



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

Weekly Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Sunday January 18th, 2026



Behold, the
Lamb of God

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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)
PRIEST ON CALL 0858705840

Drum Mass Intentions for January 17th - January 25th.



Sat. 17th - 8 pm (SP) Patrick Duignan, Ardkeen. Also, his sister Mary Farrell.
Sun. 18th - 10 am (JD) Pat Daly, Thomastown - 1st Anniversary.
Tues. 20th - 7 pm (JW) No Intention.
Thurs. 22nd - 7pm (JW) No Intention.
Sat. 24th - 8 pm (JW) Una Naughton, Clonark.
Sun. 25th - 10 am (SP) John and Margaret McManus, Johnstown & deceased family members. Bridie and John McManus, Nure.

Taizé Holy Hour - Prayer & Meditation

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

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th January to Sunday 25th January 2026

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

Saturday 6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
17th January Denis & Marie Hannon and their Daughter Ann-Marie.
Sunday 9.00am (JW) Also Live Streamed
18th January **12.00pm (DO) Also Live Streamed**
Gerald (Gerry) Fitzgerald
- **Month's Mind.**
Patrick Harney - **1st Anniversary.**
Sr. Carmel Molloy - **1st Anniversary.**
Bridie Geraghty.
Anne, Helen & Bruce Savage and their parents.
(SP) Also Live Streamed
19th January No Intention.
Tuesday 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
20th January No Intention.
Wednesday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
21st January No Intention.
(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
(JD) Also Live Streamed
22nd January No Intention.
Friday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
23rd January John Mc Neill.
Peg Igoe and deceased members of the Killian family.
(SP) Also Live Streamed
7.30pm Josie, Jimmy, James, Tony & Annette Duffy. Also deceased members of the Downey & Hatchett families.
Eithne & Peter Dunne, Connolly St.
Saturday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
24th January Norah & John Mc Grath and deceased members of the Dunleavy & Brilly families.
(JD) Also Live Streamed
6.30pm Vigil No Intention.
Sunday 9.00am (DO) Also Live Streamed
25th January **12.00pm (JW) Also Live Streamed**
Sr. Teresa Sheerin - **Month's Mind.**
Denis & Mae Kilfeather.
Michael Hanley.
Jim Killian.

Christian Unity Week
Ecumenical Service of Prayer
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone
Wednesday January 21st 2026
At 7.30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME
Cup of tea and friendly chat afterwards.

Clonown Mass Intentions for January 18th - January 25th.

Sunday 18th - 11.15am (SP) Fr. Denis Gavin, Ballinaculla.
Sunday 25th - 11.15am (JD) Patrick Dollery, The Barracks, Clonown.

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time focuses on Jesus as the Lamb of God and the mission to spread God's salvation.

The readings show God's call, the role of Jesus, and how people respond to him.

- **Jesus as the Lamb of God:** John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God. This shows Jesus as the one who takes away sin and brings people back to God.
- **God's Call to Serve:** God calls Israel to bring back the people and be a light to all nations. This reminds believers that God calls them to share his message with others.
- **Salvation for All:** God's plan is not just for one group but for the whole world. Jesus brings salvation to everyone, not just to Israel.
- **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** John the Baptist sees the Spirit come down on Jesus. This confirms Jesus as the chosen one of God.
- **Grace and Peace from God:** Paul greets the church with a blessing of grace and peace. This reminds believers that God offers his help and peace to all who follow him.
- **Witnessing to Jesus:** John the Baptist tells others about Jesus. This shows the importance of sharing faith and pointing others to Jesus.

**The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights Jesus' mission and how people respond to him.
The readings remind believers that they are called to follow Jesus and share his message with others.**

Baptism of Adults

Are you an adult considering taking the next step in your faith journey through the Sacrament of Baptism? Our parish is now prayerfully preparing for the 2026 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme, a supportive and enriching process designed to welcome new members into the Catholic Church. This journey of formation, prayer, and community will begin in the new year, and we warmly invite any adults seeking Baptism - or those simply curious to learn more - to formally apply.

To express your interest and ensure your place in this transformative programme, please contact the parish office to register your details. Or scan the QR CODE on this message. We look forward to walking with you as you answer this call to faith.



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.



St. Peter's N.S. Enrolment

Is now open for 2nd - 6th Class and MGLD Special Classes.
Please see our website for more details.
www.stpetersschool.ie/
Our open day is on Thursday 29th January @ 1.15pm.

Clonown N.S., Now Enrolling

Open Evening, Thursday 22nd January from 6.30-7.30pm
Private visits can also be arranged.
Please contact clonownns@gmail.com or **0906400126**.

Short breaks Scheme; Would you be interested in providing home from home short breaks for children & adults who have an intellectual disability? Brothers of Charity Services Ireland, Homeshare Roscommon are recruiting host carers. Training and support provided. Tax exempt Allowances paid. For further phone Catherine on 090 6628500 / 087 2126607.

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
2425382	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2425383	Caretaker/Grounds-person Clonown Community Project.
2425379	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
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.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Daniel (Danny) O'Neill, Battery Heights.
Carmel Devanney (née Gunning), Battery Road.
Sr. Claire Mc Govern, Sister of Mercy, Lyster Street.
Joe Moylan, Roscommon Road.
Ellen Mullin (née Fennell), Battery Heights.
Jay (James) Lennon, Gorrynagowna.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

The Samaritans confidential support
Call on 116 123, 24 / 7 It's good to talk!

A date for your diary!
Medjugorje 2026 June 17th - June 24th

Cost is €855 per person sharing.
But there is an early booking discount of €50 per person for all deposits of €200 received before 30th January '26.
Travel Insurance is €35 extra.
Spiritual director Rev. Fr. Joseph Wenjeslaus.
If you are interested,
please contact Mary **087 2936933** for more information.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly
Offertory Collection

Sunday January 11th €1,585.

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