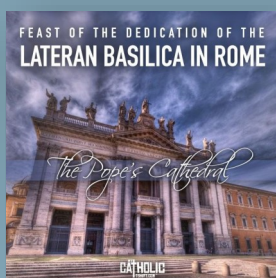




PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

November 9th 2025 / Dedication of John Lateran Basilica
The Mother Church of the Catholic Faith



November whispers prayers.
Souls remembered, resting in celestial light,
forever with God. Hope guides our faithful hearts.

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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

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Drum Mass Intentions for November 8th - November 16th.



Sat. 8th - 8 pm (JD) No Intention.
Sun. 9th - 10 am (JD) Teresa McManus, Nure - Month's Mind.
Tues. 11th- 7 pm No Mass.
Thurs.13th - 7 pm (JW) Kathleen Seery, Creggane.
Sat. 15th - 8 pm (JD) John & Bridie Harney, Curraghaleen.
Thomas & Janie Harney.
Denis & Nora Minogue.
Sun. 16th - 10 am (JD) Maureen Dunning, Thomastown.

Drum Parish office will be closed from 27th Oct. until 17th Nov.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th November to Sunday 16th November 2025

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

Saturday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
8th November		Sean Dillon. Mary Malone. Norman & Anne Johnson.
	6.30pm Vigil	(DO) Also Live Streamed
		Mollie & Jackie Keane.
Sunday	9.00am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
9th November		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Kit & Christina Keogh. Paddy, Molly, Brendan & Dermot Lennon.
Monday	9.30am	(BP) Also Live Streamed
10th November		Mass, Novena & Benediction
		Holy Souls.
Tuesday	9.30am	(BP) Also Live Streamed
11th November		Noel, Mary & James Maher.
Wednesday	9.30am	(BP) Also Live Streamed
12th November		Sean Doyle, Bealnamulla.
	6.00pm	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
13th November		Patrick, Susan, Madge & Patricia Naughton. Rose Morgan. Frank, Kathleen & Frankie Killian.
Friday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
14th November		No Intention booked.
	7.30pm	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Martha & Paddy Reidy & dec. family. Martha & Willie Derwin & Peter Finglas. Mary, John & Tommy Keogh. Sean, Mike & Vera Harney. Michelle Harney. Tom & Bridget Keegan. Jack & Teresa Keegan. Lily Farrell. Nancy Glennon.
Saturday	9.30am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
15th November		No Intention Booked.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed
		Jimmy & Josie Mc Gowan. Jackie & Nellie Gough.
Sunday	9.00am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
16th November		People of the Parish
	12.00pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Pat & Babs Treacy. Eamon Egan. Terry O'Neill, Summerhill. Thomas C, Mariah, George & David Bannon.

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 one since November 2024 to join us for this special Mass.

Clonown Mass Intentions for November 9th - November 16th.

Sunday 9th 11.15am (JD) James, Irene & Ronan Mulligan,
Taylorstown.
Sunday 16th 11.15am (JW) Mary, James & Tommy Egan,
Callowbeg and deceased 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)



The significance of the John Lateran Basilica

- The Lateran Basilica, also known as the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, is the oldest and highest-ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. Its history dates back to the 4th century when it was dedicated by Pope Sylvester I. This dedication marked a significant milestone in the development of the Christian faith and the establishment of the Church as an institution.
- The name "Lateran" comes from the Latin word "Lateranus," which refers to the family that donated the land on which the Basilica was built. The Laterani family was a prominent Roman family, and their donation of the land for the construction of the Basilica demonstrated their support and commitment to the Christian faith.
- The dedication of the Lateran Basilica by Pope Sylvester I in the 4th century was a momentous event. It symbolized the triumph of Christianity over paganism and marked the beginning of a new era for the Church. The dedication ceremony was attended by Emperor Constantine, who played a crucial role in the legalisation of Christianity in the Roman Empire.
- Throughout its history, the Lateran Basilica has witnessed significant events and undergone numerous renovations and reconstructions. It has served as the residence of the Popes, the site of important ecumenical councils, and a place of pilgrimage for countless faithful.
- The Basilica's status as a pilgrimage site is a testament to its enduring appeal and the impact it has on its visitors. Many Catholics consider a visit to the Lateran Basilica to be a transformative experience, as they are able to witness firsthand the rich history and spiritual significance of the Church. The awe-inspiring architecture, intricate artwork, and sacred relics housed within its walls create a sense of reverence and awe.

Parish Pastoral Council

The October meeting will be on Wednesday November 12th at 8pm in Forthill House. All members are requested to attend.

Monksland Community Mass

The November Community Mass will take place on **Thursday November 13th at 8pm**. The Mass will be offered for all of our deceased family neighbours and friends. **All are welcome**, Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards.

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 and Compere Joe McCarrick. Tickets: €20. Mulligan's Roscommon Road, Whyte's Pharmacy, Cunningham's Pharmacies and 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.

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. Come along for guest speakers, information stands, free health checks & refreshments. All are welcome!

Luan Gallery

Presents Science Week: Systems & Cyborgs, a dynamic fusion of science & art through talks, workshops, screenings, and creative events for curious minds of all ages. Runs from Tuesday 11th Nov – Saturday 15th Nov.

Old Athlone Society

Lecture by Frances Nolan, author of recently published book *National Hunt and Point-to-Point Racing in Ireland. A History*, will give a talk entitled *Runners, Riders and All Sorts: The History of Jump Racing in Westmeath*. Wednesday 19th November, Shamrock Lodge Hotel, 8pm. All welcome.

Please Continue to Pray for Peace

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.

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.

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.

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 6th & 20th November from 1pm -3.30pm. *Membership is free.*

The Legion of Mary invite you to pray the rosary for all our deceased relatives, friends and neighbours, in local graveyards during November:

Sunday 9th November @ 3pm in Cornamagh Cemetery.
Sunday 16th November @ 3 pm in Coosan Cemetery.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday November 2nd € 1,910.

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