

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 22nd August - Sunday 30th August)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Gavin Family, Dernasee
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	James, Desmond & Margaret Whelan
	12 noon	Teresa Fennell
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Willie Milton, Mary & Paddy Gaffey & deceased of Ward & Gaffey families, Bridie & Michael Harkins & deceased of Cunningham & Harkins families.
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Tommy Curley
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen Ward
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Paddy Walsh
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Paddy & Tommy Bannon and deceased family, Patrick Egan, Mary Cochrane, Johnathon Campbell, Larry, Mary & Tommy Berrigan, John Berrigan, Sheila Quain, Arthur & Angela McCarrick, Lily Murtagh, Frances Connaire, Willie Berrigan & Michael & Maura Smith.
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Bernie Bannon
	6.30 p.m.	Mary Roper
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Catherine (Ciss) Devine
	12 noon	Bridget Curley & daughter Della Sheridan

REST IN PEACE

SR. BRIDGET NAUGHTON, R.I.P., S.M., Crumlin, Dublin / Clonark
(sister of Kathleen Duffy (Drumlosh), Rose Dunning & Hannah Bracken, Clonark
May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved family relatives and friends.

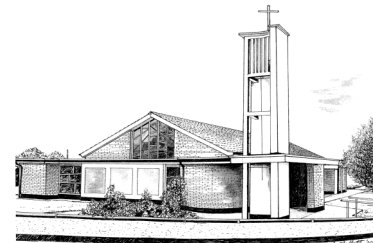
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, August 16th €1785.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: € 566.00
HOLYDAY - 15th August€ 990.00



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Newsletter

**TWENTY FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

23rd AUGUST 2015



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the Holy

One of God." — Jn 6:67-69

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REFLECTION - Eucharistic Life

In the last few weeks we have taken a brief detour from Mark's Gospel and spent time savouring the Eucharistic readings from the Gospel of John. As each week passes, we have been gradually led into a fuller understanding of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

What began with a small child carrying bread and fish has now developed into a theological exposition of Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood.....and hearing that for the first time would have been something to think about at length.

We can imagine how, in their efforts to absorb this mystery more fully each word was carefully chosen and prayed through by the early Christian community - and like us, they led busy lives. Today, like them, we want to understand the Eucharistic mystery, knowing that at journey's end, we have barely scratched the surface.

What *does* it mean to lead a Eucharistic life? To begin with, it means what each of us is doing right now - being actively present in this faith community to celebrate Eucharistic more fully. And, what is most essential, it means that we step out from this Church in faith to give our lives in service. (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

Pope Francis urges a restless search, like that of Augustine of Hippo, a "restlessness of heart that led him to a personal encounter with Christ, leads us to understand that the God he was looking for outside of himself is the very God who is near to everybody, the God close to our heart, nearer to us than our own selves."

NEW CURATE: Our new curate, Fr. Lawrence (Larry) Ebuk, will be arriving in the parish on Thursday next, 27th August. Fr. Larry, who is an African priest, is a member of the Missionaries of St. Paul and has been working in Grenada, in the Caribbean, for the past few years. He will be replacing Fr. Jaroslaw Maszkiewicz (Fr. Jarek) and will be living in 10 Ashford, Monksland. He can be assured of a very warm welcome and support in the Parish of Ss. Peter & Paul's.

ATHLONE ROTARY CLUB presents an Evening of Song in aid of **ST. HILDA'S** with **Baritone Darren O'Hara & Soprano Breda O'Connor** accompanied by **Lupe Álvarez De Toledo** with special guests **Athlone A Capella & Compère Teresa Bell** at the Radisson Hotel on **Friday, 4th September at 8 p.m.** Tickets from Rotary Club or contact the Radisson Hotel Reception. Tickets €20. Concessions €15

ST. PETER'S SECONDARY SCHOOL RE-UNION for Leaving Cert. years 1973, 1974 and 1975 will take place on **Saturday, 5th Sept.** in Shamrock Lodge Hotel at **7.30 p.m.** For details Tel. **0874587064** between 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. on or before **Aug. 31st.**

ATHLONE JOINT PARISHES SPECIAL BINGO will take place on **Sunday, 30th August** in **Dean Crowe Theatre and St. Mary's Hall.** **Over €3,400 in prizes. €1,000 jackpot must be won on the night, starting at 8 p.m. sharp**



DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 22nd	8 p.m.	Pádraig Grenham & parents Clonellan
Sun. 23rd	10 a.m.	Martha Donnellan, Moydrum & deceased members of the Connor family, Clonark
Mon. 24th.		No Mass
Tues. 25th	7 p.m.	James & Mary Henry,
Wed 26th	7 p.m.	James Lennon, Summerhill
Thur. 27th		No Mass
Fri. 28th		No Mass
Sat. 29th	8 p.m.	Brian & Bridget Gunning & daughter Teresa, Johnstown
Sun. 30th	10 a.m.	Michael O'Loughlin, Rockfield

Servers: Saturday, 5th September: - Team 3, Sunday, 6th September - Team 3.

Drum Community Care afternoon in Drum Parish Hall on Sunday, 23rd August. Mass at 3 p.m. followed by refreshments. All welcome.

DRUM HERITAGE GROUP.....Sponsored walk on Sun. 30th Aug. Assembly/Registration at Drum Heritage Centre at 2 p.m. Walk commences at Nure village at 3.30 p.m. Walk cards are available at Drum Heritage Centre or call 0852094555

HERITAGE DAY at Derryglad Folk Museum Saturday, 29th August 10 - 6 p.m. Special attraction from 3 - 6 p.m. Vintage model maker, corn grinding with Quern stones, shepherds staff maker, display of rare carpenters tools. Proceeds to Kiltoom - Cam special needs. Contact Bridie or Charlie at 090-6488192

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 17th August
€200: Catherine Bertles; €50: Noelle Henry; & €30: B. Galvin

Drum Art Group - will be recommencing on Monday, 7th Sept. at the usual time of 10.30 a.m. New members most welcome. Further details contact: Jackie at 087-2341535

THANK YOU.....The Management & Staff of Esker House Women's Refuge and Support Service would like to thank everybody who contributed so generously to their recent Church Gate Collection

SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT LIAISON SERVICE which supports families bereaved by suicide will be holding its official launch on 7th Sept. at 3 p.m. in Vita House, Roscommon. All welcome.

Reliable & Kind Host Family urgently needed for the coming school year for a 15 yr old Spanish boy, going to Athlone Community College to study English. If interested Tel. 0863294310

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd:	John, Bridget & Patrick Halligan, Collowgoriff
Sunday 30th	Pat & Maggie Hynes, Togher