

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 19th September - Sunday 27th September)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Thomas Lacey (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	James Moran
	12 noon	Joe Begley
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA"</b> Paddy, Peg & Michael Moran
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	John, Paddy & Anne McGrath, Mike & Wendy Dunleavy
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Michael O'Callaghan
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Anne Egan (nee Seery)
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Terence & Bridget Hynes
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b> Marie Tobin, Sylvester Snr & Jnr. Hanley & John Hanley
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Teasie & Jackie Gribbon
	6.30 p.m.	Tommy Gardiner and deceased of Gardiner families, Johnny Faller and deceased of Faller families.
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Pauline Butler
	12 noon	Michael Hogan, Willie Carty & Eileen & James Hogan

**REST IN PEACE**

**BRIDIE HARNEY, R.I.P.,** Bealnamulla  
**JACKIE QUINN, R.I.P.,** Blyry Lower, Moydrum, Athlone. (Uncle of Tony Larkin,  
 Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council)  
 May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

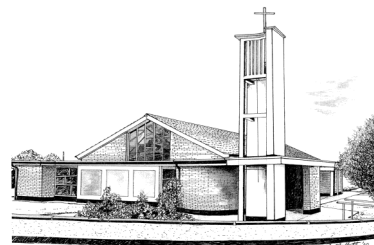
**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, Sept. 13th ..... € 1834.00**  
**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: ..... € 665.00**



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**Newsletter**

**TWENTY FIFTH  
 SUNDAY IN  
 ORDINARY TIME**

**20th SEPTEMBER 2015**



**"I** If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

— Mk 9:35b-37a

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## REFLECTION - Small and Simple



Each of us has our own way of coping with challenging situations. Often it is the small and simple acts that help to put things in their right perspective. A friend of mine takes time out and slowly brews a cup of tea. Whenever I feel anxious or distressed, a favourite piece of music and a good night's rest helps restore the balance. There is something soothing about the return to the ordinary and familiar.

The gospels give us insights into how Jesus restores the balance. Each Sunday we listen to some of the challenging situations he faced. Of stresses and pressures, he certainly has his fair share. When he confronts the prospect of his own violent death, he confides in his closest friends. They are not ready to face up to the hard truth and change the subject, the gist of their talk being who among them is the greatest - and this is after three years of living closely with Jesus. These two things alone are enough to cause stress, disappointment and even a sense of failure.

So what does Jesus do to place it all into perspective? He simplifies the discussion and does what he has done all his life. He lowers himself to the level of smallest and most defenceless person standing before him, offers a simple gesture of love and invites us all to do the same (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

*Pope Francis has some wise words again:* A daily round, whether of the individual or the community that is marked by dissatisfaction or bitterness that keeps us complaining, permanently nostalgic for paths unexplored and dreams unrealized, becomes a lonely road.

## **HARVEST COLLECTION FOR PARISH CLERGY - 3rd & 4th OCTOBER.** **Envelopes for Harvest Collection will be available at the back of the church next weekend.**

The total amount needed to pay 4 priests for a year is €76,200. The amount collected so for this year amounts to €59,500 which leaves a shortfall of approx. €16,700. The priests' salaries are paid from 4 collections in the year: Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and Harvest. We are aware of the difficult financial times but we trust that you will contribute as generously as you can afford.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, 22nd Sept.** at **8 p.m.** in Parochial House, Deerpark Rd., All members requested to attend

A Healing Mass of the Precious Blood at the Ark Centre, 23 Mitchell Tce. On Fri. 25th Sept. at 7.30 p.m. Celebrant Fr. Emmanuel. All welcome. Further Details Tel. 0877828283

**Monthly Hour for the Holy Souls** continues in the Adoration Chapel on **Sat. 26th Sept.** from **4 - 5 p.m.** You are invited to this special time of prayer for the Holy Souls

**BRIDGE CLASSES** for Beginners in Hodson Bay Hotel on Wed. 30th Sept. 10.30 am. - 12.30 p.m. Contact Larry on 0861607913 for more information.

## **DRUM MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. 19th 8 p.m. Michael & Bridie Naughton, Culfatha  
Sun. 20th 10 a.m. Tim & Nancy Lennon, Kilmacormack  
**Mon. 21st - Fri. 25th. No Mass**  
Sat. 26th 8 p.m. Teresa & Patrick Murray, Culfatha  
Sun. 27th 10 a.m. Mary & Bernard Gillick, Cornafulla

Servers: Saturday, 26th Sept. - Team 6; Sunday, 27th Sept. - Team 6.

**Athlone Samaritans:** Athlone Midlands Samaritans need additional volunteers to maintain their befriending service. No experience necessary as training is provided. If interested please call or text 085-2845010 or email [athlonevols@gmail.com](mailto:athlonevols@gmail.com). The Samaritans provide 24 hr. emotional support on Freephone 116 123.

**Youth 20000 Retreat in Summerhill College, Sligo** from 2nd - 4th October  
Ages 16 - 35 yrs. Further information available on [www.youth20000.ie](http://www.youth20000.ie)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 14TH Sept.**  
€200: Dympna & Joe Byrne; €50: Ita Harney, & €30: Noel & Mary Caulfield.

**Autumn Flower Arranging Classes** starting in A Room in Bloom, Garden Vale - 21st. September on Monday's or Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. for 5 weeks.  
To book and for more details Tel. 0906433645

**Healing Mass of the Family Tree** at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Healing Centre, Curraghboy on Friday, 25th September at 8 p.m. Celebrant Fr. John Walsh.  
All welcome. Tel. 0864054489

**Dean Crowe Theatre & Arts Centre** presents the play "**How to Keep an Alien**" on Sat. 26th Sept. at 8 p.m. To book Tel. 0906492129 or online [www.deancrowetheatre.com](http://www.deancrowetheatre.com).

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Linda Caulfield & Kieran Reynolds Nicola Graham & Seán Ó'Riain  
Jacqueline Berry & Darren Munnelly Pádraig Hegarty & Lesley Hernandez  
Amy Kilkenny & Aaron McGrath Bernadette Fallon & Geert Kuiken  
Noreen Dempsey & Seán Ó Gallchóir.

**May they be blessed with a long and happy life together.**

## **CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 20th Sept: Sonny & Kathleen Cunningham  
Sunday, 27th Sept. Dan Grenham (1st Anniversary)