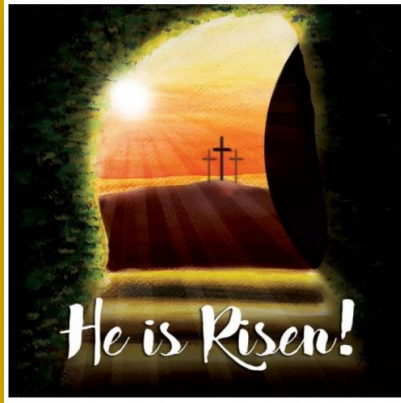




Easter Sunday / April 5th, 2026



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Drum Mass Intentions for 4th April - 12th April



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

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

Tuesday - 7 pm (JW) Catherine Higgins, Curryroe.
7th April

Thursday - 8 pm (JW) Maisie and Mike O'Reilly, Monksland.
9th April Willie Harney, Doochan and deceased family members.

Saturday - 8 pm (SP) Tommy Harney, Creggane, Cornafulla.
11th April

Sunday - 10 am (JD) Tom Connor, Clonark and deceased
12th April family members.
Michael and Mary Allen.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th April 2026

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

Saturday 4th April	9.30 am	Holy Saturday Morning Prayer led by PDDM Sisters. Confessions 10am to 2pm.
	9.00 pm Vigil	(JD) Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th April	9.00 am	(DO) Easter Sunday
	12.00 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Frank & Nuala Larkin. Sean & Eileen Egan. Pat Coyle. Phil Gavin. Rita Behan.
Monday 6th April	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Tuesday 7th April	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed Kevin Gilligan.
Wednesday 8th April	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.00 pm	(SP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 9th April	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Friday 10th April	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Mary Dowd - Month's Mind & her husband Tom Dowd. Jim Crowe. John Flynn.
Saturday 11th April	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed Vicky Pettit - Month's Mind. Seán Hegarty - 1st Anniversary & deceased members of the Hegarty & Whelan families. Ray Mc Carrick. Paddy Doolin.
Sunday 12th April	9.00 am	(SP) People of the Parish
	12.00 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Michael Hanley Snr. & Michael Hanley Jnr. - Birthday Remembrance. Dympna Kearney Coyle & deceased family members.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Will take place on 12th April in St. Brigid's Church, Drum
at 3 pm.
All are welcome.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 5th April - 12th April



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

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

Sunday - 11.15am (JW) Michael Fallon, Newtown,
12th April Clonown.

As the first light of sunrise breaks over the River Shannon this Easter morning, the world seemed to pause, listening for the whisper of a promise fulfilled. The stone that once sealed the tomb of our Lord has been rolled away, and with it the darkness of death has given way to the radiant light of new life. In this moment of triumph, we are invited not only to celebrate the Resurrection but also to draw deeply into the peace that it brings—peace that surpasses every circumstance, every fear, and every division.

This Easter, let us allow that divine peace to settle within us:

- **Peace with God** – The empty tomb reminds us that Christ's love has never been defeated. In Him we find the forgiveness that reconciles us to our Creator, mending the breach that sin created.
- **Peace with One Another** – The resurrection calls us to be ambassadors of reconciliation. As the Body of Christ, we are called to let go of grudges, to extend forgiveness, and to build bridges where there were walls.
- **Peace with Ourselves** – In the midst of life's anxieties—whether they be health concerns, economic worries, or the uncertainties of the future—Christ's victory offers a steady anchor. The promise that "the Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23) becomes a lived reality when we rest in His risen presence.

Our Easter Blessing

As we depart from the Easter liturgies and return to the rhythm of daily life, may the peace of the Resurrected Christ remain your constant companion. May you feel Him walking beside you on your way to work, in the classroom with your children, and in the quiet moments of reflection.

Let us hold fast to the truth that the empty tomb is not an ending but a beginning—an invitation to live out the glorious mystery of resurrection in every breath we take.

With the love of Christ and Easter blessings of peace,

Fr. John, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Simon Peter, Deacon Tony

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

The Easter for the support of the Priests in the Parish will be taken up today. 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. John, Joseph & Simon Peter.

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 0860114368 (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.

UPCYCLE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 7/4/26, join us and bring an item or 2 of clothing for Upcycle. Then using Hand sewing, and good ideas, we'll redesign it! 10am to 1pm, Rm 14, ACT Building, Ball Alley Lane, Parnell Sq., Athlone. These monthly workshops are free of charge, thanks to Athlone Family Resource Centre.

Youth 2000 Day Retreat

Takes place on April 25th at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provide an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith and meet other young people. Talks, testimonies & donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

Athlone Little Theatre

Athlone Little Theatre presents 'Six Characters in Search of an Author' by Luigi Pirandello, directed by Ekiñe Azcárate, from April 15th - 22nd next at 8pm nightly, except for a matinee performance only on Sunday, April 19th at 3pm. www.athlonelittletheatre.ie

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 16th April from 1pm -3.30pm.
Membership is free.

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.

First Friday Holy Communion Calls -We would like to hear from anyone in the parish who would like to be added to the monthly First Friday Holy Communion Call list.
Please contact the parish office **090 - 6492171**.

Drum Parish Office

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

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

Sunday March 29th € 1,925.

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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