



A spring of water welling up to eternal life

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Drum Mass Intentions for 7th March - 15th 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
Tuesday - 7 pm (JW) James & Kathleen Greene, Doohan.
10th March
Thursday - 7pm (JW) Pakie Naughton, Thomastown and
12th March deceased family members.
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.

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

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

Saturday 9.30am (DO) Kitty Mc Fadden.
7th March 6.30pm **Vigil (JW)** Brid Hynes - **Month's Mind.**
Geraldine Woods - **Month's Mind.**
Anne Mc Loughlin - **1st Anniversary.**
Stephen Kinneavy.
(JW) People of the Parish
8th March 12.00pm **(DO)** Joseph Moylan - **Month's Mind**
& his mother Lily.
Seamus Mc Cann. Paddy Kenny.
Bridie, Joe & Richard Bigley.
Tommy & Mary Moran.
James & Nora O'Connor and
deceased family.
(JW) Also Live Streamed
9th March 7.20 am **(JW) Also Live Streamed**
10th March 9.30 am **(SP) Also Live Streamed**
11th March 9.30 am **(SP) Also Live Streamed**
12th March 6.00 pm **(SP) Also Live Streamed**
13th March 7.30 pm **(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
(JD) Also Live Streamed
(JD) Also Live Streamed
14th March 9.30am **(DO)** Michael, Joseph &
Anne Mc Grath and son Tony.
(SP) Also Live Streamed
15th March 9.30am **(JD) Also Live Streamed**
16th March 6.30pm **Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed**
17th March 9.00am **(DO) People of the Parish**
18th March 12.00pm **(JD) Also Live Streamed**
Anne Geoghegan.
Thomas Grenham. Mary Hanley.

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 8th March - 15th March



Sunday - 11.15am (JW) Patsy Burns, Cedarwood
8th March Drive - 7th. Anniversary.
Friday - 7.00 pm (JW) Lenten Mass
13th March
Sunday - 11.15am (SP) Kathleen Shine, Currnaboll and
15th March deceased family members.

A Thirst-Quenched Journey – Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

The Desert of Daily Life

Imagine a pilgrim walking through a scorching desert. The sun beats down, the sand swallows footprints, and the pilgrim's throat is raw with thirst. In Exodus 17, the Israelites faced the same brutal heat; their cries for water seemed to fall on deaf ears. Yet God answered, not with a miracle of rain, but with a rock that split and poured life-giving water. The rock was a sign that God's presence could turn even the hardest stone into a source of sustenance.

Our modern desert is often less of sand and more of routine—busy schedules, endless to-do lists, the constant hum of digital alerts. We, too, feel the dry ache of a soul that longs for something deeper than coffee, social media likes, or the next achievement. The pilgrim's thirst is ours.

The Wells of Hope

On a journey to a distant land, the same pilgrim reaches a small town where a well stands at its heart. A woman, weary and wary, draws water. She is a Samaritan - an outsider, judged by her own people, a woman with a past that the world labels "blemished." When Jesus, the traveller, asks her for a drink, the simple request becomes an invitation into a new reality.

In John's Gospel, the Samaritan woman's encounter reveals three layers of water:

1. **Physical water**—the well's ordinary, daily need.
2. **Living water**—the Spirit's unseen, inexhaustible flow that quenches the deepest thirst of the heart.
3. **Water of the Christ-cross**—the ultimate act of love that offers salvation once and for all.

When Jesus tells her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him... you would have had the living water" (Jn 4:9-10), He is inviting her—and us—to exchange the fleeting pleasures of the world for an enduring source of grace. The woman, astonished, runs back to her town, proclaiming, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?" (Jn 4:29). Her testimony becomes a ripple that transforms an entire community.

March Monksland Community Mass

The March Monksland Community Mass will take place on Friday March 13th at 8pm in the Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. The Theme for the Mass is "Being Reconciled in a time of Conflict" All are welcome, Tea, Scones and friendly Chat afterwards **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM THURSDAY TO FRIDAY FOR THIS MONTH.**

CONVERSATION CIRCLE IN IRISH

"Bíog 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 10th March. "Is le gach éinne an Ghaeilge".

Workers' Rights Alliance

In partnership with Holohan lane LLP Solicitors are hosting a FREE EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC at St Kieran's Community Centre, Tormey Villas, Athlone on Saturday 14th March @12 noon – 2pm. Issues Covered: include work contracts, working hours, unfair dismissal, wage disputes (unpaid wages), discrimination, harassment, redundancy, and bullying. Personal injury. For more information or to pre-book, Whatsapp 085 707 2977 **Walk-ins welcome.**

The Old Athlone Society

Is delighted to welcome Vincent Delany to give our March lecture. Vincent will speak on *The Tailteann Games, Athlone, 1928' / 'An Aonach Tailteann, Ath Luain, 1928* at the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. Wednesday March 11th at 8pm. All Welcome.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Tona Meade (née Gaffey), Brawny Close.
May Flynn (née Minogue), UK, formerly St. Paul's Terrace.
Victoria (Vicky) Pettit, Coman's Park.
Maureen Flynn (née Simms), Assumption Road.
Paddy Berrigan, Clonark.
James (Jimmy Caulfield), formerly Connaught Street & The Batteries.
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.

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.
2429879	Caretaker/Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.
2437140	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.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group

– AGM on Tuesday 24th March at 8.30pm in Drum Parish Hall. New members are most welcome.

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.

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 1st €1, 750 .

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