

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 9th January - Sunday, 17th January)**

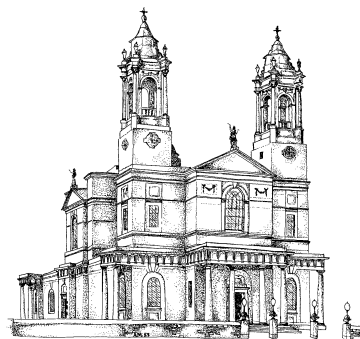
Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Peter Berry
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Moll Menton
	12 noon	Bernie McLoughlin
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Paddy & Bridie Lennon
	7 .30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Jim & Bessie Mulryan, Winnie Keogh, Hilda Gaffey, Michael & Kathleen Gaffey
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Paddy & Annie Whelan
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Joe & Winifred O'Meara
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Bridget Gallagher (Month's Mind), Michael Bertles (Month's Mind), Margaret Coffey, John Henry, Mary Anne & John Henry, Art & Kitty O'Leary, Michael & Mary Conway, Alan Mitchell, Larry Fagan & Bridget Hassett.
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	John, Kathleen & Esther Egan
	6.30 p.m.	Bill Dunne (1st Anniversary) Bridie Prendergast (1st Anniversary), Jack Prendergast.
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Hannon
	12 noon	Martin Brennan

REST IN PEACE

KITTY HARNEY (Nee Macken), R.I.P., Summerhill
WILLIAM MACKEN, R.I.P., Creggane
ANGELA SLOANE (Nee McGrath), R.I.P., Hillquarter, Coosan

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

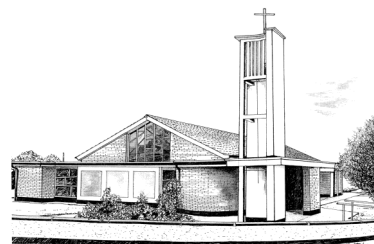
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 3rd January..... € 1,905.00



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Newsletter

**THE BAPTISM OF
THE LORD**

10th JANUARY 2016



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22a

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REFLECTION - On Baptisms

Do you remember being baptized? Perhaps you were a baby. If so, your only remembrance of it would be the faded black and white snap of a barely seen, wordless infant snuggled up and enfolded in a crocheted and pre-loved gown. That day others stepped in for you and spoke on your behalf. They knew the baptismal gift was precious and they wanted you to be enriched with it right from infancy.



Jesus, on the other hand, was aware of everything when he was baptized. When he quietly stepped into the Jordan waters, there was that breath-taking moment when he tasted the overwhelming love of God and how God delighted in everything about him. After that significant moment in his life, we watch as his mission develops. Jesus spoke of other baptisms too. We will hear about them as the year unfolds.

Perhaps today as we reflect on baptism and the beautiful words from heaven, **“You are my Son, the Beloved,”** we might also think of the sorts of baptisms that we might encounter in our following of Jesus. No matter how gentle, fiery or painful these immersions may be, whether we are infant, young adult or octogenarian, we can always cling tightly to the fact that we are the beloved children of God and God delights in us.

(Kathryn Williams pddm)

YEAR OF MERCY HOLY HOUR.....During the Year of Mercy a guided Holy Hour will be conducted at the Adoration chapel each Wednesday from 8 - 9 p.m. All welcome! Contact 087-32170964. This Wednesday, 13th January, Canon Devine will speak on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Will host a weekend for married couples aimed at the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 26th - 28th Feb. For more info and/or to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call 0877840408 for a brochure.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Jack O'Leary Lexi Cassidy Enda Frawley
Lauren Mary Gavin

CONGRATUATIONS TO THEIR PARENTS.

NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL in Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre in Clonmacnois on Friday 15th Jan. Mass at 9 p.m. Adoration and prayers follow. Finishes at 2.10 a.m. All welcome. Enquiries Dave: 08-7746763

Introduction to Digital Photography Class. Starting Jan. 27th. 12.30 - 2.30 p.m. in Venue 4, Bastion St. Athlone. Contact Veronica 0879480498

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 9th	8 p.m.	Frank Murray, Thomastown
Sun. 10th	10 a.m.	Una Naughton, Clonark
Mon. 11th		No Mass
Tues. 12th		No Mass
Wed. 13th	7 p.m.	Alan Ledwith, originally Thomastown
Thur. 14th	8 p.m.	Holy Hour
Fri. 15th	7 p.m.	Nora & Michael McManus, Ardhanure
Sat. 16th	10.30 a.m.	Kieran McManus, Nure (Month's Mind)
Sat. 16th	8 p.m.	Margaret & John McManus, Johnstown
Sun. 17th	10 a.m.	Thomas Harney, Curraghaleen

Presentation of gifts:

Saturday 16th: Team 3

Servers:

Saturday 16th: Team 7: Sunday 17th: Team 6.

Eucharistic Adoration: The diocese of Elphin is setting up a diocesan Adoration Team. Information meeting to attend: In Abbey Community College (rooms 25/26) Marian Rd., Boyle (behind St. Joseph's Hall) on Sat. 30th Jan. 2016 at 11 a.m. (finishing 12.30 p.m.) Refreshments served. See poster in the church for further details.

Drum Art Group will re-commence on **Monday Jan. 11th at 10.30 a.m.** in Drum Parish Hall. New members most welcome. Contact Jackie at 087-2341535.

Millrace Nursing Home in Bridge St., Ballinasloe is having an open week commencing Mon. 18th Jan. Please feel free to call in to meet the staff, have a coffee and view the facilities. Tel. 0909646120 for further information

8 WEEK Crochet/Knitting classes commencing soon at Stitch'n Knit Irishtown Athlone. Weekdays from 6.30 - 8 p.m. All levels of experience catered for. Experienced tutor. Booking essential. Tel. 0851730220/0906450524.

SAVE ROSCOMMON - PUBLIC MEETING The Government plans to shift 30 square kms of Co. 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

Sunday	10th January:	Johnny Halligan
Sunday	17th January:	Johnny Hynes & deceased family, Curnaboll