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Drum Mass Intentions for

12th September - 20th September

Sat. 12th - 11a.m. (JW) Frances Ryan, Thomastown
- **Month's Mind.**
- **8 p.m. (SP)** Tom, Kate, John Joe & Tony Rock,
Cornafulla South. Coley Barry.
Sun. 13th - 10 a.m. (JD) Tom & Mary Ellen Nicholson,
Cornafulla North.
Paddy and Sr. Mary Austin.
Tues. 15th - 7 p.m. (JW) No Intention.
Thurs. 17th - 7 p.m. (JW) Charlie Lennon & dec. family, Belrea.
Mike & Bessie Lennon, Donamon.
Sat. 19th - 11a.m. (JW) Michael Asicus Lennon - **Month's Mind.**
- **8 p.m. (JD)** Willie & Lena Grehan, Coolmore.
Edmund & Bea McManus, Ardhanure.
Their son Martin & deceased family
Sun. 20th - 10 a.m. (SP) Patrick & Teresa Murray, Culfatha and
deceased family.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th September to Sunday 20th September 2026

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

Saturday 12th Sept. 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention Booked.
6.30 pm Vigil (JD) Also Live Streamed
Chrissie Finlass - **Month's Mind.**
Rose Kelly, Baylough - **Month's Mind.**
Bridie Egan.
Sunday 13th Sept. 9.00 am (JW) People of the Parish
12.00 pm (JW) Also Live Streamed
Josie & Hugh O'Neill.
Jack Rigney.
Anne Egan (née Seery).
(SP) Also Live Streamed
Followed by Novena & Benediction
No Intention.
Tuesday 15th Sept. 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.
Wednesday 16th Sept. 9.30 am (SP) Also Live Streamed
Tommy & Pauline Butler.
Joe & Mary Jane Donoghue.
Parnell Keegan.
6.00 pm (JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 17th Sept. 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
No Intention Booked.
Friday 18th Sept. 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
Trevor Mc Cormack & dec. members
of the Barclay & Mc Cormack families.
James & Mary Finneran.
John Healy & deceased family.
7.30 pm (SP) Also Live Streamed
PJ Craughwell - **1st Anniversary.**
Gerry, Aidan & Fintan Lynch.
Saturday 19th Sept. 9.30 am (JD) Also Live Streamed
Carmel, Michelle & Damien Leharté.
6.30 pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
Kay O'Connor - **1st Anniversary.**
Phil Daly - **10th Anniversary.**
Marie Lennon - **3rd Anniversary.**
Gerry & James Glynn & dec. family.
Sunday 20th Sept. 9.00 am (DO) People of the Parish
12.00 pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Mary Kelly - **Month's Mind.**
Adrienne Curley - **Month's Mind.**
Michael Kerrigan - **Month's Mind.**
Anita Burke.

Pro Life Campaign would like to thank the mass-goers of St. Peter & Paul for their generosity to their recent church gate collection.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 13th September - 20th September



Sept. 13th 11.15 a.m. (SP) Deceased members of the
Dunning family, Ballinaculla.
Sept. 20th 11.15 a.m. (JW) Ned & Catherine Shine,
Cappamore.
Joseph Fahey.

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 Math's of Mercy / Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

How many times do we have to forgive someone? It's a question as old as the Gospels. When Peter generously suggests forgiving his brother *seven* times—thinking surely he is being a saint of a neighbour - Jesus blows the ceiling off our human arithmetic: "Not seven times, I tell you, but seventy-seven times."

- In other words, mercy isn't a scorecard. It isn't a ledger where we tick off the offenses and eventually slam the book shut.
- In this Sunday's readings, we are confronted with the radical, sometimes uncomfortable truth of God's forgiveness. The book of Sirach reminds us bluntly: *"Forgive your neighbour's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven."* It's a package deal. St. Paul echoes this to the Romans, reminding us that *"none of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself."* We belong to each other because we all first belong to Christ, who claimed us not with a demand for justice, but with the gift of mercy.
- Yet, we all know how hard this is. The parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew's Gospel hits entirely too close to home. How quickly we forget the mountain of mercy God has forgiven *us*, only to turn around and choke our brother over a few pennies.

As we journey through Ordinary Time, let us remember that living an "ordinary" life in Christ is actually an extraordinary call to love without conditions. This week, let's look at the quiet grudges we might be holding—the slights we've catalogued, the apologies we are waiting to receive. What would it look like to throw away the ledger?

May we look upon one another with the same staggering, patient grace that God first poured out on us.

St. Brigid's Church Drum; Over the past few months a number of upgrades have been happening in Drum Church. In the coming weeks the redecoration of the Church will begin. The quotes received were much higher than what we had expected, but on checking them out they were competitive based on current pricing. The cost of redecorating the Church inside and outside as well as the outside of Fr. Joseph's House is in the region of €30,000. We ask your help in meeting this cost by using the special envelope which is now available at the back of the church.

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown; Next spring, we hope to be in a position to tarmac the carpark at the church, the estimated cost is €10,000. We hope to gather the money to complete this project over the winter months. We ask your assistance by using the special Clonown Carpark envelope which is now available at the back of the church.

Thanking you for your support on both projects.

Jubilee of Marriages

Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass, along with their families and friends on 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

Athlone and Midland Samaritans (Samaritans provide 24hr emotional support on Free call 116123.)

Athlone Samaritans need additional volunteers to maintain their 24Hr free befriending service. Could you be a Samaritan volunteer? No experience or qualification needed as we will train, mentor and support you. If you think you might be interested, please call or text John 087 7176168 or email athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org.

Thanksgiving Weekend

Next weekend, September 19th and 20th, the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul's, Athlone, Drum, and Clonown will celebrate our annual Masses of Thanksgiving. As we pause to thank God for the gifts of the harvest, our lives and the abundance of resources on the earth, we are also mindful of those in our community who are facing hardship. To share the blessings of this season, we invite parishioners to bring non-perishable food items to any of the normal weekend Masses. All donations will be distributed to individuals and families in need within our parish. Let us make this Harvest Thanksgiving a true reflection of our community's care and generosity.

Mental Health Awareness Night

The Parish Pastoral Council are hosting a Mental Health Awareness night on Thursday September 24th in The Shamrock Lodge Hotel from 7.30pm to 9pm. The evening will include four speakers, A Psychologist, An Occupational Therapist and two personal testimonies.

Full Details Next Week

Booking of Masses for 2027 in Drum & Clonown

Phone **090 6437 125** or email drumoffice@athloneparish.ie
A Ladies watch was found at Drum Church, contact Drum parish office for more details.

Culture Night - 18th September'26

GREAT TRAD MUSICIAN, Damien Mullane, will be celebrating Culture Night (18/9/26) with Athlone Pop Up Gaeltacht. Join us in The Snug, Athlone, from 8pm, for ceol agus craic.

HUGG Westmeath - Suicide Bereavement Pop-up Café

Coffee, Cakes and Compassionate Conversations

Where: Mullingar, Westmeath, 10.30am to 12pm

When: Thursday Oct. 1st, Thursday Nov. 5th, Thursday Dec. 3rd
support@HUGG.ie or call 01 513 4048 (our monitored answering machine).

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Paul Scanlon, formerly of Parnell Square.
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday September 6th € 1,760.

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

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.

2468176 Caretaker / Grounds person
Drum Community Centre.

2468172 Caretaker / Grounds-person
Athlone Boat Club.

2465273 Administrator / Reception
Athlone Drug Awareness Group

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.