



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

Weekly Newsletter

November 23rd 2025 / Solemnity of Christ the King



Jesus, remember me when you come
into your kingdom. *Luke 23:42*

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

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Drum Mass Intentions for November 22nd - November 30th.

Sat. 22nd - 8 pm (JW) Thomas Naughton, Clonark
& deceased family members.

Sun. 23rd - 10 am (JW) Gemma Henry, Clonellan.

Tues. 25th- 7 pm (JW) All Souls.

Thurs. 27th - 7 pm (JW) Colm Shine, Kielty & deceased family
members.

Sat. 29th - 8 pm (JW) Jodie Harney, Crannaghmore.

Sun. 30th - 10 am (JD) Teresa and Patrick Murray, Culfatha &
deceased family members.

Rosary in the cemetery after 10am mass on Sunday 23rd Nov.
Weather permitting.

South Roscommon Cycling Club (SRCC) AGM, Shamrock Lodge
Hotel, Friday 28th Nov. @ 7.30pm. New members are most welcome.
Finger food served on the night.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th November to Sunday 23rd November 2025

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

Saturday 9.30am (DO) Brendan Mc Fadden &
deceased family members.
22nd Nov. 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 (JD) Also Live Streamed
23rd November People of the Parish
12.00pm (JW) Amanda Slone.
Pat & Kieran Fallon.
Martin, Mary, Liam, Mark
& Rita O'Connor.
Michael Kenny & deceased family.
James & Margaret Malynn.
Terry O'Neill, Summerhill.
Frank & Mary Egan & deceased
family.

Monday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
24th November Mass, Novena & Benediction
Bridget Harris & son David.

Tuesday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
25th November Holy Souls.

Wednesday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
26th November Thomas, Mary & Michael Rattigan
& dec. members of the Rattigan &
Brennan families.

Thursday 6.00pm (JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
27th November (DO) Also Live Streamed
Sean, Mary-Anne & Hubert Connolly.
PJ & Mary Macken.

Friday 9.30am (JD) No Intention.
28th Nov. 7.30pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
Paddy, Pdraig & Breege Sheriff.
Rosemary Brilly.

Saturday 9.30am (JD) Jack & Maura Campbell &
son John.

29th Nov. 6.30pm Vigil (ALL) Annual Memorial Mass for
the Deceased.

Sunday 9.00am (DO) Also Live Streamed
30th November People of the Parish
12.00pm (DO) Kathleen Byrne. Patricia Gibson.
John & Kitty Keena, Cornafulla
& deceased members of the Kenna
family Cornafulla & Lissillure.

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 23rd - November 30th.

Sunday 23rd 11.15am (JD) Roddy & Bridget Hardiman and
deceased members of the
Hardiman & Dunning families &
cousin Norma Shine.

Sunday 30th 11.15am (JW) Patricia Gavin, Carricknaughton
- **Month's Mind.**

Jack & Catherine Lombard, Cork.

Rosary in the cemetery immediately after mass
- **weather permitting.**

**The Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus is our true King.
His kingdom is different from earthly kingdoms because it is built on love, mercy, and sacrifice.**

- **Jesus as King:** Jesus is not a king who rules with power and force. He leads with love, humility, and service.
- **God's Kingdom is Eternal:** Earthly rulers come and go, but Jesus' kingdom will never end. His rule is one of peace and justice.
- **Salvation Through Jesus:** The second reading reminds us that Jesus rescues us from sin. He brings us into his kingdom and makes us part of his family.
- **Mercy and Forgiveness:** Jesus forgives the criminal on the cross. His kingdom is open to all who turn to him with faith.
- **Humility and Suffering:** Jesus does not save himself from the cross. His suffering shows that true kingship is about sacrifice, not power.
- **Faith in Jesus:** The good thief believed in Jesus even when others mocked him. His faith brought him the promise of eternal life.

**The Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus is a different kind of king.
He rules with love, mercy, and justice, and his kingdom will never end.**

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.**

Parish Pastoral Council

The November meeting took place on Tuesday November 18th in Forthill House.

- **Sacraments:** 289 children have been registered for the sacraments in 2026. 54 of them have volunteered to participate in Bringing up the gifts at Mass or reading the Prayer of the Faithful. We thank them for volunteering.
- **Advent:** This year during the weeks of Advent we will celebrate Families. Families will be invited to light the Advent Candle at Weekend Masses.
- **Christmas Mass and confession times were agreed**, the Childrens Mass will be at 6pm on December 24th. Confessions will be after Masses on the Weekend of December 6th and 7th. And on Christmas Eve from 10am to 2pm
- **A Diocesan Meeting for Parish Pastoral Councils** was held recently in Roscommon, It emphasised the need for a more collaborative approach to Parish Pastoral Planning. A discussion will continue in to our next meeting.

A Call to Sacred Service: Ministers of Holy Communion

We invite members of our Parish community who feel called to deepen their dedication to the Church by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Minister).

This is a vital and deeply special ministry. As a Eucharistic Minister, you will join our dedicated existing team to assist in distributing the Body of Christ to the faithful during Mass. Furthermore, this calling extends beyond the sanctuary. Ministers have the profound opportunity to bring Holy Communion to our homebound, elderly, or sick parishioners, ensuring the comfort and grace of the Sacrament reaches all members of our community.

If you discern a call to commit to this rewarding ministry, please register your interest.

There are two easy methods for signing up:

- **Digital Sign-Up:** Scan the dedicated QR Code located to the right of this notice.
- **Parish Office:** Contact the Parish Office directly during regular business hours.



All new applicants will participate in a **mandatory, short training and formation course**. This preparation ensures that all ministers are properly instructed in the reverence and procedure required for distributing the Eucharist.

We look forward to welcoming you to this truly fulfilling and special ministry.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Pat Watson, Creagh, Bealnamulla.

Bernadette (Bernie) Geraghty (née Dowling), Monksland.

Colm (Collie) Doyle, Bealnamulla.

PJ Watson, Rockfield, Drum.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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.

Taizé Holy Hour - Prayer & Meditation

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

Have you thought about fostering?

Change a child's life by becoming a Tusla Foster Carer. Talk to Tusla Fostering today by freephone **1800 226 771** or visit www.fostering.ie to learn more.

Athlone Little Theatre

Presents Four Short Plays from Friday, November 28th to Wednesday December 3rd at 8pm. Matinée only on Sunday, November 30th at 3pm. Lots of comedy, drama and new talent on show. Don't miss out! Book now via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday November 16th € 1,685.

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