



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

Weekly Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Sunday January 25th, 2026



He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4:21-22

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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 24th - February 1st.



Sat. 24th - 8 pm (JW) Una Naughton, Clonark. Also, her mother Bridgie Lyons.

Sun. 25th - 10 am (SP) John and Margaret McManus, Johnstown an deceased family members.
Bridie and John McManus, Nure.

Tues. 27th - 7 pm (JW) No Intention.
Thurs. 29th - 7pm (JW) Rose Dunning, Clonark and Deceased family members.

Sat. 31st - 8 pm (SP) Denise Collins, Rooskey, Bealnamulla - 1st Anniversary.

Sun. 1st - 10 am (JW) **Feast of St. Brigid**
Catherine Ward, Clonark.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 24th January to Sunday 1st February 2026

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

Saturday 24th January 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
Norah & John Mc Grath and deceased members of the Dunleavy & Brilly families.
6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
Thomas Mc Cracken.
Sunday 25th January 9.00am (DO) Also Live Streamed
People of the Parish
12.00pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
Sr. Teresa Sheerin - **Month's Mind.**
Denis & Mae Kilfeather.
Michael Hanley.
Jackie Shine.
Jim Killian.
Christopher Beaumont.
Sonny & Kathleen Kearney & deceased members of the Kearney & Sloyan families.
(JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
Tuesday 26th January 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
27th January 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
Wednesday 28th January 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
Thursday 29th January 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
Friday 30th January 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
7.30pm (SP) Also Live Streamed
Ann Mc Donnell - **1st Anniversary.**
Dessie Conway.
Brian Johnson.
Marie O'Brien.
Jack, Julia & Mary Murphy.
Saturday 31st January 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed
Marlene Wogan - **1st Anniversary.**
Tony Mc Hugh.
Deceased members of the Kelly & Moore families.
Sunday 1st February 9.00am (DO) Feast of St. Brigid
People of the Parish
12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Noel Mannion - **1st Anniversary.**
Edward Egan.
John Mc Cormack.
Mary Egan.
Andrew O'Reilly.

Upcoming Feast Days

February 1st **Feast of St. Brigid**
Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses at Mass
February 2nd **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
Blessing of Candles at Mass
Mass at 9.30am in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
February 3rd **Feast of St. Blaize**
Blessing of Throats
Masses at 9.30am & 7.30pm in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church & 7pm in Drum Church on Feb. 3rd.
Blessing of throats in Clonown after Mass on Sunday next Feb 8th

Clonown Mass Intentions for January 25th - February 1st.

Sunday 25th - 11.15am (JD) Patrick Dollery, The Barracks, Clonown.
Sunday 1st Feb - 11.15am (SP) Feast of St. Brigid
Mary Shine, Currnaboll.

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time highlights Jesus as the light that leads people out of darkness.

The readings show how God calls people to unity and invites them to follow Jesus.

- **Light in darkness:** Isaiah speaks of people walking in darkness who see a great light. Jesus brings this light by preaching and healing in Galilee.
- **Call to unity:** Paul urges the Corinthians to be united and not divided. Following Jesus means working together and not focusing on human leaders.
- **Jesus calls disciples:** Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him. They leave everything behind to be with Him.
- **Repent and believe:** Jesus begins His preaching with a call to repentance. He invites people to change their ways and trust in God.
- **God's plan unfolds:** The prophecy in Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. His presence in Galilee shows that God's promises come true.
- **Spreading the good news:** Jesus goes from town to town preaching and healing. He shows that the message of God's kingdom is for everyone.

God brings light, calls people to follow Jesus, and asks for unity.

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds people to trust in God's plan.

Parish Pastoral Council update

The PPC met on Thursday January 15th.

- Among the topics discussed were a parish based course Fr. John is developing as an introduction to our faith. This will hopefully be ready to roll out in the Autumn.
- Preparations are underway for the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Priests will be visiting the Schools with Presentations in preparation of the Sacraments.
- Last week was catholic schools week. The 8 Catholic Primary Schools in the parish all held services or events to mark this special week.
- We discussed our need for more Ministers of the Eucharist and encourage those interested to let the parish by scanning the link in the message below.
- We also discussed preparation for Infant Baptism, it was felt that it would be helpful to have input from members of the parish to help new parents prepare for the sacrament. We would like to hear from and meet with anyone who would like to be a part of a Baptism Ministry Team in the Parish.

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
Elizabeth (Cherry) Keynes (née Dunne),
Connaught Gardens.

Brendan Kilroy, Kilmacormack, Drum.

Padraig Johnson, Dublin/Athlone.

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
2425382	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2425383	Caretaker/Grounds-person Clonown Community Project.
2425379	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2427818	Caretaker/Grounds person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2429879	Caretaker/Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.
2427815	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2429882	Receptionist/Administrator St. Peter's Project Office

For more information please contact the above number Monday to Friday between 9am To 1pm.

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.

A date for your diary!

Medjugorje 2026 June 17th - June 24th

Cost is €855 per person sharing.

Spiritual director Rev. Fr. Joseph Wenjeslaus.

If you are interested,

please contact Mary **087 2936933** for more information.

Dean Kelly N.S. Enrolment

Is now accepting new enrolments for school year 26/27.
Please see our website for more details.

www.deankellynationalschool.com

Our open day is on Tuesday 27th January @ 1.15pm.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

Sunday January 18th € 2.640.

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