



The Carpark at Ss. Peter and Paul's Church will be restricted for about 8 weeks to allow works to be completed on the rear boundary wall. Please keep the remaining limited spaces free for those attending Mass or visiting the Church.

Thank you for your co-operation
ALL DAY PARKING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th June to Sunday 21st June 2026

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

Saturday 13th June	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.30 pm	Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed Imelda Horan - 1st Anniversary.
Sunday 14th June	9.00 am	(JD) People of the Parish
	12.00 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Danny & Rose Wall. Miko & Bridie Mc Manus.
Monday 15th June	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Rosaleen Conway. Owen, Lena & Tony Connaughton.
Tuesday 16th June	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed Frank Shaw, his daughter Nicola & granddaughter Donna Mc Guire.
Wednesday 17th June	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 18th June	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention.
Friday 19th June	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Sonny & Peggy Duff, Baylough.
	7.30 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed Christina (Dina) & Michael Kelly. William (Bill) Courtney. Martin Lohan. Jason Warrilow.
Saturday 20th June	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Tom & Della O'Brien.
	6.30 pm	Vigil (SP) Also Live Streamed Jackie Quain - Month's Mind. Josie Quigley - 1st Anniversary. Patrick Henry - 1st Anniversary. The Muldoon & Mc Enteer families & deceased family members.
Sunday 21st June	9.00 am	(SP) People of the Parish
	12.00 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Frank Greene. Sean Mc Cann. Martin Kildea.

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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)
PRIEST ON CALL 0858705840

Drum Mass Intentions for 13th June - 21st June



Saturday - 8 pm (SP) Nancy Nicholson, Kilmacormack -
13th June 1st Anniversary.

Sunday - 10 am (JW) John & Margaret Caulfield, Doohan.
14th June Also, deceased family members.

3 pm Drum Heritage Open-air mass in the cemetery.

Tuesday - 7 pm (JW) James Duffy, Clonark.
16th June

Thursday - 7 pm (J) No Mass in Drum Church.
18th June

Saturday - 8 pm (JD) Kate Griffin, Rooskey and deceased
20th June family members.

Sunday - 10 am (JD) Mary & James Dooley, Sligo/Athlone
21st June & Dooley & O'Dwyer families.

Church gate collection in aid of the Assisted Pilgrim Fund to Lourdes on 20th & 21st June in Drum Church.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 14th June - 21st June



Sunday - 11.15am (SP) Willie Greene, Cappamore.
14th June

Sunday - 11.15am (SP) Annie O'Boyle formerly of
21st June St. Comans Park.
Church gate collection in aid of the Assisted Pilgrim Fund to Lourdes on 21st June in Clonown Church.
Cemetery Sunday in Clonown will take place on 5th July @ 11.15am with mass in the Cemetery.

To Contact the Priest on Duty
Call 085 870 5840

The Compassion That Leads to Mission: A Reflection for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we move deeper into Ordinary Time, the readings this week invite us to pause and look at the world through the eyes of Jesus. In **Matthew 9:36–10:8**, we encounter a profound transition: Jesus looks at the crowds, his heart is moved with compassion, and then he immediately shifts his focus to his disciples to send them out.

Being Moved

- The Gospel tells us that Jesus felt compassion for the people because they were "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." In our own lives, it is easy to become numb to the "crowds." We see headlines of suffering, neighbours struggling, and the general weariness of a fast-paced world, and our natural impulse is often to shield ourselves or simply look away. But Jesus shows us that true discipleship begins with the heart. We are called to be "moved." If we aren't feeling something for the people around us—their anxieties, their loneliness, their search for meaning—we might be missing the very starting point of our faith.

The Divine Commission

- Notice what Jesus does after he feels this compassion. He doesn't suggest that the disciples merely "feel bad" along with him. He gives them authority. He gives them a mission. He tells them to "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons."
- It is a striking reminder that we are not meant to just be spectators of human suffering. We are meant to be active participants in God's healing work. Often, we feel unqualified. We think, "I don't have the power to heal," or "I don't know what to say to someone who is hurting." But Jesus reminds his disciples that they are receiving this gift "without cost." The healing power doesn't come from us; it flows through us because we have been chosen and sent.

We are all sent. We are all shepherds in our own small corners of the world.

May we have the courage this week to let our hearts be moved, and may we have the boldness to act on that compassion.

ACHONRY AND ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026 Youth Section

We are delighted that 4 young people Ella Nally, Sarah Fogarty, Aoife Shanahan & Sean Brennan will represent the parish. The total cost for us to sponsor all four is almost €4,000. If you would like to help contribute to the cost of them representing the parish please scan the QR Code with your phone to make a donation no matter how small or drop it into the church or the office. Thanking you in advance for your kindness.



Date for your Diary / The Annual Mass of the Angels 2026

The Annual Mass of the Angels will be held on Wednesday August 19th at 7.30pm in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Athlone. In this Mass we remember and pray for all babies / children who have died at any stage of life. We also remember their parents and families.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

The Athlone Pilgrimage group will be travelling to Medjugorje next week to deepen their faith and pray for our community. They would like to remind parishioners that you will be in their thoughts and prayers while they are there. We invite everyone to pray not only for their safe journey to and from Medjugorje, but also for a spiritually enriching experience for all members of the pilgrimage group.

Athlone Tidy Towns Garden/Estate

Wildflower and Biodiversity Competition 2026. Application forms are available from Dooleys flower shop Magazine Road. Last day for completed entries June 30th.

Roscommon SPCA Charity

Wish to express sincere thanks for the generous donations received at their recent gate collection at The Church of Our Lady of The Wayside Clonown, with all money going directly to animal welfare in the County. Total €60.50

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
2452057	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2452056	Caretaker/Grounds-person Clonown Community Project.
2452055	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2452631	Caretaker/Grounds person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2452633	Caretaker/Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.
2452058	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.

PARKINSON'S IRELAND

Are commencing a 6-week pilot exercise programme in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone from Wednesday 1st July to August 5th 2026 starting @ 11:30am. This programme is Free of Charge. For further information please call **1800 359 359** or Laura Bowen on **083 8240062**.

Fundraising Play in Athlone Little Theatre

Please support ALT member Olive Robinson, a primary school teacher living in Athlone, who is bringing a great comedy to Athlone Little Theatre for three performances from June 26-28th for a great cause. Legan Bea Masterson Amateur Drama Group from Co. Longford presents hilarious comedy 'My Therapist Needs Therapy' by Vanessa Galligan on Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th next at 8pm. Sunday matinee on June 28th at 3pm. All proceeds go to Walukuba West Primary School and Rays of Hope Hospice, Jinja, Uganda. All funds raised will go directly to the school & hospice.

Book seats ONLY via 086 8598548 or 086 7958329.

Retreats at Knock Shrine

Knock Shrine is now offering the opportunity for personal, self-directed retreat stays in the simple and peaceful surroundings of the Retreat Village. Further details: John Farrelly, Manager, The Retreat Village at Knock Shrine, telephone 086 0108623 / email retreatvillage@knockshrine.ie

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Conor Lee, Beechpark.
Gerry (Gerard) Glynn, Coosan & formerly of Monksland.
Mary Nee (née Mc Evilly), Johnstown.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday June 7th € 1,520.

**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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