

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 5th December - Sunday 13th December)**

**Saturday:** 6.30 p.m. Brendan McFadden

**Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish  
10.30 a.m. Mary Lynch  
12 noon Miriam Lenehan

**Monday:** 9.30 a.m. Private Intention  
(Vigil Mass) 6.30 p.m. Mary Maher

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**Tuesday:** 9.30 a.m. Private Intention  
12.00 noon Michael John, Brigid & John Ward  
6.30 p.m. Tommy, Rose, Seamus & Mary Reynolds

**Wednesday:** 9.30 a.m. Private Intention

**Thursday:** 9.30 a.m. Seamus Rourke & deceased family members

**Friday:** 9.30 a.m. Jack & May Laffan  
7.30 p.m. "SHARED MASS"  
Michael & Sarah Fahy, Michael Cuggeran,  
William Curran, Ronan & Helen Duignan,  
Sr. Lourdes Hynes, Agnes Hanley, John Cooney  
& Edward & Sean Martin

**Saturday:** 9.30 a.m. Leo Turpin  
6.30 p.m. Bridie, Freddie, William & Tony Warby

**Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish  
10.30 a.m. Joe Gavin  
12 noon Sr. Mercy & Sr. Mairead Watson

**REST IN PEACE**

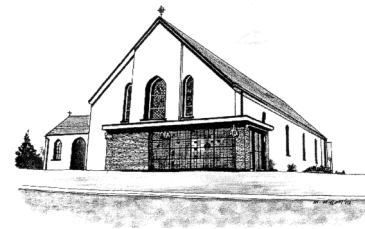
**SR. COLUMBA O'CONNOR R.I.P.** Edgewardstown  
& formerly St. Peter's convent, Athlone.  
**JULIA REYNOLDS R.I.P.** Walderstown (mother of Liam Reynolds, Kilmacormack, Drum

May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

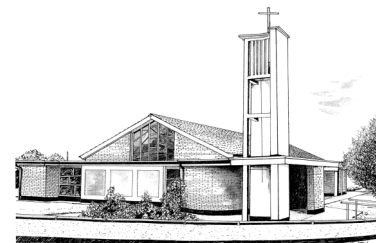
**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 25th October..... € 1555.00**  
**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: ..... € 555.00**



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**Newsletter**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

**6th DECEMBER 2015**



"Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

— Lk 3:5-6

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## REFLECTION - Words made Flesh

Have you had the experience of really **hearing** God's Word?

By this question, I don't just refer to the experience of hearing the Gospel each Sunday. God can be heard in other ways too.

Today Luke gives us a fuller picture of how God spoke in this other way to John - right down to the details of who the ruling government was at that time. Luke lets us know that there is no doubt here, the Word that came to John was real.



John **heard** God's voice when he was in the wilderness; that place earmarked for scarce human contact and rugged terrain. Then again, when telling the story of her own call Blessed Mother Teresa spoke about the moment when, on a crowded train travelling through India she distinctly **heard** a voice telling her to do something even more "beautiful for God". And crowded trains in India are much more crowded than we are used to in Ireland.

These great figures (our relations in the faith) reveal that when God speaks in these "other" ways, things happen. People's lives are changed for the better. The Word that was heard does truly become flesh. Today as I ponder God's Word, I ask for the grace to prepare my heart and welcome Jesus, God's Word made flesh,

(Kathryn Williams pddm)

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**..... Vincent's Shop is re-locating to 10 Church St. (beside Allen's shop) on Friday, 11th December at 11 a.m. All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS MASS IN MONKSLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**ON THURSDAY, 17th DECEMBER at 8 p.m.** All welcome

**BUS TO ALL NIGHT VIGIL TO KNOCK** will leave on 7th December from Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 8.30 p.m. Tel Teresa at 086-8062253 (after 12 noon) or Caroline at 086-1960256

At the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on December 1st congratulations were expressed and good wishes extended to:

Marie McEvilly on her appointment chairperson of the Elphin Diocesan Pastoral Council

Jean Larkin on her appointment as child safeguarding officer for Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish.

**FUNDRAISER**.....**The Dean Kelly Boys' Choir** will be carol singing in Golden Island Shopping Centre on 10th December from 12 - 1 p.m. Please support. The choir will also sing at 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday next, 13th December.

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 5th 8 p.m.  
Sun. 6th 10 a.m.  
**Mon. 7th 8 p.m.**  
**Tues. 8th 10 a.m.**

Francis Watson, late of Ardkeen  
Patrick & Delia Moore, Meehambee  
**Mary Moore, Meehambee**  
**Sr. Veronica Lennon, Patrick, Julia & Michael Lennon, Clonellan**

Wed. 9th  
Thur. 10th 7 p.m.  
Fri. 11th 7 p.m.  
**Sat. 12th 10 a.m.**  
Sat. 12th 8 p.m.  
Sun. 13th 10 a.m.

No Mass  
Johnny Harney, Crannaghmore  
Elizabeth Naughton, Clonark  
**Rosemarie Harrington, Boston (Month's Mind)**  
Mary Glynn, Crannaghmore  
Paddy & Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg.

Presentation of Gifts: Saturday 12th Team 6.

**HOLY HOUR:** the next Holy Hour will take place in St. Brigid's Church, Drum on December 16th at 8 p.m.

**DRUM SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY** will take place on Sunday, 13th Dec. in Athlone Springs Hotel commencing with Mass at 3 p.m. Anyone who did not receive an invitation please come along, you are most welcome

**MONKSLAND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP** ....Sunday, December 6th at 4 p.m. in SuperValu Car Park. Santa might drop in for a quick visit. !!!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 27th OCTOBER.**

€200: Liz Sammon; €50: Molly & Me & €30: Anne Dwan

**CHRISTMAS PARISH BINGO**.....Athlone Joint Parishes Bingo are holding a special Christmas Bingo on this Sunday night in Dean Crowe Theatre and St. Mary's Hall. Over €3,400 in prizes with €1,000 jackpot which must be won on the night. Christmas spots. Starting at 8 p.m. sharp.

**CAKE SALE**.....There will be a cake sale in Clonown Community Centre, immediately after 11 a.m. Mass on Sun. 13th Dec. Cakes, Christmas flower arrangements and other items will be on sale, Also, there will be a raffle for valuable prizes. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 6th Dec.  
Tues. 8th Dec.

Bernadette Molloy & father, Jack Dunning  
ELIZABETH (Lil) Ward, Curnaboll (Month's Mind)