



11th Annual Mass of the Angels: This special Mass will take place on Wednesday, August 19th at 7.30pm. 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.

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Drum Mass Intentions for 8th August - 16th August

Sat. 8th - 8 p.m. (JW) Mary Devine, Meehambee.
Sun. 9th - 10 a.m. (JW) Peter & Maureen Killian, Crancam
& deceased family members.
Tues. 11th - 7 p.m. (JW) James & Mary Ellen Duffy & their son
Frank, Clonark.
Thurs. 13th - 7 p.m. (JW) No Intention.
Fri. 14th - 8 p.m. Vigil (JW) Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
John & Mary Fallon, Cornafulla
South & deceased family.
Sat. 15th - 10 a.m. (JW) Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
- 7 p.m. (JW) Vigil Mass for Sunday - (Vigil will be held in
the Cemetery, weather permitting)
Sun. 16th - 10 a.m. (JD) Tony McManus, Thornhill & dec. family.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th August to Sunday 16th August 2026

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

Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) No Intention Booked.
8th Aug.	6.30 pm Vigil (SP)	Also Live Streamed Moira O'Brien (née Mulligan).
Sunday	9.00 am	(JD) People of the Parish
9th Aug.	12.00 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Louis Mc Nally. Molly Fennelly.
Monday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
10th Aug.		Followed by Novena & Benediction No Intention Booked.
Tuesday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
11th Aug.		No Intention Booked.
Wednesday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
12th Aug.		Moira O'Brien (née Mulligan). William & Maureen Browne.
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
13th Aug.		John Mollaghan.
Friday	9.30 am	(JD) No Intention Booked.
14th Aug.	6.30 pm Vigil (JD)	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady Maura Walsh - 1st Anniversary. Maureen Beaumont. Bernie Broderick. Kathleen & Edward Glynn & dec. fam. Sean Francis, Lorraine Carberry & Mary Brennan. Chris Barry. Vincent Earl. Mickey Rafferty. William Fitzmaurice & Maguire & Fitzmaurice dec. families.
Saturday	9.30 am	(SP) Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
15th Aug.	12.00 pm	(JD) Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
	6.30 pm Vigil (JD)	Also Live Streamed
Sunday	9.00 am	(SP) People of the Parish
16th Aug.	12.00 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed Mary Craughwell - 1st Anniversary. Martin Lennon. Frank Harney. Freda Murphy (née Slevin). William, Elizabeth & Peggy Ryan & Ryan & Enright dec. families. Jimmy & Kevin Byrne. Frank & Jim Duignan & dec. family.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 9th August - 16th August

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Aug. 9th 11.15 a.m. (SP) John & Mary Gavin, Grahia House,
Cappamore & deceased family
members.
Aug. 15th 11.15 a.m. (SP) Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
Ned & Mary Egan, Callowbeg.
Aug. 16th 11.15 a.m. (JW) Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
Kieran Dunning, Drumlosh & baby
Hannah Rose Martin.

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)



Reflection: Walking on the Waves

Have you ever felt like Peter in this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33)?

Jesus calls him out of the safety of the boat, and for a brief, beautiful moment, Peter is walking on water. But then he notices the strong wind, fear creeps in, and he begins to sink.

- How often do we find ourselves stepping out in faith—starting a new chapter, facing a health crisis, or simply trying to live our Catholic values in a challenging world—only to be distracted by the howling winds of anxiety, doubt, and division?
- Notice what Peter does the second he begins to sink. He doesn't try to swim harder. He doesn't panic in silence. He prays the shortest, most urgent prayer in Scripture: "Lord, save me!" And immediately, Jesus reaches out His hand and catches him.
- In our first reading this week, the prophet Elijah learns that God is not found in the roaring wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a "whisper of a gentle breeze" (1 Kings 19:12). God isn't absent from the storms of our lives; rather, He invites us to listen past the chaos to hear His reassuring voice.
- St. Paul reminds us in our second reading of the profound depth of God's covenant and love for His people—a love that holds us even when we feel overwhelmed.

This week, whatever winds are buffeting your life, remember that taking your eyes off the storm and fixing them on Jesus doesn't mean the wind stops blowing. It means you are anchored by the One who rules the sea. When the waves rise, don't look down—just reach out your hand.

"O God, who would have Saint Peter come to you across the water, grant that, neither frightened by the winds nor sinking in the waves, we may joyfully reach you, our true and lasting shore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ..."

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. **A bus will be going from Athlone, please contact Caroline on 086 1960256.**

Mary's Meals

Annual Step by Step walk to Knock to Feed the Next Child is from 7th to 15th August.

Please support our walkers when they pass through **Athlone on Tuesday the 11th August.**

The aim of Mary's Meals is to ensure that every child in the world gets at least one substantial meal a day in their place of education. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a whole school year and 11c provides one school meal.

For more information contact Anthony on 0879007911. To learn more and donate go to marysmeals.ie

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2026 – ATHLONE

Connaught Street & Environs Community Group is delighted to present a week-long programme of free Heritage Week events from 15th–23rd August. Check out posters or login onto www.athloneconnaughtstreet.com/heritage-week-2026

Heritage Week with Athlone Castle – Documenting Athlone Castle's Collection

Saturday 15th August we will be hosting a series of **FREE** workshops at Abbey Road Artists' Studios where participants of all ages will help us record, document, and photograph a selection of artifacts for inclusion in our new digital artifact catalogue. Booking is essential as places are limited. For more information & booking visit

www.athlonecastle.ie/events

Children age 7-12: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Teens age 13-17: 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Adults 18+: 3.30pm - 5.00pm

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

2460395	Caretaker / Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2460393	Caretaker / Grounds-person Clonown Community Project.
2460391	Caretaker / Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2460398	Caretaker / Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.
2460396	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2460397	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.

Booking of Masses for 2027 in Drum & Clonown

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

Part-time secretary

Required for St. Ronan's NS, Taughmaconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Roscommon from August 2026. Please see job advertisement on www.educationposts.ie.

Jubilee of Marriages

Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends on either Sunday 4th October at 2.30pm in

Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at www.achonryelphin.ie

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock: 13th – 21st August

Since 1977, the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock has taken place at Knock Shrine, welcoming pilgrims from across Ireland and abroad to gather in prayer and reflection. This year's theme, "Sheltered in God's Love," marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Knock Basilica. For further information on each day's programme: www.knockshrine.ie

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

Sunday August 2nd € 1,765.

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