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Drum Mass Intentions for 26th September - 4th October

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.
Tues. 29th - 7 p.m. (JW) Paddy Joe Ward, Mount Florence
 & deceased family members.
Thurs. 1st - 7 p.m. (JW) Adrian, Denis & Mary Dolan,
 Curraghaleen.
Sat. 3rd - 8 p.m. (JW) Patrick & Margaret Curley,
 Clonellan & their daughter Mary.
Sun. 4th - 10 a.m. (JD) Teresa McManus, Nure
 - **1st Anniversary.**

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th September to Sunday 4th October 2026

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

Saturday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
26th Sept.		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	9.00 am	(DO) People of the Parish
27th Sept.	12.00 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed
		Breege Mc Farland - Month's Mind.
		Mary Gaynor - 1st Anniversary.
		Thomas & Phoebe Milton &
		deceased family members.
		John & Annie Murray.
		Mary & Dan Grehan.
Monday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
28 Sept.		Followed by Novena & Benediction
		No Intention Booked.
Tuesday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
29th Sept.		No Intention Booked.
Wednesday	9.30 am	(SP) Also Live Streamed
30th Sept.		No Intention Booked.
	6.00 pm	(JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Thursday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
1st Oct.		No Intention Booked.
Friday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
2nd Oct.		No Intention Booked.
	7.30 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed
		David Cassidy, Angela Tymon.
		Teresa Mee.
		Eddie & Carol Mc Namara.
		Siobhán Francis Mc Callon.
		Christine & Jack Harvey.
Saturday	9.30 am	(JD) Also Live Streamed
3rd Oct.		Sean & Kathleen Fuery.
	6.30 pm Vigil	(JD) Also Live Streamed
		Breda Grenham - 1st Anniversary.
		Betty Lawlor.
Sunday	9.00 am	(DO) People of the Parish
4th Oct.	12.00 pm	(SP) Also Live Streamed
		Eileen Noone - 1st Anniversary.
		Sr. Bernard Lynch.
		Johnny Lennon.
		Maureen Byrne.

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Office

Will be closed from 28th September until 6th October.
 If you have any queries, please contact Catherine
 in the Drum Parish Office **090 6437125.**

Clonown Mass Intentions for 27th September - 4th October

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Sept. 27th 11.15 a.m. (JD) Kathleen & Sonny Cunningham,
 Oldtown and deceased family
 members.
Oct. 2nd 7 p.m. (JW) Annie, Stephen, Patrick, John,
 babies Stephen & Michael Fallon.
Oct. 4th 11.15 a.m. (JW) Bernadette & James Dunning.
 Maureen Dunning, Newrow.

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)

Actions Speak Louder Than Intentions

Have you ever said “yes” to something with great enthusiasm, only to get distracted and never actually follow through? Or perhaps, asked to do a difficult chore, you initially grumbled and said “no,” but later had a change of heart and quietly got the job done?

- In this weekend’s Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32), Jesus shares the parable of the two sons asked to work in the vineyard. It’s a wonderfully human story that hits close to home. The first son refuses his father outright, but later repents and goes. The second son offers a polite, immediate “Yes, sir,” but never shows up. Jesus poses a simple question to the chief priests and elders: *Which of the two did his father’s will?*

The answer is obvious, but the implication is piercing. Jesus isn’t just talking about chores; He’s talking about the posture of our hearts and the authenticity of our faith.

- This theme echoes powerfully in our reading from Philippians, where St. Paul urges us to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus—one of radical humility, self-emptying, and obedience. Christ didn’t just *talk* about love; He *embodied* it all the way to the cross.
- Meanwhile, the prophet Ezekiel reminds us in the first reading that God is always offering us a clean slate. It is never too late to turn away from our past “no’s” and step into righteousness. God is far less interested in our pious promises or our initial reluctance than He is in our eventual surrender to His will.

As we gather around the altar this week, let us examine our own lives. Where are we offering God lip service - saying “yes” with our Sunday attendance, but holding back our “yes” in our daily families, workplaces, and communities?

May the Eucharist we share give us the grace not just to say the right things, but to actually do them, rolling up our sleeves to labour side-by-side with the Father in His vineyard.

Harvest Collection for the Support of the Priests.

The Harvest Collection for the support of the Priests in the parish was taken up last weekend. If you have not yet returned your envelope you can do so in the basket at Mass or by dropping into the office. This is one of four collections taken up each year to support the clergy in our parish. If you did 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.

Exploring our Catholic Faith (12 sessions of discovery)

We invite you to join us as we embark on a journey through the Catholic faith, a pilgrimage of sorts, moving from initial curiosity to a personal transformation and finally to outward sharing.

We invite you to participate in a series of structured discussions. Our hope is that those who participate will find that the sessions will highlight the richness of your spiritual path in a gentle introduction to our Faith.

The First three Sessions will be held during October, in the Conference Room at the Liturgical Centre on Castle Street.

Part 1	Wednesday	October 7 th	7.30 to 9pm	Exploring Our Catholic Faith in the Current Age.	Led by Fr. John Deignan
Part 2	Wednesday	October 14 th	7.30 to 9pm	Encountering Christ: The Person of Jesus	Led by Una Feely
Part 3	Wednesday	October 21 st	7.30 to 9pm	The Church: Why the Catholic Church?	Led by Deacon Willie Gacquin
Part 4	Wednesday	October 28 th	7.30 to 9pm	Foundational Truths: the Creed and Core Doctrines,	Led by Sr. Kathryn Williams

Please book your place by contacting the Parish office on 090 - 6492171 or by emailing parish.office@athloneparish.ie

The Old Athlone Society

New lecture series starts on Wednesday September 30th next. We are delighted to welcome Dr Matthew Potter to start off the season speaking on ‘Local Government in Ireland: From the Normans to the Present’. Scheduled for September 30th @ 8pm in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. All welcome.

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

On Saturday 10th October, in Donamon Castle Church F42 YE13, Commencing 2pm Sharp. There will be Reflection, Holy Hour, Rosary, & Holy Mass @ 5pm. Relics of St Teresa, & her Parents, Louis & Zellie Martin for Veneration. Refreshments 3-30 – 4pm. Donation €10. Organised by Achonry/Elphin Diocese of Apostolic Work.

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 Drum 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 Clonown church.

Thanking you for your support on both projects.

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
2471169	Caretaker / Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2471168	Caretaker / Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2471175	Caretaker / Grounds person Monksland Community Centre.
2471170	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2471172	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.

St. Peter’s N.S.

Are holding a Table Quiz on Thursday 15th October @ 8pm to raise money for school ICT upgrades. €40 per table, max team size: 4. Your support would greatly be appreciated.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Esther Barclay (née Lennon) formerly of St. Anne’s Terrace.
Anne Slattery (née Murray) USA & formerly of Creggane.
Annemarie (Marie) Newcombe (née Marshall), Millbank.
Liam O’Brien, Old Tuam Road.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul’s Church Weekly Offertory Collection

Sunday September 20th € 1,725.

**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