



The Transfiguration: "His face shone like the sun... his garments became dazzling white."

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Drum Mass Intentions for 28th February - 8th March



Saturday - 8pm (SP) Patrick & Kathleen O'Neill.
28th February Mount Hussey. Also, Stella Brockman.
Sunday - 10 am (JW) Willie & Eileen Connaughton,
1st March Clonark and deceased family members.
Tuesday - 7 pm (JW) John, Bridie & Pat Halligan, Collogorris
3rd March and deceased family members.
Thursday - 7pm (JW) Rosaleen and Bernie Kelly, Rooskey.
5th March
Saturday - 8 pm (SP) Kathleen & Dinny Owen McManus,
7th March Dugra and deceased family members.
Sunday - 10 am (SP) Kathleen Hynes, Drum Road.
8th March

Church gate collection for Roscommon SPCA will be held on
28th Feb. & 1st March at Drum Church.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 28th to Sunday 8th March 2026

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

Saturday 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
28th February Nan Walsh.
Paddy & Kathleen O'Connor.
6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed
Niall Watson - **1st Anniversary.**
Gerard McCaul.
Sunday 9.00am (DO) People of the Parish
1st March 12.00pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
Jack Geoghegan - **Month's Mind.**
Ada & Martin Brennan.
Susan Reilly.
Brian & Miriam Lenehan.
Monday 7.20 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
2nd March 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
Tuesday 7.20 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
3rd March 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
Wednesday 7.20 am (JW) Also Live Streamed
4th March 9.30 am (JW) Also Live Streamed
6.00 pm (SP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 7.20am (DO) Also Live Streamed
5th March 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
Friday 9.30 am (DO) Also Live Streamed
6th March 7.30 pm (SP) Also Live Streamed
Seamus Fuery.
Ferdie, Kit & Donal O'Callaghan.
May & Larry Collins.
Tom & Maisie Byrne.
John Keyes. Frances Vaughan.
Saturday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
7th March 6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
Brid Hynes - **Month's Mind.**
Geraldine Woods - **Month's Mind.**
Anne Mc Loughlin - **1st Anniversary.**
Sunday 9.00am (JW) People of the Parish
8th March 12.00pm (DO) Also Live Streamed
Joseph Moylan - **Month's Mind**
& his mother Lily.
Seamus Mc Cann. Bridie Bigley.
Tommy & Mary Moran.
Paddy Kenny.

Fr. John will be away from February 26th until March 10th.
If you need a priest contact Fr. Joseph or Fr. Simon Peter.
The Parish office is open from Tuesday to Friday
from 9.30am to 1pm. parishoffice@athloneparish.ie

The Season of Lent 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 7pm
Confessions after 9.30am Mass every Saturday morning in
Ss. Peter and Paul's Church

Clonown Mass Intentions for 1st March - 8th March



Sunday 1st March - 11.15am (SP) Willie & Kathleen Ward,
Currnaboll.
Friday 6th March - 7.00 pm (JW) Lenten Mass
Sunday 8th March - 11.15am (JW) Patsy Burns, Cedarwood
Drive - 7th. Anniversary.

Church gate collection for Pro Life will be held on
1st March at Clonown Church.

From Call to Transfiguration – A Journey of Trust, Hope, and Light
The readings for today draw us along a single thread that weaves through Scripture:
God's invitation to step out of the familiar, the courage to proclaim that invitation,
and the promise that the journey ends in radiant transformation.

1. Abram's Leap of Faith (Genesis 12)

Abram's story begins with a simple, yet staggering command: "Go." He leaves behind a life he knows, stepping into the unknown because God promises to make him a blessing. For many of us, "going" today looks like cutting back on a habit, reaching out to someone we've been avoiding, or daring to imagine a different future for our families and communities. Lent is the season in which the Spirit whispers, "I am with you," inviting us to trust God's promise even when the road ahead is foggy.

2. Timothy's Bold Witness (2 Timothy 1)

Paul's letter to Timothy is a reminder that the Christian path is never a private affair. "Do not be ashamed"—the Holy Spirit asks us to wear our faith openly, even when it feels costly. The "glorious appearing of our Lord" that Paul anticipates is not a distant, eschatological event alone; it is *already* breaking into our lives through acts of love, justice, and mercy. When we share our hope, we become part of the very transfiguration that the disciples witnessed on the mountain.

3. The Transfiguration (Matthew 17)

The disciples see their Teacher bathed in divine light, flanked by Moses and Elijah—symbols of the Law and the Prophets. This moment is a **preview of the Resurrection**, a glimpse of the ultimate transformation that awaits every believer. It also reassures us that our present struggles and "mountain climbs" have a purpose: they are the crucible in which our hearts are refined, preparing us to reflect Christ's radiant glory.

Epilepsy Awareness Day

Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.
 For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie

UPCYCLE WORKSHOP

A lovely chance to Craft & chat with others, for a couple of hours. Bring along an item of clothing or 2, that you would like to upcycle using hand sewing & decoration. Come to Room 14, in the ACT Buildings at Ball Alley Lane, Parnell Square, Athlone at 10.00 on Tuesday 3rd March. Workshops will be monthly and are run free of charge by Athlone Family Resource Centre.

CONVERSATION CIRCLE IN IRISH

"Bígi linn". Join us in celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge with a relaxed Conversation Circle plus Refreshments, thanks to Athlone Family Resource Centre. We will meet in Room 14, ACT Buildings, Ball Alley Lane, Parnell Square, Athlone and feel free to pop in any time between 10.00 and 12.30 on Tuesday 10 March. "Is le gach éinne an Ghaeilge".

The World Day of Prayer

Will be celebrated on Friday 6th March 2026 in the Methodist Church, Northgate Street, Athlone @ 7.30pm. The theme for 2026 is **'I Will Give You Rest: Come'**. All are welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Patrick (Paddy) Conway, Asicus Villas.
Mary Kiernan (née Wheatley), Valleycourt.
Rosaleen Hannon (née Gavin), Bealnamulla.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Féile Ceoil na Scoileanna 2026

The 58th Féile Ceoil na Scoileanna will run in the Dean Crowe Theatre, Athlone from Tuesday, March 10th until Thursday March 12th with 1 night performance on Tuesday and 2 matinées on Wednesday and Thursday. The aim of the Féile is to promote Irish music, song, drama and dance while embracing the many other cultures and traditions.

Columbarium

Further to Joseph O'Neill's talk on having a Columbarium in St. Peter & Paul's church. More information is available on info@eternumcolumbarium.com or 085 2148301

COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP

Saturday 7th March 1pm-3pm – Coosan Church Car Park. Help us gather essential items for pregnant mothers and families with new babies.

Taizé Holy Hour - Prayer & Meditation

In the chapel of Coláiste Chiaráin, Tuesday evenings from pm, 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
2433681	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2433682	Caretaker/Grounds-person Clonown Community Project.
2433680	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.

West of Ireland Beginning Experience Weekend

Residential weekend for men and women who are grieving the loss of their wife, husband, partner. Takes place from Fri 27th to Sunday 29th March at Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo. Contact: **Maureen 087 6646896.**

Clonown Community Group

Table Quiz will take place on Thursday 5th March @ 8 pm at The Shamrock Lodge, Hotel. Tables of four €40. All proceeds towards Clonown Community Park.

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly
 Offertory Collection**

Sunday February 22nd € 1, 705.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

**If you wish to set up a weekly / monthly
 standing order for your contribution**

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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