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Drum Mass Intentions for 18th July – 26th July



Sat. 18th - 8 p.m. (JD) Teresa Whyte, Thomastown.
Sun. 19th - 10 a.m. (JD) Mary O'Neill, Clonellan.
Tues. 21st - 7 p.m. (DS) Tim, Martin, Moriaha, Ted &
Jack Henry, Culfatha. Kate Devine.
Thurs. 23rd - 7 p.m. (DS) Thomas & Mary Lennon, Clonbulia.
Their daughter Bridie & her husband John.
Sat. 25th - 8 p.m. (JD) Owen McManus & his partner Leonie
Kirwan.
Sun. 26th - 10 a.m. (JD) Joe & Mary Harney, Rockfield.

• 11th Annual Mass of the Angels: This special Mass will take place on Wednesday, August 19th.

We invite members of the community to be involved in the liturgy. If you would like to volunteer to read, offer a prayer or reflection, or present the gifts, please get in touch with the parish office.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th July to Sunday 26th July 2026

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

Saturday 18th July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed The Mc Namara & Walshe families.
	6.30 pm	Vigil (SP) Also Live Streamed Mary Kelly - Month's Mind. James Bell. Mary Caulfield.
Sunday 19th July	9.00 am	(SP) People of the Parish
	12.00 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Pat & Annie Fallon. Melly Connaire. Nell & Dan Egan. James, Ann, Desmond, Terry, Charlotte & Margaret Whelan & Jim Caffrey. David, Bridget, John & Thomas Egan.
Monday 20th July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction Paddy & Dilly Moore.
Tuesday 21st July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
Wednesday 22nd July	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
	6.00 pm	(SP) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 23rd July	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
Friday 24th July	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Margaret, James & Paddy Gately. John, Mary, Tommy & Sean Keogh.
Saturday 25th July	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
	6.30 pm	Vigil (SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
Sunday 26th July	9.00 am	(SP) People of the Parish
	12.00 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Maureen Egan. Tommie & Molly Grenham. Raymond (Ray) O'Rourke.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 19th July – 26th July



July 19th. 11.15 a.m. (SP) Joe & Bridget Roche, The Togher
and deceased family members.
July 26th. 11.15 a.m. (SP) Tommy Grenham, Buggane
and deceased family members.

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish and would like to register as a parishioner. Please go to the following webpage to register.
Thank you. www.athloneparish.ie (the link is on the right on the home page)



The works on the Boundary Wall continue.

Parking restrictions remain in place at Ss. Peter and Paul's Church.

www.athloneparish.ie vocations@elphindiocese.ie

The Patience of the Gardener

In this week's Gospel, we encounter the Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat.

- It is a story that feels remarkably modern. How often do we look at the world—or even at our own lives—and see the "weeds" of injustice, confusion, and struggle tangled right alongside the "wheat" of goodness and grace? We naturally want to reach down and pull them up immediately; we want a quick fix for the brokenness we see.

Yet, the Master in today's Gospel gives a surprising command: "Let them grow together until harvest."

- This instruction is not a call to apathy, but a masterclass in divine patience. The Book of Wisdom reminds us that God's strength is shown precisely in His clemency. Because He is the master of all, He can afford to be patient. He knows that in trying to root out every perceived imperfection too quickly, we risk damaging the fragile, developing fruit of the Spirit within our own hearts.

St. Paul echoes this comfort in his letter to the Romans.

- He acknowledges that we often do not know how to pray as we ought. We are impatient creatures living in a world that demands instant results. But the Spirit, he tells us, comes to the aid of our weakness. When our hearts are weary from the "weeds" of life, the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

As we move through this week, let us practice the holy art of patience.

- When you encounter frustration in your community, your family, or your own soul, remember that the harvest is not yet. God is at work, tending to the wheat with a love that is far more patient, and far more enduring, than our own.

Trust in the Gardener.

He knows exactly what is growing, and He promises that in His time, the harvest of righteousness will be gathered in.

Bringing the Altar to the Community

We are currently exploring the possibility of hosting some outdoor "Street or Area Masses" throughout the summer. The vision is simple: a community gathering in an open space, a housing estate, or a rural setting, to pray together and offer a blessing for our local areas. Whether or not you choose to organise a social event around the Mass is entirely up to your community; the primary goal is simply to gather as neighbours in prayer.

If your area would like to host a Mass, please contact your area priest or the office to discuss the details.

Achonry & Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Achonry & Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday, 16th August 2026. There will also be a Family Day on the same date offering various activities for families with children of all ages. The dioceses extend a special invitation to altar servers and their families to join the pilgrimage.

Cloonakilla Graveyard

We are considering forming a community committee to explore the possibility of tidying up the small graveyard in Cloonakilla, with the aim of making it accessible to visitors and enabling an annual Mass to be celebrated there. If you are interested in being part of the committee please let Martina know at parishoffice@athloneparish.ie

Church gate collections

At Drum Church in aid of The Assisted Pilgrim Fund on 21st June raised €575 and St. Peter & Paul's Church raised €661.
We thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

Insights into Dementia – Informing and Empowering Family Carers

Designed specifically for family carers and supporters.

This **7-week face-to-face course** offers valuable information, practical guidance, and emotional support for those caring for a family member or friend living with dementia.

Course Details:

Venue: Athlone Springs Hotel, Athlone, Co. Roscommon, N37 F9T3

Dates: Mondays, 24th August - 5th October (every Monday for duration of 7 weeks)

Time: 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Tutor: Julie Greene **Contact:** Catherine Flavin: 0877585661

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.
2452633	Caretaker / Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.
2452058	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2452631	Caretaker / Grounds person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2458002	Caretaker / Grounds person Drum Community Centre.
2458001	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.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Kevin Harney, USA and formerly of Crannaghmore.
Hubert Harney, Cookstown and formerly of Crannaghmore.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

New Employment Rights and Workplace Support Office Opens in Athlone

Workers' Rights Alliance is now open on Pearse Street, Athlone, opposite the Courthouse.

We provide confidential advice and practical support to employees experiencing workplace difficulties, as well as professional HR and compliance services for local employers. Appointments are available by calling or WhatsApp

087 384 2157.

Local support. Practical advice. Confidential service.

Insurance Renewal Time.

The total renewal cost this year for the three church areas is just over €25,000. We ask your assistance in meeting this huge cost.

If you are in a position to help, please place your donation in an Envelope Marked **Ss. Peter and Paul's Parish Insurance Contribution** or Scan the QR Code on this notice.

We thank you in anticipation of your assistance and for your ongoing help and support in the Parish



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

Sunday July 12th € 1,960.

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