



Clocks go FORWARD an  
Hour on Saturday Night



**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions  
Saturday 28th to Sunday 5th April 2026**

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(DO) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>28th March</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b> <b>Vigil</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Paddy Conway - <b>Month's Mind.</b> Mary Kieran - <b>Month's Mind.</b> John Lafferty. James, Kathleen, Marian, Jimmy & Michael Drumm. Margaret & Edward Mulligan.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(DO) People of the Parish</b>
<b>29th March</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Rosaleen Hannon - <b>Month's Mind</b> Mary & Pat Crehan. David Hudson. Martin Maher.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.20 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> John & Nancy Lennon.
<b>30th March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.20 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>31st March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.20 am</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>1st April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Leo Marsh. Sarah Collins.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
<b>2nd April</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Morning prayer led by PDDM Sisters. <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> <b>Followed by a quiet Holy Hour.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>3rd April</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Morning Prayer led by PDDM Sisters. <b>Street Stations of the Cross</b> From St. Mary's to Ss. Peter & Paul's. In memory of those who have died in the last year.
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> <b>The Passion of the Lord</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
<b>4th April</b>		Morning Prayer led by PDDM Sisters. <b>Confessions 10am to 2pm.</b>
	<b>9.00 pm</b>	<b>Vigil (JD) Easter Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(DO) Easter Sunday</b>
<b>5th April</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Frank & Nuala Larkin. Sean & Eileen Egan. Pat Coyle.

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*(attended at Mass times only)*  
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are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)  
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**Drum Mass Intentions for  
28th March - 5th April**



**Saturday - 11am (JW)** Paddy Berrigan, Clonark  
**28th March** - **Month's Mind.**

**8 pm (SP)** John Joe Meares, Curryroe.

**Sunday - 10 am (JW)** Teresa & Paddy Greene formerly from  
**29th March** Creggan.

**Tuesday - 7 pm (JW)** Philomena Duignan, Ardkeenan.  
**31st March**

**Thursday - 8 pm (JW)** Holy Thursday  
**2nd April**

**Friday - 3 pm (JW)** Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord

**3rd April** 7.30 pm (JW) Stations of the Cross

**Saturday - 9 pm Vigil (JW)** Easter Vigil Mass  
**4th April**

**Sunday - 10 am (JW)** Easter Sunday – People of the Parish  
**5th April**

**Clonown Mass Intentions for  
29th March - 5th April**



**Sunday - 11.15am (SP)** Willie & Rosie Shine, Drumlosh and  
**29th March** deceased members of the Shine and Grenham families.

**Thursday - 8 pm (SP)** Holy Thursday  
**2nd April**

**Friday - 3 pm (SP)** Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord  
**3rd April**

**Saturday - 9 pm Vigil (SP)** Easter Vigil Mass  
**4th April**

**Sunday - 11.15am (SP)** Easter Sunday – People of the Parish  
**5th April**

**Palm Sunday Reflection: Hosanna in the Ordinary**  
**On Palm Sunday, we hear the joyful cries of "Hosanna!" as Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey—**  
**humble, peaceful, yet hailed as King.**

**People wave palm branches, laying their cloaks on the road, welcoming the Messiah they've long awaited.**

- But this triumph is quiet. No warhorse, no crown of gold—just a carpenter from Nazareth riding on a borrowed animal, loved by fishermen, children, and the broken-hearted.
- As we hold our palm crosses this week, let's remember: Jesus didn't come to conquer with swords, but with love. His victory wasn't won in a palace, but on a cross.
- In our own lives, we often look for grand signs—big answers, dramatic changes. Yet God meets us in the simple, the humble, the everyday. In a kind word. A shared meal. A moment of patience.
- This Holy Week, let's follow Jesus not just with palms in hand, but with open hearts—ready to see Him not only in the shouts of triumph, but in the quiet moments of love, sacrifice, and service.

**May our "Hosanna" continue beyond Sunday—not just a cheer,**  
**but a commitment to walk with Christ all the way to the cross, and beyond**

**Easter Timetable 2026**

**Easter Confessions**

Sunday March 22nd (After all Masses)

**Wednesday**

Chrism Mass in Sligo Cathedral 7.30pm  
 Live-feed / [www.sligocathedral.ie](http://www.sligocathedral.ie)

**Holy Thursday**

Morning Prayer in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church 9.30am  
*(Led by PDDM Sisters)*  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper (all churches) 8 pm  
*(Including commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers)*  
 Silent Holy Hour from 9 to 10pm at Sacred Heart Altar  
 in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

**Good Friday**

Morning Prayer in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church 9.30am  
*(Led by PDDM Sisters)*  
 On Street Stations of the Cross 12Noon  
 From St. Mary's to Ss. Peter & Paul's  
 The Passion of the Lord (All Churches) 3pm

**Holy Saturday**

Morning Prayer in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church 9.30am  
*(Led by PDDM Sisters)*  
 Confessions from 10am to 2pm  
 Easter Vigil Mass (All Churches) 9pm

**Easter Sunday**

As normal Sunday

**Easter Collection for the support of the Priests in the Parish.**

The Easter Envelopes are being distributed at the moment. This Collection is one of four annually to make up the monthly stipends for the three priests, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and Harvest. At no time do the priests receive a payment from the normal weekly collection which goes towards the running of the parish and the wages of the parish lay staff. The Priests, in accordance with diocesan rules, do not receive any assistance from the parish towards the purchase or fuel costs of their cars. You can also support this collection by returning an envelope or online by scanning the code with your phone camera.,



We thank those who contribute to this collection.

*Fr's John, Joseph & Simon Peter.*

**Athlone Tidy Towns – Athlone Big Clean-up 2026**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we are asking everyone to help in our annual Litter Pick and Clean-up of our town.  
 We welcome your support.

**Recently Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the souls of  
 Mary Mc Carth (née Mulryan), St. Coman's Park.  
 Marie Gavin (née Grogan), St. Joseph's Villas.  
**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.**

<b>Job Ref:</b>	<b>Position / Project Area</b>
<b>2433681</b>	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
<b>2433682</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Clonown Community Project.
<b>2433680</b>	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
<b>2437141</b>	Caretaker/Grounds person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
<b>2437869</b>	Caretaker/Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.
<b>2437140</b>	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
<b>2429882</b>	Receptionist/Administrator St. Peter's Project Office.
<b>2437644</b>	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.*

**Drum Apostolic Work**

Annual Raffle for Food Hampers will take place on Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Over 30 Hampers to give away. To be in with a chance to win contact Margaret Fallon or Collette Harney.  
 Lines €2 each or 3 for €5.

**Your support would be appreciated.**

**Mobile Library**

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm -3.30pm.  
*Membership is free.*

**HOLY HOUR**

Join Fr. Michael Mc Manus for a Holy Hour in The Church of The Risen Christ, Ballybay on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 8pm.

**Drum Parish Office**

Will be closed until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. contact Fr. Joseph **090 6437125** or email – [drumoffice@athloneparish.ie](mailto:drumoffice@athloneparish.ie) or Forthill House 090 6492171

**Fundraising walk for Mary's Meals**

On Easter Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from Clonbonny to Clonmacnoise starting at 10am. For more information, please contact 0879007911 or go online to donate at [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie)

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

**Sunday March 22nd € 1,820.**

**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)*

<b>Ss Peter &amp; Pauls Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE68 AIBK 9322 6436 857014	<b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>St. Brigid's Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE92 AIBK 9322 6411 809048	<b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>Clonown Church</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063	<b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D
<b>Support of the Priests</b>	<b>IBAN</b> IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287	<b>BIC</b> AIBKIE2D