



The Carpark at Ss. Peter and Paul's Church will be restricted from Monday June 1st 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.

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

Drum Mass Intentions for 6th June - 14th June



Saturday - 8 pm (JW) Anthony & Mary Ellen Whyte, Thomastown.
6th June **Followed by Corpus Christi procession.**

Sunday - 10 am (JD) Hubert & Mary Naughton, Doohan and
7th June deceased members of the Naughton
& Colleran families.

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

Tuesday - 7 pm (JW) Dan & Mary O'Connor, KIELTY and
9th June deceased family members.

Thursday - 7 pm (JW) Pat Naughton, Blackstown. Also, his
11th June parents Mai and Willie.

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.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions Saturday 6th June to Sunday 14th June 2026

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

Saturday 6th June **9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed**
No Intention.

6.30 pm Vigil (JD) Corpus Christi
Maura Casey - 1st Anniversary.
Kevin Duffy.
Followed by Corpus Christi procession.

Sunday 7th June **9.00 am (SP) People of the Parish**
12.00 pm (SP) Also Live Streamed
James, Mary & John Sherlock

Monday 8th June **9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed**
Followed by Novena & Benediction
For all who are sick or worried.

Tuesday 9th June **9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed**
John, Ellen & Elizabeth Rushe &
deceased members of the Rushe &
Quinn families.

Wednesday 10th June **9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed**
No Intention.

6.00 pm (SP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thursday 11th June **9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed**
For Peace.

5.00pm Mass with the Augustinian Order
All are welcome

Friday 12th June **9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed**
No Intention.

7.30 pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Betty & Sean Costello and
grandson John Costello.

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.

**Church gate collection on 6th & 7th June in aid of the
Midlands Simon Community.**

Clonown Mass Intentions for 7th June - 14th June



Sunday - 11.15am (JW) Tommy & May Curley, Oldtown
7th June & their son Tommy & his son Declan.

Followed by Corpus Christi procession.

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

**Cemetery Sunday in Clonown will take place on 5th July
@ 11.15am with mass in the Cemetery.**

The Heart of Our Journey: A Reflection on Corpus Christi

In the busy rhythm of our parish life, it is easy to view the Eucharist as one part of our Sunday routine—a sacred ritual that marks the beginning of our week. But as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Church invites us to pause and consider the staggering reality of what we truly possess: **the Real Presence of Christ in our midst.**

- The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving." Yet, Corpus Christi—the Body and Blood of Christ—is more than just an act of gratitude. It is an act of divine intimacy. In the humblest form of bread and wine, the Creator of the universe chooses to diminish Himself, becoming nourishment for our weary souls. He does not remain distant or abstract; He enters into our very biology, becoming part of who we are.
- This Feast reminds us that we are a "Eucharistic people." We are invited to carry the presence of Christ out of these walls and into our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. Just as the bread is broken for the life of the world, we are called to be "broken and poured out" for one another—to be the hands, the feet, and the compassion of Jesus in a world that is often hungry for love but doesn't know where to turn.
- As we process with the Blessed Sacrament this week, let us look upon the monstrance not just as an object of devotion, but as a mirror. Where is Christ in your life right now? Is He a guest or the host? Is He a Sunday visitor or the centre of your daily walk?

**May this feast deepen our hunger for the Bread of Life and embolden us to be living tabernacles, radiating the light of Christ to everyone we encounter.
Wishing you all a blessed Feast of Corpus Christi.**

Pentecost Collection for the Support of the Priests

The Priests of the Parish wish to thank those who have contributed to the recent Pentecost collection. For those who have not yet contributed you can drop your envelope into the basket at Mass or the Office or Sacristy.

We remain eternally grateful for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Fr. John, Fr. Joseph & Fr. Simon-Peter

Monksland Mass June 2026

The June Monksland Community Mass will take place on Thursday next June 11th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre on the Old Tuam Road. This month we will offer our Mass for all who are living with any form of mental illness or anxiety.

All are welcome, Tea / Scones and Friendly chat afterwards.

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.

Annual Triduum in honour of St. Anthony

On Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th June '26 in St. Mary's Church @ 9.30am & Our Lady Queen of Peace @ 7pm, each day.

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.

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 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

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.

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 26-28 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 26 and Saturday, June 27 next at 8pm. Sunday matinee on June 28 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

Sr. Agnes Murray, USA & formerly of Creggane, Cornafulla.

Delia Kilkenny (née Martin), St. Joseph's Villas.

Henry (Andy) Malone, formerly of Mitchell's Terrace.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday May 31st € 1,550.

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