

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 3rd October - Sunday 11th October )**

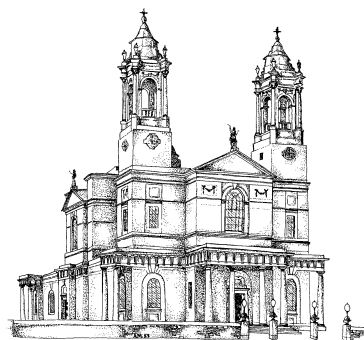
<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Canon Paddy Murray
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Tommy Caulfield (Month's Mind)
	12 noon	Mattie Shine (1st Anniversary)
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	--
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA"</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	--
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	--
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	--
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Tom Mannion
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b>
		Bill & Mary McNamara, Barry Dully, Thomas Curley, Annie Curley, Bridget Ward, David Cassidy, Eamon Duggan, Nonie Lally, Peter, Mary & Tommy Mullins, Mary Mullins, Richie Molloy, Nonie & Jim Horan, John Mears, Gus, Mary & Brendan Lyons, Dermot O'Neill, Eileen McSharry, Kathleen Colleran, Davie Walters, Helen Colleran & Deceased of Cunningham & Colleran families
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Brenda & Fred Madden, daughters Joan & Freida & son Brendan
	6.30 p.m.	Liam Hynes
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	James & Margaret Maylenn
	12 noon	Pat Gavin

**REST IN PEACE**

**BRIDGET (Bea) McMANUS, R.I.P.,** Ardnanure, Drum

May god grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved family, relatives and friends.

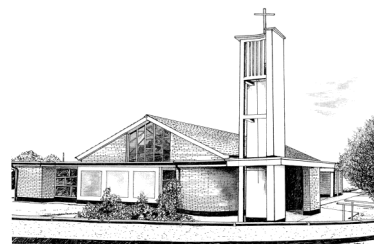
**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, Sept. 27th..... € 1,810**  
**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: ..... € 620**



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**Newsletter**

**TWENTY SEVENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**4th OCTOBER 2015**



**H**e said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"  
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." — Mk 10:3-6

## REFLECTION - Marriage Matters



My first impulse on reading this gospel was to want to focus on the latter part - Jesus welcoming the children and upbraiding the disciples. I mean, divorce, remarriage and infidelities seem to be a much too common and unhappy thread that winds through our daily experience. These realities brush against us continuously, whether it is through social media or daily interactions with family and friends. Thus, the "best practice" Jesus presents to us about marriage is too often blurred by what we encounter. However, after prayerfully reading this gospel, we could see that Jesus goes to the heart of what relationships are all about. This is a teaching that touches us all, married or not. The basis of any relationship (of which marriage is the epitome of self-giving) is the respect and honour that we give to, and receive from another. Relationships, even the broken ones, are costly. In the eyes of Jesus, no one is ever written off or easily pushed aside. Perhaps it's no co-incidence that within this rather frank teaching, Mark introduces the small child. It is the child who is characterized by a wonderful ability to be able to absorb love and to draw love from others. Seen in this context, marriage and thus all relationships find their God-filled identity. (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

In this journey of love, **Pope Francis** reminds us that the Lord calls us to follow him each day with courage and fidelity. He has given us the great gift of choosing us as his disciples, inviting us to proclaim Him as the Risen One, but it requires us to do so by our words and the witness of our everyday lives.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**CONFIRMATION 2016** Cloonakilla & Clonown on 26th April in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 11.00 a.m.  
Summerhill, Dean Kelly & St. Peters 28th April at 11 am  
Cornafulla & Ardkeen on 28th April at 4 p.m. in Drum

**COMMUNION 2016:** Cloonakilla N.S. Bealnamulla 14th May  
Dean Kelly & St. Peter's N. S. 21st May  
**In St. Brigid's Church Drum:** Cornafulla & Ardkeen 15th May  
Summerhill 22nd May

**Young Women between 20-40:** Come for a discovery day on Saturday, 10th October to Disciples of Divine Master, Whites Cross, Newtownpark Ave. Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Contact: 087-3170964, louise@pddm.org.  
Presenters: Fr. Michael Goonan SSP and the Disciples of the Divine Master

**ATHLONE JOINT PARISHES SPECIAL BINGO** which was due to take place on **Sunday, 4th Oct. has been postponed until Sunday, 11th October.** Usual Bingo on Sunday, 4th Oct in Dean Crowe Theatre and St. Mary's Hall starting at 8 p.m. sharp

**On Thurs. 8th Oct. Fr. Michael Goonan SSP noted Pauline Priest, will be guiding a day of retreat in Chapel of Adoration, 8 Castle St. All welcome enquiries 087-3170964:**

**Friary Prayer Group** invites you to one hour Intercessory Prayer for young people on **Sunday, 4th Oct.ober at 3.30 p.,** in Adoration Chapel Castle St. All welcome.

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	3rd	8 p.m.	Pat & Mary Ellen Duignan, Doohan
Sun.	4th	10 a.m.	Mary Ann & Tommy Lennon, Meehambee
Mon.	5th		No Mass
Tues.	6th	7 p.m.	Bob Duncan U.S.A. brother in law of P.J. & Tony McEvilly
Wed.	7th	7 p.m.	Charlie Lennon, Belrea & deceased family
Thur.	8th	7 p.m.	John Martin & Rita Kenny, Clontuskert
Fri.	9th	7 p.m.	Mary McClone, Kilmacormack
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>10.30.a.m.</b>	<b>Ann Ward, Thomastown (Month's Mind)</b>
Sat.	10th	8 p.m.	Kitty Dunning & deceased family, Drumlosh
Sun.	11th	10 a.m.	Willie Berrigan, Clonark (Mass will be held in the cemetery)

Servers: Saturday 10th October: - Team 8, Sunday 11th October: - Team 2.

**The Holy Hour for October has been re-scheduled to Nov. 3rd at 8 p.m.**

**Drum I.C.A.** monthly meeting in Drum Parish Hall on Tuesday, 6th October at 8.30 p.m. sharp. All members requested to attend. New members welcome.

**Independent People with Disabilities Church Gate Collection** at St. Brigid's Church, Drum on Saturday, 10th & Sunday, 11th October.

**ATHLONE METHODIST CHURCH** invite you to their annual **HARVEST SERVICE** on ~Sunday, 4th Oct. at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments and chat afterwards.

**ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY** Conducted Holy hour at 3 p.m. followed by monthly meeting on Tuesday, 6th October. New members most welcome

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 6th September**  
€200: Pink Piazz; €50: Tony Henry & €30: Mona Joyce

**Monthly meeting of Widows Association** on Wednesday, 7th October in Shamrock Lodge Hotel at 8 p.m. New members welcome.

**Athlone Breast Cancer Support Group Annual Coffee Morning in aid of:** South Westmeath Hospice, L.A.R.C.C. & St. Hilda's in Prince of Wales Hotel on Friday 16th October 10 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. Please support.

**Have your been touched by Breast Cancer?** Would you like to meet for a chat and a cuppa? Join us on Tuesday, 6th October at 8 p.m. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel. All welcome.

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	4th October:	Bill Roche, Togher
Sunday	11th October	Jack Ward, Curraghnaboll.