



Please remember our First Holy Communion candidates in your Prayers.

### SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May 2026

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

<b>Saturday 23rd May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(JW) Also Live Streamed</b> Esther & Ned Egan. Kieran Molloy.
<b>Sunday 24th May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(DO) People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Michael Keena - 1st Anniversary.
<b>Monday 25th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>Tuesday 26th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
<b>Wednesday 27th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday 28th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(DO) Also Live Streamed</b> Alex & Corey O'Meara - Birthday Remembrance.
<b>Friday 29th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(DO) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Tom Egan. John & Elizabeth Ruane. Nancy & John Lennon.
<b>Saturday 30th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>6.30 pm Vigil</b>	<b>(SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Callum Nally - Month's Mind. Agnieszka Wazydrag - 1st Anniversary.
<b>Sunday 31st May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>(DO) People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>(JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Angela Coyle. Bridie, Teddy & Mary Simpson. Frances & Kevin Mulkearn.

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**PRIEST ON CALL 0858705840**

#### Drum Mass Intentions for 23rd May - 31st May



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

**23rd May - 8 pm (SP)** John Bohan, Gorrynagowna.

**Sunday - 10 am (JD)** Jimmy Moore, Meehambee.

**24th May** Rosary will be held in Drum Church on Sunday 24th May @ 3pm. All are welcome.

**Tuesday - 7 pm (JW)** James & Lena Murray, Clonellan.

**26th May**

**Thursday - 7 pm (JW)** Mary & Joe Dolan, Curraghaleen.

**28th May**

**Saturday - 8 pm (JD)** James & Martin Kelly, Clonbulia and their parents John & Ellen Kelly.

**30th May**

**Sunday - 10 am (JW)** Adeline Lennon Kenny, Clonbulia.

**31st May**

#### Clonown Mass Intentions for 24th May - 31st May



**Sunday - 11.15am (JD) First Holy Communion**  
**24th May** Clonown N.S.  
Teresa & Tom Lennon, Oldtown and deceased family members.

**Sunday - 11.15am (SP) Joe Egan, Callowbeg.**  
**31st May**

Church gate collection in aid of Roscommon Society for Prevention of cruelty to animals (ROSCOMMON SPCA). Will be held at Clonown church on Sunday 24th May.

**Congratulations to the Young People from Ardkeenan & Clonown National Schools who received their First Holy Communion yesterday and today.**



### Pentecost: The Flame Still Burning

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we find ourselves in the middle of a world that feels both incredibly fast-paced and profoundly fragmented. It is 2026, and the digital noise of our era often threatens to drown out the "still, small voice" of the Holy Spirit. Yet, as we gather in our pews today, we are reminded of a truth that transcends time: the same fire that descended upon the Upper Room is the very heat that warms our hearts today.

The Reading from Acts tells us that when the Spirit came, it wasn't just a private, spiritual experience; it was a public eruption of grace. It broke down language barriers, healed divisions, and sent a group of fearful individuals out into the streets as bold witnesses.

**In our parish life this year, the Holy Spirit is asking us the same question He asked the Apostles:  
"Are you ready to leave the Upper Room?"**

- It is easy to treat our faith as a comfort—a place to come for solace when the world outside feels too heavy. But Pentecost is the antidote to comfort. It is our "birthday" as a Church, and like any birthday, it marks a beginning. The Spirit is not given to us to be kept, but to be spent.
- Perhaps the "tongues of fire" this year look like a difficult conversation you've been avoiding, a new ministry you've been afraid to join, or simply a commitment to be more present to the people in your own home. The Holy Spirit is the advocate who nudges us out of our circles of safety and into the lives of our neighbours.
- As you leave Mass today, I invite you to pay attention to the "breezes" of the Spirit in your own week.

*Where are you being called to speak a word of encouragement?*

*Where are you being asked to bridge a divide?*

*Where can you manifest the peace of Christ in a world that is so often at war with itself?*

**Pentecost is not a historical event we remember; it is a current reality we inhabit. Let us go forth not as people who are merely "attending" a church, but as people who are being sent by the Fire.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

### Date for Your Diary—The Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi—The Body & Blood of Christ will take place on **Sunday June 7th**.

The **Traditional Corpus Christi Processions** will take place after one Mass in each church in the parish.

- Saturday June 6th After the 6.30pm Vigil Mass in **Ss. Peter & Paul's** church going across Connolly Street, Down Chapel Street, Lyster Street, Deerpark Road and into Parnell Square where it will conclude with Benediction.
- Saturday June 6th after 8pm Mass in **Drum**, From the Church to the Graveyard ending with Benediction
- Sunday June 7th after 11.15am Mass in **Clonown**, from the Church to the Graveyard ending with Benediction.

*We encourage you to come and join us for the procession and extend a special invite to families who have had a member receive the Blessed Sacrament this Year.*

### Pentecost Collection for the support of the Priests.

Next weekend the Pentecost Collection for the support of the clergy will be taken up. This is one of the four collections that make up the monthly stipend to support the Priests in the Parish. The Priests Never receive their stipend from the normal Sunday Collection. Envelopes are being distributed to your homes for this collection and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass.

**We thank you for your support and encouragement. Fr. John, Fr. Joseph & Fr. Simon Peter.**

### 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.

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 Assisted Application Forms is 11th June 2026.

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

### Drum Heritage

Annual Open-air mass will be held on Sunday 7th June in Drum Cemetery. Mass at 3pm. Rosary at 2.45pm. Weather permitting.

### Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Monksland (SuperValu carpark) on Thursday 4th & Thursday 18th June from 1pm -3.30pm. Membership is free.

### Bus to Knock for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally

Leaves Athlone at 7.45am, on Saturday 6th June. Booking essential. Contact Caroline **086 1960256**.

### Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June. More details, including bus options: **[www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg)** All are 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

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

### Feile na Sionainne Fundraising Concert

A night of traditional Irish music & song. Thursday 28th May @ 8pm in Athlone Little Theatre. Tickets €15. Ph. **087 9028058** All proceeds go towards the running costs of the Feile na Sionainne Festival (August Bank Holiday weekend).

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Michael Keogh, Merville, Donegal & formerly of Athlone**  
**May he rest in the peace of Christ.**

### Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

**Offertery Collection**

**Sunday May 17th € 1,870.**

**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