PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15th, 2026



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St. Brigid's Church, Drum
Mass Intentions for 14th November – 22nd November

Sat. 14th	**8pm (SP)**	Martin & Mai O'Rourke, Rathpeak. Thomsie Murray, Gorrynagowna.
Sun. 15th	**10am (JD)**	Colm Doyle, Bealnamulla **– 1st Anniversary.**
Tues. 17th	**7pm ()**	**No Mass.**
Thurs. 19th	**7pm (JW)**	Liam Naughten, Ardkeenan and deceased family members.
Sat. 21st	**8pm (JW)**	Thomas Naughton, Clonark and deceased family members.
Sun. 22nd	**10am (SP)**	Gemma Henry, Clonellan.

Drum Heritage Group Table
Will take place on Wednesday 18th November at 8pm at The Bounty, Athlone. Tables of 4 €40, €10 per person, raffle on the night.
Your support would be greatly appreciated.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions
Saturday 14th November to Sunday 22nd November 2026
ALL MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday 14th Nov.		
9.30 am	**(DO)**	Seán Dillion.
6.30 pm Vigil	**(JW)**	Bernadette Geraghty **– 1st Anniversary.**
		Thomas Mulligan **– 1st Anniversary.**
		Jackie & Nellie Gough.
Sunday 15th Nov.		
9.00 am	**(DO)**	**People of the Parish**
12.00 pm	**(SP)**	Pat Watson **– 1st Anniversary.**
		Pat & Babs Treacy.
		Eamon Egan.
		Terry O'Neill, Summerhill.
		Ultan & Marie Shanahan.
		George Bannon.
		Agatha Odjegba.
Monday 16th Nov.		
9.30 am	**(BP)**	**No Intention Booked.**
		Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday 17th Nov.		
9.30 am	**(BP)**	Molly & Christy Willis and deceased family members.
Wednesday 18th Nov.		
9.30 am	**(BP)**	**No Intention Booked.**
6.00 pm	**()**	**No Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.**
Thursday 19th Nov.		
9.30 am	**(JD)**	**No Intention Booked.**
Friday 20th Nov.		
9.30 am	**(JW)**	**No Intention Booked.**
7.30 pm	**(SP)**	Adeline O'Connor.
		Amanda Slone.
		Paddy, Mary & Gerry Molloy.
		Elaine Mc Loughlin.
Saturday 21st Nov.		
9.30 am	**(DO)**	Agatha Odjegba.
6.30 pm Vigil	**(JD)**	**Memorial Mass for all those who have died during the year.**
		Teresa Bell **– Month's Mind.**
		Maureen Ryan **– 1st Anniversary.**
		John (The Count) Mc Cormack **– 1st Anniversary.**
Sunday 22nd Nov.		
9.00 am	**(DO)**	**People of the Parish**
12.00 pm	**(JW)**	Martin, Mary, Mark, Liam & Rita O'Connor.
		James & Margaret Malynn.
		Michael Kenny & deceased family members.
		Colm Shine & his wife Fraces who recently passed away.

Information Evening – Knights of St. Columbanus
Will be held at their premises (St. Mary's Square, last building on left before the church) on Wednesday 18th November @ 7pm. All those interested in the work of the Knights, both men and women, are invited to attend.
A Remembrance mass for deceased members and their families will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Connell, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise at Teach Cierain, Athlone on Thursday 19th, November @ 12.30pm

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown
Mass Intentions for 15th November – 22nd November

15th Nov.	**11.15 am (JW)**	Jimmy Shine, Drumlosh **– 1st Anniversary.**
22nd Nov.	**11.15 am (JD)**	Mary, James & Tommy Egan, Callowbeg and deceased family members.

The Rosary will be recited immediately after mass on Sunday 15th in Clonown cemetery, weather permitting, otherwise it will be held in the church.

"Don't Bury Your Talents"

There's a quiet temptation that sneaks up on us as the days get shorter: the temptation to simply hold on, survive, and wait for Christ to come. But today's readings shake us out of that spiritual hibernation.

In the Gospel, a master entrusts his servants with his wealth—five talents, two talents, one talent—each "according to his ability." In Jesus' day, a talent was a small fortune, but the point isn't the amount. The point is trust. The master doesn't give instructions or timelines. He gives generously and expects his servants to take risks.

The man who received one talent doesn't waste it. He buries it. He preserves it perfectly. And still the master calls him "wicked and lazy." Why? Because he let fear make the decision. He was so afraid of losing what he had that he never let it bear fruit.

How often do we do the same? We may not bury money in the backyard, but we bury our time, our kindness, our gifts—because we're afraid, we don't have enough, or someone might take advantage, or we might fail. But the Gospel reminds us that faith is not a storage vault. It's a seed.

Today's first reading praises the valiant woman of Proverbs—not because she is wealthy or admired, but because she uses her hands and heart for others. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. She doesn't wait for a perfect moment; she acts with wisdom and love. St. Paul echoes the same urgency: stay awake. Don't let the day of the Lord catch you sleeping. But staying awake isn't just about not sinning. It's about living with intentional love.

Maybe this week, God is inviting you to take one talent out of the ground. A phone call to someone lonely. A meal shared with a struggling neighbour. An offer to help in the parish. A little patience where you usually snap. It may not look like much, but in the Master's hands, small things become eternal.

Because the Master isn't harsh. He is generous. And when we risk love, we discover what the good and faithful servant learned: the harvest is joy.

November The month of the Holy Souls

The **Memorial Mass to remember all those who have died in the past year** in our parish will take place on Saturday November 21st at 6.30pm. Please bring this Special Mass to the attention of anyone who had a bereavement during the last year.

The **November Souls envelopes** are available at the back of the churches and can be returned to the Office or in the collection basket.

Exploring St. Johns Gospel

A Group exploring the riches of St. John's Gospel led by Fr Simon Peter continues **@ 8 pm** on Thursday **in Forthill House**.
All are welcome. More details @ www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture

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. Brigids Church Drum

We are delighted the works in the church are now complete. **Sincere thanks to AJ Painting, Dooleys Albany, Torq Electric, McEnroe Memorials, Liam Murray Construction and Damien Golden for their efficiency and professional work.** The total cost to redecorate, to re-do the roof of the porch, to complete the electrical upgrades and the garden tidy up are in excess of €50,000. Thank you to those who have contributed to these costs, you can still help by using the special envelope at the back of the church which can be returned in the basket at Mass or by dropping it to Fr. Josephs House. ***Thank you again for your ongoing support.***

The Legion of Mary invite you to join them in praying the rosary for all our deceased relatives, friends and neighbours, in local graveyards during November: Sunday 15th November @ 3 pm in Coosan Cemetery.

Drum Community Care Fundraiser in the Athlone Springs Hotel on Saturday 21st November from 9pm to 12.30am. Music by Checkers. Admission €10. Raffle on the night. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Rehabcare Athlone Day Service

would like to thank everyone who attended their recent coffee morning. An amazing €1,003.55 was raised towards their sensory garden.

Monksland Community Centre will have an Indoor Christmas Market in Monksland Community Centre on the Saturday, 5th of December 11-4pm with over 25 stalls. All are welcome.

Drum Parish Office will be close until Monday 30th November. For any queries, please contact Ss. PP parish office **090 6492171.**

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.

Taughmaconnell Drama Group presents "The Maiden Aunt" on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of November 2026 in Taughmaconnell Community Centre. Doors open at 7.30pm and curtain raises @ 8pm. A hilarious 3 act comedy written by Jimmy Keary and directed by Liam Curley.

Human Life International - Ireland 32 County Mission Night with relics of St Thérèse & The Holy Face. Tuesday 24th November, Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 7pm to 9pm. Free Admission, no booking required!

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly Offertory Collection
Sunday November 8th €1, 660.
Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

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St. Brigid's Church
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Clonown Church
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Support of the Priests
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