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

Drum Mass Intentions for February 7th - February 15th.



Sat. 7th - 8 pm (SP) Michael & Annette Durney and their daughter Maura, Cornafulla North. Also, deceased members of the Durney & Shine families.

Sun. 8th - 10 am (JW) Joseph and Mary Duignan, Clonellan.

Tues. 10th - 7 pm (JW) Michael and Willie Berrigan, Clonark & deceased family members.

Thurs. 12th - 7pm (JW) Sr. Canisius Duffy, Clonark & her brother John Duffy.

Sat. 14th - 11am (JW) Jay (James) Lennon, Gorrynagowna - **Month's Mind.**

- 8 pm (JW) Michael and Mary Shine, Creggane.

Sun. 15th - 10 am (SP) P.J. Murray, Clonellan - **Month's Mind.**

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th February 2026

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

Saturday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
7th February No Intention.
6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed
Daniel (Danny) O'Neill - **Month's Mind.**
Kathleen (Kay) Lennon - **1st Anniversary.**
John, Eileen & Martin Lennon.
Donal & Eileen Murphy.
Bill Burke - 2nd Anniversary.

Sunday 9.00am (DO) People of the Parish
8th February 12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Michael Daly.
Laurence & Pat O'Connell and dec. family.
James, Kathleen & Michael Mulligan and dec. family.
Bridie, Annie, Joe & Edward Connolly.
Thomas O'Donoghue. Tommy Keogh.

Monday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
9th February Patrick & Kathleen Malone.
Tuesday 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
10th February No Intention.
Wednesday 9.30am (JD) Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
11th February **Anointing of the sick after mass.**
Rev. Fr. Tommy Moran.
Cathal O'Kelly.
(SP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
12th February No Intention.
Friday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
13th February 7.30pm (SP) Also Live Streamed
Ellen Mullin - **Month's Mind.**
Chrissie Healey.
Ann Ganly.

Saturday 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
14th February 6.30pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
Sr. Claire Mc Govern - **Month's Mind.**
Elizabeth (Cherry) Keys - **Month's Mind.**
Carmel Devaney - **Month's Mind.**
Sr. Mary Mc Govern - **1st Anniversary.**

Sunday 9.00am (JD) People of the Parish
15th February 12.00pm (DO) Also Live Streamed
Kieran & Rita Gavin.
Michael Lennon.

Upcoming Feast Days

February 18th Ash Wednesday
Masses SS. Peter & Paul's Church 7.20am, 9.30am & 7.30pm
Drum 7pm, **Clonown** 8pm
Weekday Masses during Lent
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
Monday—Thursday 7.20am / Monday—Saturday 9.30am
Friday 7.30pm
St. Brigid's Church, Drum Tuesday & Thursday 7pm
Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown **Friday 8pm**
Confessions after 9.30am Mass every Saturday morning

Clonown Mass Intentions for February 8th - February 15th.

Sunday 8th Feb - 11.15am (SP) Hugh Roche formerly The Togher.

Blessing of the throats after mass

Sunday 15th Feb - 11.15am (JW) Tommy, Patrick and Annie Dunning, Buggane & deceased family members.

The Roscommon Underwater Search and Recovery Unit

Would like to thank the parish of Clonown & Drum for the generous support last weekend at our annual church gate collection. We are very grateful for all your help, support & words of encouragement.
Clonown: €33 - Drum: €158

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 – The Compassion of Justice

The prophet Isaiah urges us to “share your bread with the hungry” and “clothe the naked.” This is not a suggestion for casual charity but a radical reordering of priorities. God's people are called to *action*—to see the face of Christ in the vulnerable and respond with tangible love. Like the prophet, we are reminded that fasting or prayer without justice is incomplete. True faith moves us to bridge gaps, not merely ponder them.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 – Foundation in Christ's Power

St. Paul reflects on his ministry, emphasising that the Gospel is not a product of human wisdom but the mighty power of God. When he preached, he said, “I relied not on human wisdom... but on the demonstration of the Spirit.” This challenges us to examine *how* we share our faith. Are we building our lives on our own cleverness, or are we allowing the Holy Spirit to shape us? Authentic Christian witness is not about eloquence but the quiet confidence that God's truth transforms.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16 – Salt and Light

In the Beatitudes' aftermath, Jesus declares us “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world.” Salt preserves and enhances flavour; light dispels darkness. Yet, Jesus warns that salt can lose its taste, and a hidden lamp serves no purpose. What does this mean for us? It means our faith must season the mundane—a kind word to a stranger, integrity in our work, mercy in conflict. And our light must *shine*—not concealed, but visible in how we live, so others may glorify God.

How can we be salt and light this week?

- **In Small Acts of Mercy:** Hold the door, listen deeply, or cook a meal for someone burdened.
- **Through Advocacy:** Volunteer at a shelter, support fair wages, or pray for peace in conflicts.
- **By Sharing Our Light:** Invite someone to Mass, share a testimony of God's faithfulness, or light a candle in prayer for the world's needs.

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 before Friday February 14th

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.



February Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Will take place on Tuesday evening February 17th at 8pm in Forthill House.

February Monksland Community Mass

Will be held on Thursday February 12th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre, on the Old Tuam Road. In our Mass we will pray for all who are sick and the anointing of the sick will be available for anyone wishing to receive it. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Eamon (Edward) Shine, Cappamore, Clonown.
Agatha Epharuene Odjeba (née Okor), Monksland.
Jack Geoghegan, Clonown.
John Doherty, Athlone/ Sligo.
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

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 Citizens Information

Is located at Arcadia Retail Centre beside Applegreen (the entrance is to the rear and faces the national school) **N37TOH3.**

Drop-in Clinic - Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

Dedicated Age Friendly Clinics every Tuesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Reception Desk - Monday to Friday – 9.30am to 5.00pm (Closed for lunch between 1:00 – 2:00pm).

Call 0818 07 6610 or email: Athlone@citinfo.ie

The Old Athlone Society

Is delighted to welcome Dr. Harman Murtagh to give our February lecture. Harman will speak on *The Irish Jacobite army, 1689-1691* at the Shamrock Lodge Hotel Wednesday February 11th at 8pm. All Welcome.

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

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

Sunday February 1st € 1,905.

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