



**This is the lesson of Christmas:
humility is the great condition for faith, for the spiritual life and for holiness.
May the Lord grant it to us as a gift.**

Pope Francis

**A Message of Gratitude and Peace
from the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul Athlone, including Drum and Clonown**

As the festive season of Christmas envelops us, filling our lives with joy, love, and the warmth of community, the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul Athlone, including Clonown and Drum, extends its heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who has contributed to the vibrant life of our parish throughout 2025. Your tireless efforts, unwavering support, and unrelenting spirit of volunteerism have been the cornerstone upon which our parish community has grown stronger and more resilient.

At this special time of the year, our thoughts and prayers are with those who, due to the demands of work or the vastness of distance, cannot be with their loved ones. We remember, in a special way, the brave men and women of our defence forces who are serving on UN missions, dedicating their Christmas to the noble cause of peace and security for all humanity. Your sacrifice does not go unnoticed, and we pray for your safe return and the peace that your work embodies.

Our hearts also go out to the many families within our parish who are navigating their first Christmas without a loved one by their side. We understand the profound grief that can accompany the festive season, and we remember you in our prayers. May the comfort of cherished memories, the love of those around you, and the promise of eternal life through the birth of Christ be a source of solace and peace during this challenging time.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the universal message of hope, love, and peace that His arrival brings. In a world that often finds itself divided and filled with turmoil, the Holy Season stands as a beacon of light, guiding us toward the harmony and understanding we all so deeply long for.

May the miracle of Christmas fill our hearts with the hope that a better tomorrow is possible, inspire our spirits with the love that conquers all, and envelop our world in the peace that transcends all boundaries. May the blessings of this sacred season be upon you and your loved ones, and may the New Year, 2026, bring you joy, prosperity, and peace.

On behalf of the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul Athlone, including Drum and Clonown, we wish you all the blessings of Christmas and every blessing in the year to come. May your hearts be light, your homes be filled with laughter, and your spirits be lifted by the love and peace of the Christmas message.

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

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SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th December to Sunday 11th January 2026

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

Saturday 27th Dec.	6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed Annette Duffy - 1st Anniversary. Yvonne Thompson - 1st Anniversary.
Sunday 28th December	9.00am (DO) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish 12.00pm (DO) Also Live Streamed Bridie Corcoran. Michael Goode.
Monday 29th December	9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed Emmett Mc Knight.
Tuesday 30th December	9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed Mary-Kate & Richard Durkan & dec. family.
Wednesday 31st December	9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention. 11.45pm (All) Also Live Streamed Private Intention.
Thursday 1st January	12.00pm (DO) Also Live Streamed John Casey. Paddy Sweeney.
Friday 2nd January	12.00pm (SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention. 7.30pm (DO) Also Live Streamed Adeline O'Connor Berry. Patricia Duffy.
Saturday 3rd January	9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed John, Mary, Sean & Gerry Dillon. 6.30pm Vigil (DO) Lena Connaughton - 1st Anniversary. Patrick (Paddy) Mc Laughlin - 1st Anniversary.
Sunday 4th January	9.00am (DO) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish 12.00pm (DO) Also Live Streamed Patrick Lohan - 1st Anniversary.
Monday 5th January	9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention. 6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed Sonnie Kildea. Bernie Mc Loughlin.
Tuesday 6th January	9.30am (DO) PJ O'Neill - Month's Mind.
Wednesday 7th January	12.00pm (SP) Feast of the Epiphany (JW) Also Live Streamed Mary Josephine Shine. David & James Benson.
Thursday 8th January	6.00pm (SP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed Patrick O'Neill - 1st Anniversary.
Friday 9th January	9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed No Intention. 7.30pm (SP) Also Live Streamed Michael (Mickey) Mullin - 1st Anniversary.
Saturday 10th January	9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed No Intention. 6.30pm Vigil (SP) Also Live Streamed Joseph Parkes
Sunday 11th January	9.00am (DO) Also Live Streamed People of the Parish 12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed Patrick, Patricia & Brendan Kenny.

Drum Mass Intentions for

December 27th - January 11th 2026.

Sat. 27th - 8 pm (SP)	P.J. Watson, Rockfield - Month's Mind.
Sun. 28th - 10 am (JD)	P.J. & Eileen McEvilly, Johnstown and their son John.
Tues. 30th - 7 pm (JD)	Patrick & Mary Lennon, Ardkeenan and their daughter Mary.
Thurs. 1st - 7 pm (JD)	New Year's Day
Sat. 3rd - 8 pm (SP)	No Intention.
Sun. 4th - 10 am (SP)	Mary Gavin, Crancam - 1st Anniversary.
January 3rd - January 11th.	
Sat. 3rd - 8 pm (SP)	No Intention.
Sun. 4th - 10 am (SP)	Mary Gavin, Crancam - 1st Anniversary.
Mon. 5th - 8pm (JW)	Kathleen & Johnny Harney, Crannaghmore and deceased family members.
Tues. 6th - 10 am (SP)	Feast of the Epiphany
Thurs. 8th - 7 pm (JW)	Willie, Mary & Liam Kelly, Clonbulia and deceased family members.
Sat. 10th - 8 pm (JD)	John Farrell, Westwood, Summerhill.
Sun. 11th - 10am (JW)	Mary & Tom Grenham, Gorrinagowna and deceased family members.

Clonown Mass Intentions for

December 27th - January 11th 2026.

Sunday 28th - 11.15am (SP)	John Dunning, The Park. Delia & Michael.
Friday 2nd - 8pm (JW)	Johnny & Mary Flynn, Clonown. Sonny Egan.
Sunday 4th - 11.15am (SP)	Ellen Dunning. Newtown. Her husband Jack & daughter Bernadette.

January 4th - January 11th.

Sunday 4th - 11.15am (SP)	Ellen Dunning. Newtown. Her husband Jack & daughter Bernadette.
Tuesday 6th - 8pm (JW)	Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday 11th - 11.15am (SP)	Jimmy Shine, Drumlosh - Month's Mind.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

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Sunday December 21st €

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