their
son Johnnie. Ardkeenan.
Thurs. 9th - 7 pm (JW) Pat & Mary Ellen Duignan, Doohan.
Sat. 11th - 8 pm (JW) John Naughten, Ardkeenan
– 1st Anniversary.
Sun. 12th - 10 am (JD) Patrick & Margaret Curley, Clonellan.
Also, their daughter Mary.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 4th October to Sunday 12th October 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
4th October		John Hynes.
	6.30pm Vigil	(DO) Also Live Streamed
		Betty Lawlor - 1st Anniversary.
Sunday	9.00am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
5th October		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(DO) Also Live Streamed
		Sr. Bernard Lynch.
		Vera O'Keefe.
		Harry & Peg Murray.
		Cait & Paddy O'Rourke.
		Bridget Mc Manus & deceased
		family members.
		Pet Blessing
		(JW) Also Live Streamed
Monday	3.00pm	Mass, Novena & Benediction
6th October	9.30am	No Intention booked.
Tuesday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
7th October		No Intention booked.
Wednesday	9.30am	(JW) Also Live Streamed
8th October		No Intention booked.
	6.00pm	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
9th October		Paddy & Dilly Moore.
Friday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
10th October		No Intention booked.
	7.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Patrick O'Rourke.
		Frank Kerins.
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
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Liam Hynes.
		Pat Gavin.
		Brenda, Fred, Brendan, Joan &
		Freda Mc Cormack (née Madden).
		Tommy Curley - 20th Anniversary.

New opening hours for St. Peter's Parish Office Tuesday to Friday 9.30am - 2pm

Clonown Mass Intentions for October 5th - October 12th.



Sunday 5th 11.15am (JW) Bernadette Dunning & her
husband James.
Also, Maureen Dunning, Newrow.
Sunday 12th 11.15am (JW) Laurence, Rose & Sonny Shine,
Currnaboll.

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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time offers us various lessons through its readings.

Each reading provides insights into how we live and believe as Christians.

- **Living by Faith:** The prophet Habakkuk questions God about the suffering he sees. God responds by telling him to wait for a vision that promises justice. This teaches us that faith involves trusting God's timing and plan, even when we don't understand.
- **Gift of the Spirit:** In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to use the gifts God has given him. This reminds us that God equips us with spiritual gifts, and we should use them boldly and lovingly.
- **Power of Small Faith:** Jesus mentions that faith as small as a mustard seed can do great things. It shows us that the size of our faith is less important than its true presence and action in our lives.
- **Duty and Service:** The Gospel also compares faith to a servant doing his duty. It teaches us that following Jesus means serving without expecting rewards; our actions are part of our Christian duty.
- **Vision and Persistence:** Habakkuk is told to write down a vision clearly. This tells us that having a clear vision and persistence in faith can guide us through challenges and uncertainties.
- **Courage in Witnessing:** Paul's words to Timothy highlight the need for courage in proclaiming our faith. This encourages us to be strong and persistent in sharing our belief with others.

These themes from the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to reflect on our faith and duties as Christians.

They guide us in living out our beliefs in practical and faithful ways.

Monksland Community Mass

The October Community Mass will take place on Thursday 9th October at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. The Theme is "Reflecting on Mary and the Rosary". All are welcome. Tea, Scones and Friendly chat afterwards.

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 Oil is 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.



Concert for Children in Cambodia (PLEASE SUPPORT)

On Saturday 11th October at the Dean Crowe Theatre.

Artists : Shaskeen, MegaTrad, Trish Reilly & Sarah Clogher. Dancers. Tickets : www.deancrowetheatre.com

The Butterfly Choir

A creative project for people who have experienced stillbirth & neonatal loss, however long ago. All levels of singing experience welcome. No costs involved. Meeting on Saturdays in September and October in Roscommon Town (Roscommon Arts Centre and the South Roscommon Family Resource Centre).

Contact : Text Dee on **086 0750493** or email Lou on **butterflychoir@gmail.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.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind are holding a "Pet Blessing" at St Peter and Paul's church on Sunday October 5th @ 3pm. All welcome

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

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 16th October from 1pm -3.30pm. Membership is free.

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.

Taizé Holy Hour - Prayer & Meditation

In the chapel of Coláiste Chiaráin, Tuesday evenings from 7pm, led by Deacon Tony Larkin. All are welcome.

Part-Time Sacristan - Drum Church

Is required for Drum Church. If interested please contact the Drum parish office **090 6437125**.

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 September 28th € 1,725.

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