

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 30th January - Sunday, 7th February)**

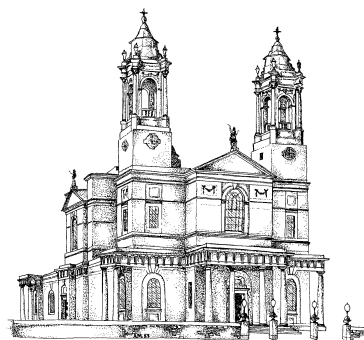
Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Edward Egan (1st Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Denis & May Kilfeather
	12 noon	- -
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Patrick Carberry
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Fr. Tommy Moran
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Tom Henry
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Patrick, Mary Anne, Ellen & Willie Naughton
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Mary O'Brien, Mary Bridget Stephens, Dessie Conway, Maureen Flynn & Frances Greaner, Tommy Keogh, Mary Ganly, Nancy Dolan, Mary & Willie Grehan & Bridget Dolan
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Mary, John & Seán Dillon
	6.30 p.m.	Paddy Kenny
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Nancy Edgely (Month's Mind), Peter & Francis Edgely
	12 noon	Rita & Kieran Gavin

REST IN PEACE

BRIDGET KELLY, R.I.P., Kilcastle, Ballydangan
(sister of Jimmy & George Moore, Meehambee)

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

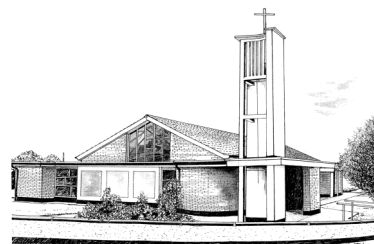
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 24th January € 2,047.00



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Newsletter

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

31st JANUARY 2016



He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" — Lk 4:21-22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

REFLECTION - Character and Reading Matters.



Do you remember learning to read? I recall labouring with new words and struggling to master them....a parent or teacher kneeling beside me, patiently pointing out each letter. Letters became characters.

When I was able to string enough words together, the world of books opened up. Certain books became friends as I grew to know and love the characters in each one.

Like ourselves, Jesus learnt to read. Someone would have patiently taught him, pointing out all the shapes and symbols, explaining what each one meant. He would have laboured over certain words and struggled to string them together. He would have experienced the delight we felt as he encountered new characters and fed his imagination with stories of ancient times.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus completes his inaugural speech, we have a sample of his favourite reading material and some of his preferred characters. Jesus not only thinks and talks about these characters, he learns about God through them. He makes friends with an interesting mix of people - from great prophets to needy widows and lepers.

Reading does matter and it is important. It takes us to quiet places. Through it we are offered a golden opportunity to link into Jesus' world. When we open the gospels, we can meet him and his friends at any time and in any place (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

A Message from Bishop Kevin at the conclusion of the Year of consecrated Life. As we come to the close of the Year of Consecrated Life, I wish to publicly acknowledge and to thank the great number of Religious through the Diocese who have served the Lord so faithfully and heroically in the past, in the present and who will do so in the future. All of us have been touched in many ways by the kindness of these men and women. May God bless our Religious and continue to call many young women and me to offer their lives in such a noble and selfless vocation

DEAN KELLY N.S. SENIOR BOY'S SCHOOL (2nd - 6th Class)

OPEN ENROLMENT DAY Thursday, 4th February from 1 - 2.30 p.m. Tel. 090-6492000 should you wish to make an appointment with the Principal Mrs. Laura Casey.

SECURITY AT HOME. SECURITY ON THE INTERNET AND ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS. DRUG AWARENESS

A Public Talk by an Garda Síochána in St. Aloysius College, Athlone, on Monday, 22nd February 2016 at 8 p.m. This Talk is of particular interest to parents.

OPEN DAY at St. Paul's N.S., Lyster St. on Wed. 10th Feb. from 9.45 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. come and have a look at our classrooms in action and have a chat with the principal and teachers.

Closure for the Year of consecrated Life - this coming Tuesday, 2nd February. Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Canon Liam Devine will offer the **9.30 a.m.** Mass in thanksgiving for all religious who have served and continue to serve in the local area. A special invitation to the religious to attend. Tel. Sr. Kathryn at 087-3170964 for further details.

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	30th	8 p.m.	Michael & Mary shine, Creggane
Sun.	31st	10 a.m.	Mike & Mary Kate Hynes, Drumlosh
Mon.	1st	7 p.m.	Feast of St. Brigid - Parish Patroness
Tues.	2nd	7 p.m.	Mass for the Sick
Wed.	3rd	6.30 p.m.	St. Blaise - Blessing of throats
Wed.	3rd	8 p.m.	First Confessions for Summerhill N.S.
Thur.	4th	7 p.m.	Harry Connor & deceased family, Clonark
Fri.	5th	7 p.m.	Deceased members of the Kilroy family, Clonbulia
Sat.	6th	10.30 a.m.	Larry Watson, St. Coman's Park
Sat.	6th	8 p.m.	Mary & Joseph Duignan, Clonellan
Sun.	7th	10 a.m.	Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown

Please note the change of Mass time for Wednesday, 3rd February

Presentation of Gifts: Saturday 6th: Team 6.
Servers: Saturday, 6th: Team 10, Sunday 7th: Team 1.

Drum I.C.A. Monthly meeting on Tues. 2nd Feb. at 8.30 p.m. sharp in Drum Parish Hall. All members are requested to attend. New members welcome.

Confirmation Meeting for parents of the candidates for Confirmation in Ardkeen, Cornafulla & Summerhill N.S. on Tuesday, 2nd February at 8 p.m. in Drum Parish Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 25th January

€200: Jack Doyle, €50: Beatrice Galvin & €30: Mark Mulligan

From the Parish Pastoral Council meeting of January 19th 2016

- ♦ Volunteers are needed for the new Parish Pastoral Council which will be in place in June
- ♦ Volunteers are also needed as members of the parish Baptism team, church readers group and Eucharistic ministers group
- ♦ Names may be presented to the parish office, Forthill House, Battery Road. Tel. 090-6492171 e-mail: sspeterparish@eircom.net
- ♦ The Parish Pastoral Council expresses its sincere thanks to the volunteers and helpers who kept flood waters at bay and saved many houses in the parish from flooding
- ♦ Well done and thanks to the Church Restoration Fund committee who have cleared the restoration debt. This committee remains in place and continues to work on church maintenance and up keep and on parish finances.

Have you been touched by Breast Cancer? Would you like to meet for a chat and a Cuppa Join us in Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Tues. 2nd Feb. at 8 p.m.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 31st January: Bridget Hardiman (Month's Mind)
Friday, 5th February: Paddy Joe & Rose Dunning.