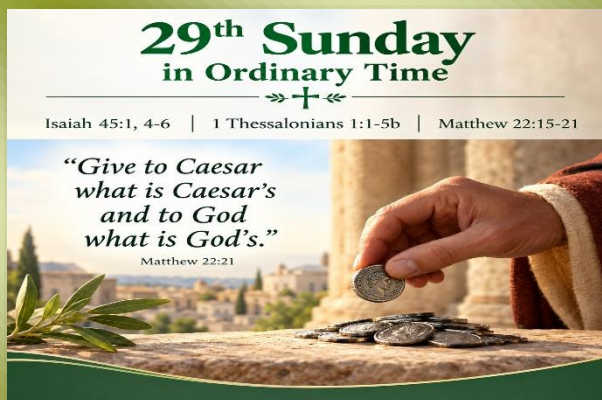




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St. Brigid's Church, Drum Mass Intentions for 17th - 25th October

Sat. 17th	11 am (JW)	Hubert Harney, Crannaghmore - Month's Mind.
	8 pm (JD)	No Intention Booked.
Sun. 18th	10 am (JW)	Pat Keena, Cornafulla and deceased members of the Keena and Faherty families.
Tues. 20th	7pm (JW)	Mary McGlone, formerly Kilmacormack. Also, her brother James & his wife Mary.
Thurs. 22nd	7 pm (JW)	John & Kathleen Dunning, Ardkeen and their son Johnny.
	8 pm (JD)	Mass of Gratitude
Sat. 24th	11 am (JW)	Frances Shine, Kilty - Month's Mind.
	8pm (JW)	Pake & Agnes O'Brien, Creggane.
Sun. 25th	10 am (JD)	Patrick Hogg, Crannaghmore.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th October to Sunday 25th October 2026

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

Saturday 17th Oct.

9.30 am	(DO)	No Intention Booked.
6.30 pm Vigil	(SP)	Jimmy & Mary Kirwin. James, Bridget, Willie & Bridie Carty. Chris Keleghan and deceased family.

Sunday 18th Oct.

9.00 am	(DO)	People of the Parish
12.00 pm	(JD)	Dick Browne - 1st Anniversary. Liam Hynes.

Monday 19th Oct.

9.30 am	(JD)	No Intention Booked.
		Followed by Novena & Benediction Prayers for Positive Mental Health.

10.30am

Tuesday 20th Oct.

9.30 am	(JD)	No Intention Booked.
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Wednesday 21st Oct.

9.30 am	(JW)	No Intention Booked.
6.00 pm	(JD)	Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thursday 22nd Oct.

9.30 am	(SP)	No Intention Booked.
		Followed by Prayers for all the priests.

Friday 23rd Oct.

9.30 am	(DO)	No Intention Booked.
7.30 pm	(JD)	Ciss Keegan. Annie Dawson. Nuala Naughton Jack, Martin, Paul & Tony Downey. Kevin, Ann & Barbara Quigley. Rose & Frank Mc Loughlin.

Saturday 24th Oct.

9.30 am	(SP)	Vera O'Keeffe, her parents Peg & Harry Murray. Kutch & Paddy O'Rourke and the Mc Manus family, Monksland. Annemarie Newcombe - Month's Mind. Marie Rushe - 2 nd Anniversary. May Mulligan. Trevor O'Meara.
6.30 pm Vigil	(JD)	

Sunday 25th Oct.

9.00 am	(DO)	People of the Parish
12.00 pm	(SP)	Eamon & Clare Gleeson.

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown Mass Intentions for 18th - 25th October

Oct. 18th. at 11.15 a.m. (SP)	Patricia Gavin, Carricknaughton - 1st Anniversary. Margaret & John Dunning, Newrow and deceased family.
Oct. 25th. at 11.15 a.m. (JW)	Mary & Paddy Dunning, Ballinaculla and deceased family members.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of
John (Jackie) Fallon, Bealnamulla.
Maureen Cleary (née Browne), St. Joseph's Villas.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

THANK YOU: The recent coffee morning for Hospice organised by Drum I.C.A which was held in Drum C. C. They raised a total of € 1,722.80. This amount has been lodged into the A/C of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice. Sincere thanks to all who supported this event including St. Joseph's N.S & Coláiste Chiaráin.

Medjugorje Weekend Retreat

Led by Fr. Jason Lewis (Medjugorje Chaplain) in St. John's Day Care Centre, Knock Shrine, from Friday 23rd Oct. to Sunday 25th Oct. Booking is essential.
Contact Nicola 087 9622800.

A Reflection for World Mission Sunday

Today the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday —

The readings offer a striking intersection of civic duty, divine sovereignty, and our ultimate calling as missionary disciples.

- In the Gospel, Jesus is handed a Roman coin and asked a trap-laden question about paying taxes to Caesar. Looking at the currency, He asks, *"Whose image is this and whose inscription?"* When they reply, "Caesar's," Jesus gives His famous directive: *"Repaid to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*
 - It is a clever dodge of a political trap, but beneath the surface, it is a profound theological truth. Caesar's image was stamped on a piece of metal, and so it belonged to Caesar. But *you and I* — where is our image stamped?
- Genesis reminds us that every single human being is created in the *imago Dei* — the image and likeness of God. Therefore, while we are called to be good citizens of our earthly nations, every fibre of our being ultimately belongs to God.
- This brings us to the heart of World Mission Sunday. If we bear the image of God, we are stamped with His divine seal. We are meant to reflect His love, mercy, and justice to the ends of the earth. In our second reading, St. Paul praises the Thessalonians because their faith was not just a private comfort; it rang out "not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth" (1 Thessalonians 1:8).
- Furthermore, our first reading (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6) reminds us of a surprising truth: God works through all of history and all peoples. He even uses Cyrus, a pagan king who did not know Him, to accomplish His divine purposes, "so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me." God's horizon is the whole world. His love knows no borders.

On this World Mission Sunday, we are asked to look in the spiritual mirror. Whose image do we reflect in our daily lives? Does the world see the likeness of our Creator in our generosity, our compassion, and our zeal for the Gospel?

Let us pray today for missionaries across the globe—those in distant lands and those in our own community—who are helping others discover whose image they bear. And let us ask for the grace to render our whole selves, joyfully and courageously, back to God.

Exploring our Catholic Faith Part 3 (12 sessions of discovery)

As we move into **Part 3**, we turn our gaze to the very vessel that carries this journey for so many: **The Church**. Specifically, we're asking the crucial question: **"Why the Catholic Church?"** This isn't just a historical or a theological query, but a deeply personal one for many of us, especially in a rapidly changing world. This session is designed to be a blend of concise input and discussion, focusing on the pillars of Community, History, and Authority, and examining the unique claims and structure of the Catholic Church.

Wednesday evening, October 21st from 7.30 to 9pm Conference Room at the Liturgical Centre on Castle Street, enter by the door on the right, Facilitator this week is Deacon Willie Gacquin.

Heating in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church

With the heat now on in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church we are expecting the weekly cost for heating the church to be in the regions of €1,300 to €1,500. As we use Marked Gas Oil for the boiler, we have not received any reduction in the cost from the budget. We will leave special envelopes at the back of the church for those who are in a position to help with the huge cost over the winter months. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

St. Brigid's Church Drum; Redecoration of the Church 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; resurfacing the car park. 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.

Mass of Gratitude

The Parish Pastoral Council are delighted to host a Mass of Gratitude for our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors and all who help in any way in the three churches or throughout the Parish will be held in St. Brigid's Church Drum on Thursday October 22nd at 8pm followed by a light supper in Drum Parish Hall. To confirm your attendance for catering purposes please let Catherine know you are coming before Monday 19th at 1pm. Catherine can be contacted by phone Monday thru Wednesday in the morning on 0906437125 or drumoffice@athloneparish.ie

Athlone Little Theatre

Athlone Little Theatre is delighted to present 'Present Laughter' by Noël Coward, a sparkling comedy to open the autumn season from October 23rd – 30th next. Curtain up at 8pm. Sunday matinee at 3pm on October 25th. Book your tickets via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie

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.
2474696	Caretaker / Grounds person	Drum Community Centre.
2468172	Caretaker / Grounds-person	Athlone Boat Club.
2474687	Administrator / Reception	Athlone Drug Awareness Group

Please note that you must be eligible for Community Employment 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.

Coffee Morning & Raffle

In aid of Lough Ree RNLI on Sunday 18th October in Clonown Community Centre, immediately after 11.15am mass. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Fun Table Quiz

In aid of Cancer Care West. Taking place in The Bounty on Thursday 29th October @ 8pm sharp. 4 people per table - €40. Great prizes, please support.

Rehabcare Athlone Day Service

Are hosting a coffee morning on Wednesday 21st of October from 11am - 1pm in our centre Rehabcare, Loughloe House, Athlone, N37 H210. Contact Caroline on 087 6599599.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection

Sunday October 11th € 1,740.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

Ss Peter & Paul's Church

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