



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

Weekly Newsletter

November 16th 2025 / 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down. Luke 21:6

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

PRIEST ON CALL 0858705840

Drum Mass Intentions for November 15th - November 23rd.

Sat. 15th - 8 pm (JD) John & Bridie Harney, Curraghaleen.
Thomas & Janie Harney.
Denis & Nora Minogue.
Sun. 16th - 10 am (JD) Maureen Dunning, Thomastown.
Tues. 18th- 7 pm (JW) John McManus, Nure. Brother Tommy
and parents Mai & Pake.
Thurs. 20th - 7 pm (JW) Liam Naughten, Ardkeenán &
deceased family members.
Sat. 22nd - 8 pm (JW) Thomas Naughton, Clonark
& deceased family members.
Sun. 23rd - 10 am (JW) Gemma Henry, Clonellán.
Rosary in the cemetery after 10am mass on Sunday 23rd Nov.
Weather permitting.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th November to Sunday 23rd November 2025

Saturday 6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
15th November Jimmy & Josie Mc Gowan.
Jackie & Nellie Gough.
(DO) Also Live Streamed
Sunday 9.00am
16th November **12.00pm**
People of the Parish (JD) Also Live Streamed
Pat & Babs Treacy. Eamon Egan.
Terry O'Neill, Summerhill.
Thomas C, Mariah, George
& David Bannon.
(JD) Also Live Streamed
Monday 9.30am
17th November **Mass, Novena & Benediction**
Holy Souls.
Tuesday 9.30am
18th November **(JD) Also Live Streamed**
Molly & Chrisy Willis
& deceased family.
(JW) Also Live Streamed
Wednesday 9.30am
19th November **6.00pm**
(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 9.30am
20th November **(DO) Also Live Streamed**
John & Bessie Harrington, Deerpark
Road and deceased members of
the Barlow family, Lyster Street.
Friday 9.30am
21st November **(JW) Also Live Streamed**
Brigid & Jimmy O'Neill and their
recently deceased daughter
Eileen Keegan.
7.30pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Catherine Dolan & Rosie Davis.
Paddy, Mary & Gerry Molloy.
Saturday 9.30am
22nd November **(DO) Also Live Streamed**
Brendan Mc Fadden & deceased
family members.
6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed
Richard (Dick) Browne - **Month's Mind.**
Adeline O'Connor Berry - **1st Anniversary.**
Elaine Mc Loughlin- 10th Anniversary.
Sunday 9.00am
23rd November **12.00pm**
(JD) Also Live Streamed
People of the Parish
(JW) Also Live Streamed
Amanda Slone. Pat & Kieran Fallon.
Martin, Mary, Liam, Mark
& Rita O'Connor.
Michael Kenny & deceased family.
James & Margaret Malynn.
Terry O'Neill, Summerhill.

Annual Memorial Mass

The Annual November Mass to remember all who have died in the parish in the past 12 months will take place on
Saturday Nov 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 extend an invitation to ALL families who have lost a loved once since November 2024 to join us for this special Mass.

Clonown Mass Intentions for November 16th - November 23rd.

Sunday 16th 11.15am (JW) Mary, James & Tommy Egan,
Callowbeg and deceased family
members.
Sunday 23rd 11.15am (JD) Roddy & Bridget Hardiman and
deceased members of the
Hardiman & Dunning families &
cousin Norma Shine.

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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time calls us to reflect on our actions and the end times.

The readings remind us of the importance of staying faithful and diligent.

- **Judgment Day:** Malachi speaks of a fierce day when the arrogant and wicked will be punished. This day will bring justice and healing for those who honour God.
- **Hard Work:** In 2 Thessalonians, Paul emphasises the value of hard work. He warns against idleness and encourages everyone to earn their keep.
- **Future Trials:** Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and describes future hardships. He speaks of wars, disasters, and persecution that followers will face.
- **Faithfulness in Persecution:** Jesus promises to give wisdom to those who are persecuted for their faith. He assures them that they will be preserved if they endure these trials.
- **Endurance:** Endurance is highlighted in the Gospel as necessary for salvation. Those who stand firm in their faith will be saved.

The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to remain faithful and diligent in our work and faith.

They remind us that despite the trials we face, God's justice and healing will prevail.

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 & Compere Joe McCarrick. Tickets €20. Mulligan's Roscommon Road, Whyte's Pharmacy, Cunningham's Pharmacies & Athlone Print **The Samaritans are available 24hrs on freecall 116 123 for anyone who is lonely, troubled or just needs to talk to someone in confidence.**

'The Charitable Donation Scheme'

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your parish contributions. These donations are critical income, necessary to maintain the annual running cost of Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, St. Brigid's Church, Drum and Our Lady of the Wayside Chapel, Clonown. I would like to tell you about **'The Charitable Donation Scheme'**, which allows our parishioners to increase their annual donation, at no extra cost to them.

⇒ If you make a donation of more than €250 to your church, in a calendar year, we may be able claim a rebate on this donation. For example, if you make an annual donation of €250, the church can boost the value of your gift by an extra €112.32. The donation of €250 is regarded as 69% of the total donation and therefore we can claim the extra 31%, which is €112.32, as a rebate to the church.

Please contact the office to receive a CHY3 Form, This form will permit Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish, Athlone to make a claim for the charitable donation rebate on your behalf for the prior 5 years. This information will be treated in strictest confidence in accordance with our GDPR policy. I would be much obliged if you could complete and return this form as soon as possible.

Kindest Regards.

Fr. John

Mind Your Farm, Mind Yourself: Together We Thrive

A community event promoting inclusion, wellbeing & awareness will take place at

Trinity Arts Castlereagh, Church Hill, Castlereagh (F45AW27)

on November 12th & 19th 2025.

from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome!

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Siobhán Gallacher, formerly Irishtown.

Mary Barry (née Folliard), Roscommon Road.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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
2419169	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2419170	Caretaker/Grounds-person Clonown Community Project.
2419161	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2419160	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2414203	Cleaner/Caretaker St. Peter's Church.
2420362	Caretaker/Grounds person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2420363	Caretaker/Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.

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.

Drum Heritage Group

Have recently launched a Go Fund me Page. To Support Disability Access and facilities at the Drum Heritage Centre. To view www.gofundme.com and search for Drum Heritage.

Old Athlone Society

Lecture by Frances Nolan, author of recently published book National Hunt & Point-to-Point Racing in Ireland. The History of Jump Racing in Westmeath. Wednesday 19th November, Shamrock Lodge Hotel, 8pm. All welcome.

Athlone Community Services Council

Will be hosting a **Coffee Morning on Friday 21st November 2025 in Garrycastle GAA Clubhouse, Athlone.**

10:30AM-12:30PM to raise funds for our **Older Person Support Service.** Join us for a fun filled morning, a raffle will be held on the day! Everyone Welcome.

Luan Gallery

Age-Friendly AI Talk + Exhibition Tour with Kelley Keogh (Westmeath STEM Engagement Officer) on Tuesday, 11th November @ 1pm. (1 hr duration). Free to attend. Booking is advised – phone **090 6442154** or info@luangallery.ie

The Legion of Mary invite you to pray the rosary for all our deceased relatives, friends & neighbours, in local graveyards during November: **Sunday 16th Nov. @ 3 pm in Coosan Cemetery.**

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday November 9th € 1,935.

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