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Drum Mass Intentions for 14th March - 22nd March



Saturday - 8 pm (JW) Mary Higgins, Ardkeenan.
14th March Tommy and Winnifred Higgins.

Sunday - 10 am (JW) Tony & Mary Duignan, Clonbullia and
15th March deceased family members.

Monday - 8pm (JW) Ann Kelly, Thomastown.
16th March

Tuesday - 10 am (JW) P.J. Lawless, Cornafulla South.
17th March

Thursday - 7pm (JW) Tony Whyte (Jnr.), Thomastown.
19th March

Saturday - 8 pm (SP) Patrick & Ellen Kenny, Clonbullia and
21st March deceased family members.

Sunday - 10 am (JD) Geraldine Hogg, Crannaghmore.
22nd March William & Margaret Macken, Creggane.

Roscommon SPCA greatly appreciated the church gate collection of
€218 from Drum parishioners on 28th February & 1st March.



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd March 2026

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

Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
14th March	6.30pm Vigil	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Sunday	9.00 am	(DO) People of the Parish
15th March	12.00 pm	(JD) Mother's Day Mary Hanley - 1st Anniversary. Muriel Galbraith - 1st Anniversary. Anne Geoghegan. Thomas Grenham. Bernard & Kathleen Brennan. Michael & Pauline Flynn. Marie & John Reardon.
Monday	7.20 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
16th March	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
	6.30pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
Tuesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
17th March	11.00 am	(DO) St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday	7.20 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
18th March	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	7.20 am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
19th March	9.30 am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
Friday	9.30 am	(DO) Also Live Streamed
20th March	7.30 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed Michael, Bridie, Mary, Noel & Kieran Dunning. Michael Cunniffe. Kathleen Dempsey. John & Hettie, Sean & Mary, Paddy & Mary, Mick & Mary, Mike & Nancy, & Patricia Goode. John O'Toole.
Saturday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
21st March		No Intention.
	6.30pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Sunday	9.00 am	(DO) People of the Parish
22nd March	12.00 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention.



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 15th March - 22nd March



Sunday - 11.15am (SP) Kathleen Shine, Currnaboll and
15th March deceased family members.

Tuesday - 11.15am (SP) St. Patrick's Day

17th March

Friday - 7.00 pm (JW) Lenten Mass

20th March

Sunday - 11.15am (JW) Bridie & Martin Shine, Drumlosh
22nd March and deceased family members.

Prolife campaign greatly appreciated the church gate collection of
€110 from Clonown parishioners on 1st March.



Laetare Sunday – A Glimpse of Light in the Lenten Journey

- The fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare, invites us to pause in the desert of our penitential walk and taste a foretaste of Easter's joy. In today's first reading, God tells Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or height... for the Lord sees the *heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). The shepherd-boy David, unnoticed and unassuming, is chosen as the future king. The passage reminds us that God's love does not depend on our outward successes or the expectations of the world; He chooses us in the quiet places of our lives and calls us to a destiny that outshines any human measure of worth.
- St. Paul's words to the Ephesians deepen that picture: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light... Walk as the day has broken" (Eph 5:8-14). The Lenten candle of Laetare—traditionally pink, a colour that teases the rose-tinted hope of the Resurrection—asks us to let that inner light break through the shadows of sin, fear, and doubt. It is a call to become visible signs of God's mercy, illuminating the world with acts of kindness, honesty, and love.
- Finally, the Gospel of John offers the most vivid illustration of spiritual sight: a man born blind receives sight, not only physically but also spiritually, as he proclaims, "One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see" (Jn 9:25). The miracle points us to the deeper healing that Christ offers each of us—a transformation that begins with an honest encounter with our own "blindness," followed by a courageous step of faith. As we gather this Laetare Sunday, let us allow the light of Christ to renew our hearts, so that, like David, we may be anointed for God's purpose; like the Ephesian believers, we may walk confidently in the day; and like the man born blind, we may bear witness that God's love can turn darkness into dazzling hope

May this Sunday remind us that, even in the midst of our Lenten fast, the joy of the Resurrection is already blooming within us, preparing us to celebrate the ultimate triumph of Light over darkness at the Paschal feast.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a timeless reminder of the countless women who give of themselves without measure - biological mothers, grandmothers, adoptive caregivers, mentors, and all who step into the nurturing role. It calls us to honour those still with us, cherish the legacy of those who have passed, and recognise anyone who pours love, wisdom, and sacrifice into the lives of others.

We Pray for Mothers

Lord, bless every mother—living, departed, and those who nurture like a mother. Grant them strength, peace, and love. May their sacrifices be honoured, their hearts soothed, and their spirits shine eternally in Your grace, and cherished by all generations forever.

St Patrick's Day

Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day, Mass times for St Patrick's Day.
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, 6.30pm Vigil, 9.30am & **11am**
Drum 8pm Vigil & 10am / Clonown 11.15am



Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day, organised by Liz Gilhooley and friends at the Sheraton Hotel Athlone on Friday 20th March from 10am. Everyone welcome and all donations greatly appreciated.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Mary Brennan (née Corley), Ardilaun & formerly Baylough.
Paddy Halligan, Crannaghbeg, Drum.
Paddy Horan, Auburn Heights & formerly Mitchell's Terrace.
Patrick (Paddy) Manning, Crannaghbeg, Drum.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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.
2437141	Caretaker/Grounds person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2437869	Caretaker/Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.
2437140	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2429882	Receptionist/Administrator St. Peter's Project Office.
2437644	Caretaker/Grounds-person Athlone Boat Club.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday 24th March: Dean Kelly, St. Peter's & Summerhill N.S.

@ **11am Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.**

Ardkeen & Cornafulla N.S.

@ **3pm St. Brigid's Church, Drum.**

Wednesday 25th March: Clonown & Cloonakilla N.S.

@ **11am Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.**

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 2nd & Thursday 16th April from 1pm -3.30pm.

Membership is free.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group

– AGM on Tuesday 24th March at 8.30pm in Drum Parish Hall.

New members are most welcome.

Drum Parish Office

Will be closed until Tuesday 7th April.
Please contact Fr. Joseph **090 6437125**
email – drumoffice@athloneparish.ie
or contact Forthill House 090 6492171

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

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly
Offertory Collection

Sunday March 8th € 1,695.

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