



Please remember our First Holy Communion candidates in your Prayers.

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Drum Mass Intentions for 9th May - 17th May



Saturday - 8 pm (JD) Liam O'Neill, Kietly.

9th May

Sunday - 10 am (JW) Aodhán O'Faoláin - 1st Anniversary.
Frank & Mary McManus, Ardnanure.

10th May

Tuesday - 7 pm (JW) John (Cal) & Mary McManus, Nure.

12th May

Thursday - 7 pm (JW) John & Kathleen Grenham, Curraghaleen
and deceased members of the Grenham &
Cunningham families.

14th May

Saturday - 11am **First Holy Communion - Summerhill N.S.**

16th May - 8 pm (JW) Annie Hogg, Crannaghmore.

Sunday - 10 am (SP) Lisa Dolan, Clonark and her
grandparents Annie & Patrick Dolan.

17th May

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 9th May to Sunday 17th May 2026

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

Saturday 9th May 6.30 pm vigil (SP) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

Sunday 9th May 9.00 am (DO) People of the Parish

10th May 12.00 pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Damien (Damo) Kelly - 1st Anniversary.
Thomas & Elizabeth Studdert
& the Carty family.
Larry Fagan.
Sidney Slamon, Baylough & dec.
members of Slamon & Lavelle families.

Monday 11th May 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
Frank & Delia Collins.

Tuesday 12th May 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
Mary, Maureen & Frank Sherlock.

Wednesday 12th May 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
Special Intention.

13th May 6.00 pm (JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thursday 13th May 9.30 am (DO) Also Live Streamed
Rose Morgan.
Catherine & William Heavey.

Friday 14th May 9.30 am (DO) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

15th May 7.30 pm (SP) Also Live Streamed
Patrick Tobin - 1st Anniversary.
Matt & Gretta Darcy.
Eileen & Walter Henry.

Saturday 15th May 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
Angie & Michael Cunningham.

16th May 11.00 am First Holy Communion
Cloonakilla N.S.

6.30 pm vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
Joe (Joe Ball) O'Neill
- 1st Anniversary.
Joe Blackweir & deceased family.

Sunday 16th May 9.00 am (DO) People of the Parish

17th May 12.00 pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
Eileen Reilly - 1st Anniversary.
James (Jimmy) Hussey
- 1st Anniversary.
Michael J. Hannon, his daughter
Mary & his grandson
Michael Francis Quain.
Bridie Egan, Pearse Street.
Jimmy Lennon, 32 St. Comans Park.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 10th May - 17th May



Sunday - 11.15am (SP) Margaret & Michael Fallon,
Carricknaughton & deceased
Family members.

10th May

Sunday - 11.15am (JD) Willie Shine, Currnaboll.

17th May

Congratulations to the Young People from Cornafulla, Dean Kelly & St. Peter's
National Schools who received the First Holy Communion Yesterday



Faith in Action: A Reflection for the 6th Sunday of Easter

As we draw closer to the celebration of Pentecost, our readings this week invite us to move beyond a passive belief in God and toward a life of active, tangible love.

- In our Gospel, Jesus gives us a simple, yet profoundly challenging, test of discipleship: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." This isn't a demand rooted in legalism, but a invitation into a relationship. When we fall in love with a person, we naturally want to please them; we want to align our lives with their desires. Jesus is calling us to that same intimacy. He promises us the "Advocate," the Holy Spirit, who will not leave us as orphans but will dwell within us, acting as our compass in an often-confusing world.
- This theme of an indwelling presence is echoed in the first reading from Acts. When Peter and John arrive in Samaria, they pray that the new believers might receive the Holy Spirit. It is a reminder that our faith is not just a private spiritual feeling; it is a power that transforms us. Just as the people of Samaria experienced "great joy" when they encountered the Good News, we, too, are meant to be beacons of joy in our parish and our Community.
- Saint Peter hits the nail on the head in our second reading when he urges us to "always be ready to give an explanation for the hope that you have." Notice that he doesn't say "explain your theology" or "win an argument." He says explain your hope. People are rarely converted by our debates, but they are often changed by our hope - especially when we remain steadfast, kind, and generous in the face of life's inevitable difficulties.

As we go about our week, let us ask ourselves: Does my life show evidence of the Holy Spirit? When people see the way I interact with my family, my coworkers, and my neighbours, do they ask me why I have such hope?

Let us strive to love Jesus not just with our words, but by keeping His commandments—primarily the commandment to love one another as He has loved us. In doing so, we prove that we are never truly alone, for the Spirit of Truth is alive and working through us.

Monksland Community Mass

The Monksland Community Mass for May will be held on Thursday next May 14th at 8pm in the Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. The Theme of the Mass is Praying for Peace through the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

All Are Welcome, Bring a friend.

Tea, Scones and Friendly Chat Afterwards

ACHONRY AND ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

Assisted Pilgrim Section

The Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **28th August, 2026 to the 2nd September, 2026**, 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.

- Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Fr. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director 090 6661115. Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 11th June 2026.

All other enquiries can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email info@joewalshstours.ie

Luan Gallery

Celebrate National Drawing Day at Luan Gallery on Saturday 16th May with a range of free activities, from self-guided drawing for all ages to artist-led sessions and live demonstrations. Visit luangallery.ie for more information.

National Epilepsy Week 2026

Takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

Eucharistic Healing Service - Star of the Sea Retreat Centre

Takes place on the second Monday of each month @ 7:30pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Public Oratory, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo, F91 CC98. Upcoming dates: **11th May - 8th June - 13th July**. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness & Louise McGuinness. Free Event. All Welcome!

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

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| 2444567 | Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall. |
| 2444568 | Caretaker/Grounds-person Clonown Community Project. |
| 2444569 | Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club. |
| 2444088 | Caretaker/Grounds person Drum Church & Parish Hall. |
| 2444279 | Caretaker/Grounds person Monksland Community Centre. |
| 2444570 | Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns. |
| 2442176 | Cleaner/Caretaker Monksland Community Centre. |
| 2444280 | 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.

Sacristan Vacancy for Drum Church

A vacancy for a Sacristan's position in Drum Church has arisen. If anyone is interested, please contact the Drum parish office **090 6437125**.

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!

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 21st May from 1pm -3.30pm.
Membership is free.

Disability and Older people's services

The FREE annual Disability and Older people's services & information event is taking place on **Monday 18th May from 10.00 to 1.30pm in the Bloomfield House Hotel Mullingar Co. Westmeath**. Irish heart foundation will have their mobile unit there for free health checks. All welcome. For further information please contact Linda-Jo Quinn at Westmeath Community Development 087 250 0161.
To book your place ring WCD reception on 044 93 48571.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Gerry Mullin, Listowel and formerly of Bastion Street.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

Sunday May 3rd € 1,730.

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