



When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him

Please continue to pray for Peace  
and also for our parishioners serving with the  
**UN in South Lebanon**

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### Drum Mass Intentions for 18th April - 26th April



**Saturday - 8 pm (JD)** Kitty Naughton, Johnstown  
18th April - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.  
**Sunday - 10 am (JW)** Maura McCormack (née Glynn)  
19th April formerly Crannaghmore.  
**Tuesday - 7 pm (JW)** Ned. Lily and Eamon McManus, Rooskey  
21st April  
**Thursday - 7 pm (JW)** John Egan, Mount Florence.  
23rd April Also James and Maura Henry  
**Saturday - 8 pm (JW)** Tony Whyte, Thomastown.  
25th April  
**Sunday - 10 am (SP)** Pakie, Teresa, Michael and  
26th April Christopher Harney, Clonulla.

### SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th April 2026

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

<b>Saturday 18th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> PJ Kearney.
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Leo Behan - <b>Month's Mind.</b> Phil Casey - <b>1st Anniversary</b> & his parents, Paddy & Mary (Dolly) Casey & deceased family members. Tommy Kelly, Talbot Avenue.
<b>Sunday 19th April</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(DO) People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Marie Farrell. Patricia Irwin. Mary & Jimmy Lynch. Pat & Babs Treacy. Joe Noone.
<b>Monday 20th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Michael & Bridie Nolan & Dec. Family
<b>Tuesday 21st April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>Wednesday 22nd April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> For Our UN Peacekeeping Troops in Lebanon
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(SP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(DO) Also Live Streamed</b> John Shine
<b>Friday 24th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(DO) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Mary McCarth ( <b>Months Mind</b> ) Marie Gavin ( <b>Months Mind</b> ) and her husband Jackie; Teresa Tynan, Paula Kilkenny; Paddy & Kathleen Curley & Dec. Family; Paul Gibson (30th Anniv) & his daughter Sandra DeRosa 3rd (Anniv)
<b>Saturday 25th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(DO) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Frank Sumner ( <b>1st Anniv</b> ) Lorraine Degg (McLoughlin)
<b>Sunday 26th April</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(DO) People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Michael & Bride Garrick Maryanne Duignan & her son Tom Kathleen Lynch Baylough Tim Connolly

### Clonown Mass Intentions for 19th April - 26th April



**Sunday - 11.15am (SP)** Anne and Tom O'Brien,  
19th April Oldtown.  
**Sunday - 11.15am ( )** Tommy and Frank Ward,  
26th April Currnaboll.

*Make me a channel of your peace: Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

**"Did not our hearts burn within us?" A short reflection on the Third Sunday of Easter**

**In this Sunday's Gospel, we find the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They are walking away from Jerusalem, away from the scene of their dashed hopes, and away from the community that had been shattered by the Cross. They are physically moving in the wrong direction, burdened by the heavy "what-ifs" of a Friday that ended in a tomb.**

\* How often do we find ourselves on our own "Road to Emmaus"? We carry our disappointments like heavy luggage—a job loss, a strained relationship, a quiet grief, or simply the exhaustion of trying to be faithful in a world that feels increasingly loud and chaotic. Like the disciples, we often fail to recognize Jesus when He walks right alongside us. We are so consumed by the *problem* that we miss the *Presence*.

**The Pattern of Encounter**

\* Notice how Jesus restores them. He doesn't start with a lecture. He starts by **listening**. He allows them to vent their confusion. Then, He opens the Scriptures, reframing their suffering through the lens of God's redemptive plan. Finally, He stays for the meal, revealing Himself in the **breaking of the bread**.

**This is the heartbeat of our faith:**

\* **The Word:** We must let the Scriptures interpret our lives, rather than letting our lives interpret the Scriptures.

\* **The Eucharist:** We are nourished by the One who makes Himself recognizable in the simple act of breaking bread.

**A Challenge for the Week**

\* This week, as you navigate your own road, pause when you feel the "heaviness" setting in. Invite the Stranger to walk with you. Admit your confusion to Him in prayer. Then, look for the "burning heart" moments—that unexpected word of kindness, a sudden clarity in prayer, or the peace you feel at Mass.

**Jesus is not a memory of the past; He is the companion of your present.**

**Allow Him to turn you back toward Jerusalem, back toward hope, and back toward the community of believers**

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

The Priests of the Parish wish to thank those who have contributed to the Easter Collection towards their generous support. This collection is taken up four times each year, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and Harvest. 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 marked **"for the support of the clergy"** or online by scanning the code with your phone camera.,



**We thank those who contribute to this collection.**

*Fr's John Joseph & Simon Peter.*

**DIOCESES OF ACHONY AND ELPHIN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION**

The Dioceses of Achony and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **28<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2026** inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights includes Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport.

- The Pilgrimage includes an **Assisted Pilgrim Section**.
- Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in **Accueil Notre Dame**, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes.
- Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661 115).
- Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**All other enquiries can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)**

**National Learning Network Athlone**

Is offering places on the Landscape Maintenance / Horticulture & Gardening course for our centre in Blyry. Potential students who need an occupational intervention in their lives from mental wellbeing or learning support point of view can Contact 08601 14368 (Martin) ASAP, Martin will explore with you the possibilities for your future. 16 to 65 years of age qualify, QQI level 4 Qualification if desired. This is a **Free Course**, and all your payments and entitlements will be protected.

**www.churchservices.tv/athlone**

**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.

**The Samaritans confidential support**

If you are feeling lonely, depressed, isolated or need to talk to someone about something that is bothering you.

**Call the Samaritans on 116 123, 24 / 7 It's good to talk!**

**April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month**

Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers, but when detected early, it is highly treatable. You can reduce your risk of bowel cancer by eating healthy (high fibre, limit processed meat/red meat), limiting alcohol, maintain a healthy weight, being physically active, and getting help to quit smoking. Bowel screening is available to everyone aged 57-71 years.

See [www.hse.ie/bowelscreen](http://www.hse.ie/bowelscreen)

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

**Sunday April 12th € 1,800**

**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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Clonown Church	IBAN IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063	BIC AIBKIE2D
Support of the Priests	IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287	BIC AIBKIE2D