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Drum Mass Intentions for 25th July – 2nd August

Sat. 25th - 8 p.m. (JD) Owen McManus & his partner Leonie Kirwan.

Sun. 26th - 10 a.m. (JD) Joe & Mary Harney, Rockfield.

Tues. 28th - 7 p.m. (JD) Patrick Higgins, Curryroe.

Thurs. 30th - 7 p.m. (JD) John & Hannah Duignan, Ardkeen and their daughter Mary Farrell. Patrick & Norah Raftery.

Sat. 1st Aug - 8 p.m. (SP) Michael, Pat & John Fallon, Dugra and deceased family.

Sun. 2nd - 10 a.m. (SP) Peter & Mary Shine, Taylorstown and deceased family.

· 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 25th July to Sunday 2nd August 2026

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

Saturday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
25th July		No Intention Booked.
	6 .30 pm	Vigil (SP) Also Live Streamed
		The Cunningham Family.
Sunday	9.00 am	(SP) People of the Parish
26th July	12.00 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Maureen Egan.
		Tommie & Molly Grenham.
		Raymond (Ray) O'Rourke.
Monday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
27th July		Followed by Novena & Benediction
		No Intention Booked.
Tuesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
28th July		No Intention Booked.
Wednesday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
29th July		No Intention Booked.
	6.00 pm	(MMcM) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	7.30 pm	(JD) Mass for the Protection of Life
Thursday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
30th July		No Intention Booked.
Friday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
31st July		Eileen Keegan (née O'Neill) - 1st Anniversary.
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Sam Gibson. Christine Sherlock.
		Kathleen Roper, Nancy Gaffey & dec. members of The Egan family.
		Maurice, Peggy, Mattie, Mocky, Margaret & dec. members of the Murphy family.
Saturday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
1st Aug.		Frank Shaw, daughter Nicola & grand daughter Donna Mc Guire.
	6 .30 pm	Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
		Roseanna Reid - 1st Anniversary.
Sunday	9.00 am	(JD) People of the Parish
2nd Aug.	12.00 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed
		Patrick Kerrigan - Month's Mind
		& his sister Ann Doran.
		William & Annie Shine.

Fr. Simon Peter's order is making a special collection for the St. Paul's Missionary Society.

Envelopes will be located at the back of the church.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 26th July - 2nd August

July 26th 11.15 a.m. (SP) Tommy Grenham, Buggane and deceased family members.

Aug. 2nd 11.15 a.m. (JD) No Intention.

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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 are coming to a conclusion.

Once the carpark reopens please respect that it is for the use of those visiting the Church.

ALL DAY PARKING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

www.athloneparish.ie vocations@elphindiocese.ie

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – “The Treasure of the Kingdom”

A Seeking Heart, a Life Open to Grace

When Solomon stood before God, the young king could have asked for wealth, power, or a long reign. Instead, he asked for wisdom “to discern between good and evil.” In that humble request, we glimpse the first secret of the kingdom: a heart that truly loves God seeks to recognise what belongs to Him.

- **St. Paul reminds us** that this desire is not accidental. It is the work of a loving Father who “works all things for the good of those who love him.” The gifts we receive faith, hope, and the sacraments are the means by which God shapes us in the likeness of Christ, our greatest treasure.
- **Jesus tells us** that the kingdom is like a hidden treasure, a pearl of great price, and a net that gathers every kind of fish. Each image asks us: What am I willing to give up to possess the Kingdom?
- **If, like Solomon,** we pray for a discerning heart, we begin to see the hidden value of the Eucharist, the love of neighbour, and the grace present even in painful moments. If we trust the promise of Romans, we surrender our doubts, believing that even our trials belong within God's marvellous plan. And if we respond to the parables, we cast our nets wide, opening our homes, families, and workplaces to the boundless love of Christ.

May this Sunday awaken in us a longing for the true treasure: **Christ, the pearl of great price**, present in the sacrament of the altar, and the wisdom to share that gift for the good of all.

“May the Lord grant you a wise and discerning heart, that you may love his people and keep you from the evil you may have done” (1 Kgs 3:12). Let us pray for that grace and for the courage to live it each day. Amen.

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

Drum Parish Office

Are now taking bookings for 2027. You can contact the Parish Office @ **090 6437 125** or email: drumoffice@athloneparish.ie

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.

Feile na Sionainne Festival Launch

With Edwina Guckian's Devil's in the Dance Hall Saturday 25th July @ 8pm in Moore Hall (N37HT68) Early bird tickets available for a limited period, €25. Phone inquiries **086 0146516** or email feilenasionainne@gmail.com

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 19th € 1,825.

**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