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Drum Mass Intentions for

19th September - 27th September

Sat. 19th - 8 p.m. (JD) Willie & Lena Grehan, Coolmore.
 Edmund & Bea McManus,
 Ardnanure. Their son Martin &
 deceased family members.
Sun. 20th - 10 a.m. (SP) Patrick & Teresa Murray, Culfatha
 and deceased family members.
Tues. 22nd - 7 p.m. (JW) No Intention.
Thurs. 24th - 7 p.m. (JW) No Intention.
Sat. 26th - 11a.m. (JW) Margaret Gavin, Crancam
 - **Month's Mind.**
 - **8 p.m. (JW)** Patrick & Anne Cuniffe, Thomastown.
 Pat & Catherine Murray, Clonellan.
Sun. 27th - 10 a.m. (JW) Mary Ann & Tommy Lennon,
 Meehambee.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 19th September to Sunday 27th September 2026

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

Saturday 19th Sept.	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Carmel, Michelle & Damien Leharte.
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JW) Also Live Streamed Kay O'Connor - 1st Anniversary. Phil Daly - 10th Anniversary. Marie Lennon - 3rd Anniversary. Gerry & James Glynn & deceased family.
Sunday 20th Sept.	9.00 am	(JW) 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.
Monday 21st Sept.	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Followed by Novena & Benediction No Intention Booked.
Tuesday 22nd Sept.	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
Wednesday 23rd Sept.	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed Charlie & Ollie Francis.
	6.00 pm	(JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday 24th Sept.	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
Friday 25th Sept.	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed No Intention Booked.
	7.30 pm	(JD) Also Live Streamed Marie Tobin. Johnny Faller & Tommy Gardiner. Joseph, Hubert & Tommy Carberry.
Saturday 26th Sept.	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed Maureen Mc Hugh.
	6.30 pm Vigil	(SP) Also Live Streamed Pascal O'Gorman - Month's Mind. Thomas Lacey. Paul Revins. Patrick & Josephine Quirke & Geraldine Quirke.
Sunday 27th Sept.	9.00 am	(DO) People of the Parish
	12.00 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed Breege Mc Farland - Month's Mind. Mary Gaynor - 1st Anniversary. Thomas & Phoebe Milton & deceased family members.

Clonown Mass Intentions for 20th September - 27th September



Sept. 20th 11.15 a.m. (JW) Ned & Catherine Shine,
 Cappamore.
 Joseph Fahey.
Sept. 20th 11.15 a.m. (JD) Kathleen & Sonny Cunningham,
 Oldtown and deceased family members.

Thanksgiving Weekend

This weekend, September 19th and 20th, we 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.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” (Isaiah 55:8)

Have you ever looked at God’s mercy and thought, “That doesn’t seem fair”?

In this Sunday’s Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16), Jesus tells the parable of the landowners and the labourers. Those who worked a gruelling twelve-hour day in the scorching heat received the exact same daily wage as the person who strolled in at five o’clock to work for just one hour. Humanly speaking, our sense of justice cries out. *Where is the fairness in that?*

Yet, as the prophet Isaiah reminds us in our first reading, God operates on an entirely different plane. His ways are infinitely higher than our ways. The landowner in the parable isn’t running a business; he is running a rescue operation. He goes out again and again into the marketplace, searching for those who are idle, overlooked, or deemed unemployable. His primary motivation isn’t strict compensation, but radical generosity. This parable strikes at the heart of how we view grace. We live in a transactional world where we are conditioned to earn our keep. We want to rack up spiritual merits, punch our theological timecards, and ensure we get what we “deserve.”

But the Kingdom of God is entirely relational, not transactional. God doesn’t love us based on our productivity; He loves us simply because He is good. Whether we have spent a lifetime trying to follow Christ, or whether we are stumbling into the vineyard at the eleventh hour of our lives, His arms are open wide.

This week, let us release our rigid human scorecards. Instead of envying the grace shown to others - or doubting the grace offered to Ourselves - let us rejoice in a God whose generosity has no limits, and whose mercy always outpaces our imagination.

Lord, teach us to trust Your ways. Give us generous hearts that celebrate Your mercy, especially when it looks different than we expect. Amen.

Mental Health Awareness Night

The Parish Pastoral Council are hosting a Mental Health Awareness night, next Thursday September 24th in The Shamrock Lodge Hotel from 7.30pm to 9pm. The evening will include a talk from a Clinical Psychologist, a personal trainer and a personal testimony.

"We are organising this event to raise awareness and highlight the support services available within our community for those who may be struggling. We encourage everyone to bring this event to the attention of your school, workplace, sports club, or social group as we work together to create an environment where everyone feels comfortable reaching out for help."

All members of the public - regardless of background or faith - are warmly invited to attend this important evening for our community.

Thanksgiving Weekend

Next weekend, September 19th & 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.

Harvest Collection

The Harvest Collection for the support of the clergy in the parish will be taken up this weekend. This is one of four collections taken up each year to support the clergy in our parish. Envelopes are being delivered to your home for this collection, should you not receive an envelope you can simply write your name, envelope number on any envelope and mark it as “Ss. Peter & Paul’s Parish, Harvest Collection”, or by scanning the QR Code.

The priests of the parish thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.



St. Brigid’s Church Drum; Over the past few months a number of upgrades have been happening in Drum Church. In the coming week the redecoration of the Church will begin. 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.

MS Ireland

Are hosting a free Information Fair for people with MS & other Neurological Conditions & their Carers in the Abbey Hotel Roscommon on Thursday 24th Sept 10am -2pm. There will be a wide variety of Statutory Community & Voluntary services in attendance. All welcome, contact Jackie Keogh **087 2502031**

Coffee Morning in aid of Roscommon/Mayo Hospice

In Drum Community Centre on Thursday 24th September from 9am-1pm.
Organised by Drum I.C.A.
Please support this worthy cause.

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.

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 details.

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 souls of

Paul Scanlon, formerly of Parnell Square.

Christine Barry, Forrest Mill, Bealnamulla.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul’s Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

Sunday September 13th € 1,820.

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