

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

All Masses are streamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone.

All booked intentions from all our Parish churches will be included in the Mass from Ss. Peter & Paul's Church each day.

For the duration of the current Covid-19 restrictions Masses will be said in Private

Mass Intentions Sunday 21ST February to Sunday 28TH February

Sunday 21st February	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Paul Egan (Months Mind) Bernie Ward, Michael Redmond, Michael (Mike) O'Reilly Adrian, Denis and Mary Dolan, John Egan,
Monday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction) Andrew (Buddy) Dolan (1 st Anniversary) Marie & Eamon Fuery, Kenneth Connor, Rose, Michael, Carmel & Sean Long,
Tuesday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Private Intention
Wednesday 9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Private intention, John & Kathleen Grenham Mary Gaffey, Jason Gaffey, Patrick Dunning
Thursday 9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Private intention
Friday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) JJ Glennon, Bernie Mack,
Saturday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Nan Walsh, Jim Hynes Paddy & Margaret Mulvey, Warren Hynes Kathleen & Paddy O'Neill and deceased family members and Stella Brockman.
Sunday 28th February	
12 Noon	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Michael & Bridget Galvin, Mike & Winne Farrell, Laurence & Pat O'Connell & Deceased members of Mulligan & O'Connell Families, John (Cal) & Mary McManus. Johnny Hynes and deceased family members.



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

Parish Newsletter

21st February 2021 **First Sunday of** **Lent**



And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the desert.

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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy

The Parish Offices in Forthill House & Drum are closed to the public for the foreseeable future please correspond by phone or email.



Ss. Peter & Paul's



St. Brigid's Church,



Church of Our Lady of

Finding New Ways of Praying at Home

"Springtime: A Prayer Guide for the Season of Lent in a Time of Pandemic".

Due to restrictions in place because of Covid-19, we as a Christian Community cannot gather for our usual religious services. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes as the "Domestic Church". It is hoped that this prayer guide, will assist you in doing just that. It is available to download on the following link on Diocese of Elphin website:-

<https://www.elphindiocese.ie/springtime-a-prayer-guide-for-the-season-of-lent/>

When we gather again in Church, let us not forget to enrich our spiritual lives by continuing to pray at home.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite me wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Bishop Kevin's Message for Lent – With Joyful Hope and Generous Hearts

"Perhaps, this year, the invitation to live Lent is an invitation to take up with a generous spirit the cross that we have been asked to carry. The cross comes in so many different shapes and sizes. That could be the challenge of minding the kids, while working from home. It could be the fact that you can't travel, that you can't go to the cinema or to the pub. It could be the separation from family and friends. Carrying the Cross with Christ, is not just about endurance, it is about sharing his attitude as we do it". Read the message in full at www.elphindiocese.ie

Variety of items to connect to, on Elphin Diocese Website

The Diocese of Elphin, Trócaire & Galilee Spirituality Centre invite participation in online conversation focussing on Caring For Our Common Home, 7.30 - 8.30 pm, next Tuesday 23rd Feb. See www.elphindiocese.ie/conversations/ for details. All welcome.

Weaving the Tapestry of Death and New Life - Lenten and Easter Scripture Based Opportunity. Details available @ www.elphindiocese.ie/lent-easter. All welcome.

Lenten Reflection Podcasts for Busy People. See Fr. Niall Ahern's reflections @ www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections

Holy Hour Elphin Youth Ministry with Elphin NET Team every Tuesday evening which will be broadcast on Facebook live and Instagram. Music, Prayer, Reflection, Healing and

Blessing. Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/elphindiocese/>

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire's Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Awut and Ajak are shining examples of resilience, friendship and solidarity. This Lent we hear not only about the enormous challenges they have faced, but also about how they support each other through these challenges. Please support the work of Trócaire this Lent by picking up a Trócaire box or donating online at www.trocaire.org **Boxes are available in all Churches**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

Weekly Envelopes

I wish to thank all who continue to return their weekly envelopes and for giving so generously. I appreciate your continued support and help

Options for payment

Online on parish website <https://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com/>
After 9:30 a.m. daily mass, sacristan will be available, call to back door of church.

Parish Secretaries will be available in

Forthill House Mon - Fri 10:00 — 2:00, Drum Mon to Thur 9:30 — 1:30 .

Envelopes can given to any of the parish churches and we will deliver them to their specific church If you have not received a box and would like to contribute, please contact the office at 090 6492171. Thank you.

Pope Francis Twitter: Lent is precisely the season of hope when we turn our gaze back to the God who is patient. St Paul passionately urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be Reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20) Thursday 18th February

Booking of Masses

Masses which have been booked in any parish church are included in 9:30am daily mass in Ss Peter and Pauls on their booked dates. If you would like to book a mass please contact our sacristan who are available 8:30 am—10:30 am, TEL: 09064 94150

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Accord – Relationship Counselling

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at 087-6765425 for more information.

Community Employment Vacancies (CE Scheme)

Caretaker / Grounds person Monksland Community Centre Job Ref: 2168150
Receptionist administrator based at Monksland Community Centre Ref: 2170195
To qualify you must be in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment for a minimum of 1 year.
For further information contact Annette at 0906493270 or 0861020278
between 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday & 9am to 1pm Friday.

Clonown National School

Now Enrolling: A friendly, safe and encouraging environment in an idyllic rural setting, with small class sizes and modern teaching resources.
For an Enrolment form, please email: clonownns@gmail.com

Seven day special intention candles

Seven day special intention candles are available to be lit on Our Lady's Altar or the Sacred Heart Altar in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church.
To organise a candle for your own special intention please contact the Sacristy or Parish office. The candles are €10 each.