



Do not let your hearts be troubled ...

Parish Contact Details

V. Rev John Deignan P.P. 090 - 6490874
10 Ashford, Monksland. frjohn@athloneparish.ie

Fr. Simon Peter Akpoja 090 - 6492171
Forthill House. frsimonpeter@athloneparish.ie

Ss. Peter & Paul's Office: Tues - Fri 9.30am - 1pm
Secretary: Martina Mc Sweeney, 090 - 6492171
Forthill House. parishoffice@athloneparish.ie

Fr. Joseph Wenjeslaus C.C. 090 - 6437125
St Brigid's Presbytery, Drum frjoseph@athloneparish.ie
(Drum / Clonown Areas)

Drum Office: Mon - Wed 9am to 1pm
Secretary: Catherine Higgins, St Brigid's Presbytery, Drum
090 - 6437125 drumoffice@athloneparish.ie

Deacon Tony Larkin: 085 739 2473
Chaplain Colaiste Chairáin deacontony@athloneparish.ie

Parish Organist:
PJ Stacey 087 248 6206

Folk Group:
Frank Conroy 086 860 5333

Safe guarding Rep:
Lisa Malone 087 144 0833
safeguarding@athloneparish.ie

Parish Pastoral Council:
John Daly Chairperson c/o Parish Office

Sacristy Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
(attended at Mass times only)
Christine Kenny & Sandra Daly 090 6494 150
Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)
PRIEST ON CALL 0858705840

Drum Mass Intentions for 2nd May - 10th May



Saturday - 8 pm (SP) Bridget Kelly, Curraghaleen.
2nd May

Sunday - 10 am (JD) Donal and Lil Shine, Drum Road.
3rd May

Tuesday - 7 pm (JW) Mae & Tom Henry, Drumlosh
& deceased family members.
5th May

Thursday - 7 pm (JW) Betty Cunniffe, Clonown.
7th May

Saturday - 11am **First Holy Communion - Cornafulla N.S.**
9th May - 8 pm (JD) Liam O'Neill, Kietly.
Sunday - 10 am (JW) Aodhán O'Faoláin - 1st Anniversary.
10th May Frank & Mary McManus, Ardnanure.

Please remember our First Holy
Communion candidates in your
Prayers.



SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 2nd May to Sunday 10th May 2026

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

Saturday 2nd May 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
James (Jim) Malone - Month's Mind.
6.30 pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

Sunday 3rd May 9.00 am (DO) People of the Parish
12.00 pm (SP) Also Live Streamed
Michael Cahill - 1st Anniversary.
Tom Shaw.
Terry Byrne.
John & Mary Bridget Hurley.

Monday 4th May 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

Tuesday 5th May 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

Wednesday 6th May 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
6.00 pm (SP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
9.30 am (DO) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

Thursday 7th May 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

Friday 8th May 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
7.30 pm (SP) Also Live Streamed
Gerard, Phillip & John Lennon.
Delia, Mick, Ann & Leo Mullin.
Paddy, Elizabeth, PJ
& Brendan Cannon.
Bill, Agnes & Michael Stacey.
Noel & Anne Lackey.
Tom and Chrissy Byrne
& Carmel Monaghan.
Rose & Willie Milton.

Saturday 9th May 9.30 am (DO) Also Live Streamed
Mary, Maisie & Pat Mc Guire.
Eileen Nolan.
Helen & George Mc Guire.
Kate & John Fitzmaurice.
Gertie & Johnny Farrell.
11.00 am **First Holy Communion**
Dean Kelly & St. Peter's N.S.
6.30 pm Vigil (SP) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

Sunday 10th May 9.00 am (DO) People of the Parish
12.00 pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Damien (Damo) Kelly - 1st Anniversary.
Thomas & Elizabeth Studdert
& the Carty family.
Larry Fagan.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 3rd May - 10th May



Sunday - 11.15am (JW) John, Kate and Mike Gavin,
Cappamore.
3rd May

Sunday - 11.15am (SP) Margaret & Michael Fallon,
Carricknaughton & dec. family.
10th May

As we begin the month of May, The Month of Our Lady, we express our thanks to the doner of the new Marble Plaque placed in front of our Lady's statue in the Sanctuary in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church. The Plaque has the words of the Memorare inscribed on it.
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Reflecting on the Way, the Truth, and the Life / the 5th Sunday of Easter

As we journey through this Easter season, our readings this week invite us to look beyond the immediate challenges of our daily lives and fix our eyes on the foundation of our faith: Jesus Christ.

- In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the early Church grappling with the practical tensions of growth. The apostles realised they could not do everything alone; they had to rely on the Holy Spirit and the cooperation of the community to serve the needs of the marginalised. It is a powerful reminder that the "work of the Church" is not a solo act, but a collective witness of service and love.
- St. Peter deepens this thought in the second reading, calling us "living stones" built into a spiritual house. Sometimes we may feel small or insignificant in the grand scope of the world, but Peter reminds us that each of us is chosen, precious, and essential to the structure of God's kingdom. We are not just bricks in a wall; we are vital participants in the life of the Body of Christ.
- However, it is in this Sunday's Gospel that we find the heart of our mission. When Thomas asks, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus gives the answer that has anchored Christians for two millennia: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

In a world that often feels fractured and filled with conflicting "truths," Jesus offers us a singular, steady path. He does not provide a map of external directions; He offers a relationship. Following Jesus isn't about checking off a list of rules; it's about walking in His footsteps—loving as He loved, serving as He served, and trusting in the Father as He did.

As we go about our week, let us ask ourselves:

Am I allowing Jesus to be the 'Way' in my decision-making? Is He the 'Truth' I turn to when I am confused? Is He the 'Life' that fuels my joy and my service to others?

May we be emboldened to live as the "living stones" we are called to be, supporting one another in our parish family and witnessing to the Risen Lord in all that we do.

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

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.

Athlone's Darkness into Light Committee

On Saturday, 9th May 2026 at 4:15pm our community will come together for Pieta's Darkness into Light, proudly supported by Electric Ireland - raising vital funds for Pieta's free suicide and self-harm prevention services, and showing that no one must face their darkest moments alone.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Breda Gaffey (née Kelly), formerly St. Joseph's Villas.
Callum Nally, Ashford, Monksland.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Update

Faith Development

The Parish plan to host a series of 12 discussions looking at what we believe as Catholics during the autumn winter months. Full details later.

Easter 2026

The Parish team wish to thank everyone who helped out over Easter. The large attendances were welcomed as were the large numbers of young people.

Mass of Gratitude

The Choirs of the parish came together last Wednesday for a Mass and meal of gratitude in Drum Church to acknowledge their work in the parish. Masses for other groups will be held during the year.

Youth Section of Lourdes Pilgrimage

The parish wish to sponsor two young people (17-20 y/o) to join the Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. If interested please contact fr. John, frjohn@athloneparish.ie.

Eucharistic Ministers

We welcome and congratulate the new Eucharistic Ministers who were commissioned at the Mass of the Lords Supper on Holy Thursday. Our next recruitment of Eucharistic Ministers will be in Lent 2027.

Mental Health Awareness

We are currently working on a Mental Health awareness night. We see this as a very important issues and will publish full details as soon as they are finalised.

THE CLANN CAMINO

ON MONDAY 4TH MAY AT 10AM. Registration at the Clubhouse from 9.30am. Choose your route 13km or 6km. Proceeds to support Club development and Drum Heritage.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday April 26th € 1,715.

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)

Ss Peter & Pauls Church IBAN IE68 AIBK 9322 6436 857014 BIC AIBKIE2D

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