

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 2nd January - Sunday, 10th January)**

Saturday: 6.30 p.m. Mary & Caithriona Egan

Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
10.30 a.m. Jimmy Duffy (Month's Mind)
12 noon Kieran Lynch

Monday: 9.30 a.m. Mary Josephine Shine
7.30 p.m. **"NOVENA"**
Thomas Norton (1st Anniv.),
Patrick & Bridget Shiel

Tuesday: 9.30 a.m. Private Intention

Vigil Mass (6.30 p.m.) Private Intention

Wednesday: FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - 6th January
9.30 a.m. Rose Mary O'Sullivan
12 noon Brendan Golden
6.30 p.m.

Thursday: 9.30 a.m. Fr. Tommy Moran

Friday: 9.30 a.m. Brian & Mary Murray
7.30 p.m. **"SHARED MASS"**
Keith Devlin, Elizabeth Verszegi

Saturday: 9.30 a.m. Agnes Masterson (Month's Mind)
6.30 p.m. Peter Berry

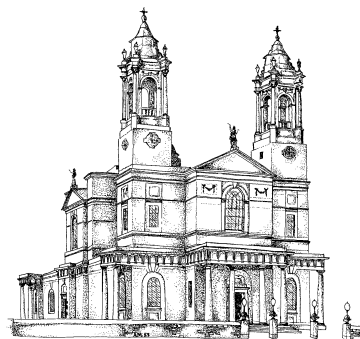
Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
10.30 a.m. Mary (Moll) Menton
12 noon Bernie McLoughlin

REST IN PEACE

BRIDGET HARDIMAN (nee Dunning), R.I.P., Drumlosh, Clonown

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

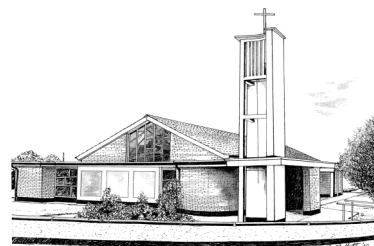
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 27th December..... €1640.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: € 650.00



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Newsletter

**SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER
CHRISTMAS
3rd January, 2016**

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**FEAST OF THE  
EPIPHANY  
6th January, 2016**

## REFLECTION - Pilgrims Revealed

This week we celebrate the Epiphany. It is a feast for people on a journey. In fact, as Christians, we are on a journey. We are a pilgrim people. Pilgrims travel to holy places simply because they believe that, in that particular place, God is revealed and experienced in a special way. Although a pilgrimage is often made with the desire for some specific grace, at the heart of the pilgrim's search lies something more profound: a pilgrim seeks the face and heart of God.

Perhaps we could think of the wise figures in today's Gospel as pilgrims. Like many of our contemporaries, they were searching. However, these Eastern Pilgrims had a clear focus. They knew who they were looking for. The gospel reveals a few details about them: they study the stars (and studying stars is in style today!); they have come a long way with all the discomforts that travelling rough entails; they make detours and receive some surprises; they are sensitive to other cultures while treasuring their own; and they know how to taste the delights of the journey. Maybe the most revealing quality about these pilgrims (and perhaps this is what makes them so wise) is their capacity to recognise the face and heart of a king in a small child.

Perhaps this week as I reflect on these pilgrims from the East, I might pray that I find Jesus in the place children love best; close to their mothers.

**(Kathryn Williams pddm)**

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - Wednesday, 6th January

**Masses: Vigil (6.30 p.m. Tuesday.)**

**9.30 a.m., 12 noon, 6.30 p.m.**

A new part time QQI Level 5 course in tourism with Business is starting at Athlone VTOS in January 2016. It is free to those in receipt of a social Welfare Payment or those with less than upper Secondary education. Places are limited so apply asap. Please ring 090-6474080/086-8522795 or email vtosathlone@lwetb.ie for information

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Eva McHugh & Jonathan Dunning  
Denise Dunning & Aidan Sweeney  
Oliver Harney & Emma Bayliss**

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

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

|           |         |                                                               |
|-----------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 2nd  | 8 p.m.  | Martin & Nancy Mulvey, son Marty, grandson Alan,<br>Johnstown |
| Mon. 4th  |         | No Mass                                                       |
| Tues. 5th | 8 p.m.  | Thomas McDonnell, Clonark                                     |
| Wed. 6th  | 10 a.m. | Tommy & Kathleen Lennon, Clonbulia                            |
| Thur. 7th | 7 p.m.  | Willie & Mary Kelly, Clonbulia                                |
| Fri. 8th  | 7 p.m.  | Michael Grenham, Doohan, and deceased family                  |
| Sat. 9th  | 8 p.m.  | Frank Murray, Thomastown                                      |
| Sun. 10th | 10 a.m. | Una Naughton, Clonark                                         |

**Presentation of Gifts: Saturday 9th: Team 2**  
**Servers: Saturday 9th: Team 6, Sunday 10th: Team 5.**

**'THE SIX MARYS' PLAY ...** Written and performed by Jean Farrell is on in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Wednesday, 6th January at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the hotel.

## ATHLONE FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 6th January at 7.00 p.m. in The Bounty  
Phone: 086-85850765.

## PRAYING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

One hour intercessory prayer will take place in the Chapel of Adoration, Castle Street, at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd January. Everyone welcome.

## SAVE ROSCOMMON - PUBLIC MEETING

The Government plans to shift 30 square kms of County Roscommon into Westmeath.

Monksland, Bealnamulla, Drum, Summerhill, Bogganfin and Barrybeg are affected.

The loss will affect the entire County Roscommon. It will have a significant impact on people, organisations and finances.

**A Public Meeting will be held in the Athlone Springs Hotel on Monday, 11th January 2016 at 8.00 pm.** Sign up to the 'Save Roscommon Campaign'.

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday, 3rd January  | Tom Lennon, Oldtown    |
| Sunday, 10th January | Johnny & Nora Halligan |