

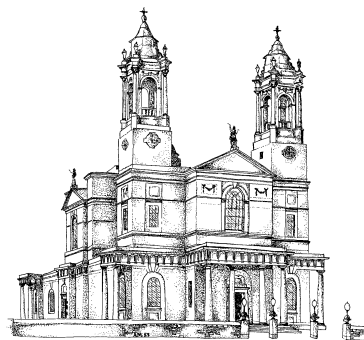
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 9th July - Sunday, 17th July 2016)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Bridget Reilly, (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Christine Bourke, (1st Anniversary)
	12 noon	P.J. Henry
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Michael Shine
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA" Kathleen &amp; James O'Sullivan and deceased Members of the O'Sullivan and McGrath families, Patrick Nestor.</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Tommy Duignan
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS" James Bell, Brendan Beirne, Anne Ward, Malcolm Biggs, Carmel Kenny, John &amp; Elizabeth Gallagher, Norah &amp; Jimmy O'Connor and Deceased family, Edward Glynn.</b>
	7.30 p.m.	
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Donagh & Marie McNamara
	6.30 p.m.	Angela Cunningham (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Lily Hoare
	12 noon	Jim Caffrey, Terry & Charlotte Whelan

**REST IN PEACE**

**KATHLEEN MURPHY, R.I.P.**, Grotto View  
**ANNE HEWITT, R.I.P.**, Hall's Bridge  
**FRANCIE WALSH, R.I.P.**, Leixlip, Co.Kildare, and formerly Clonown  
**PETER FLYNN-GREENE (a baby), R.I.P.**, 57 Battery Heights  
 May God grant them eternal rest and may He comfort and console their bereaved families, relatives and friends.

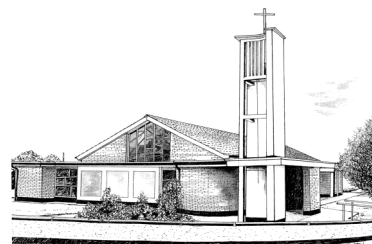
**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 3rd July ..... € 1883.00**



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**Newsletter**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10th JULY 2016**



**"A** man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." — Lk 10:30b-31, 33

## REFLECTION - Challenging People

What is it like for you when people challenge you? When I meet people who challenge me my first instinct (and temptation) is to tiptoe around them, secretly hoping that they will disappear from my horizon. However, when I reflect on my experiences of such people, I realise that it is through them that I am stretched, and, like all challenges that visit us, I am offered a chance to become a better person.



We tend to forget that, in his lifetime, Jesus not only challenged others but was himself constantly being challenged. In fact, we know a lot of what he desired, felt and thought simply because there were so many people around that were ready to test him on what he said and did. In today's gospel, Jesus responds to one of those challenges - and we also have a first-hand glimpse of what sort of memory Jesus has.

Not long before he met this lawyer, Jesus had been refused entry to a Samaritan town. Rather than let this episode colour his approach to all Samaritans (which would have been quite an easy thing for an Israelite to do), Jesus affirms the goodness of the Samaritan people and actually holds up one of them as the embodiment of compassion and love towards a neighbour. Let us pray that all who hear this story today become better people  
*(Kathryn Williams pddm)*

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.....MASS FOR THE ANGELS

On August 24th 2016 we invite all families/persons who have lost a baby during pregnancy at birth or as a baby or infant to join us for Remembrance Mass at 7.30 p.m. in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church to honour the lives of your child/children. This Mass will provide an opportunity for people who have experienced the huge loss of baby (no matter how long ago) to come together in a spirit of unity and prayer to remember the life, however short of their child. For more details contact Fr. John on 64-90874

## KNOCK FAMILY WEEK ....

Saturday, 9th - Friday, 15th July at Knock Shrine.

A special feature this year is the blessing of a new Remembrance Garden dedicated to the memory of all deceased children, which took place on Saturday, 9th July at 2.00pm. Features of interest to all the family continue during the week until next Friday, 15th July. Log on to: [www.knockshrine.ie/family-centre](http://www.knockshrine.ie/family-centre).

**Irish Cancer Society's "Volunteer Driver Service"** is a free transport service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment. To avail of this service, please talk to your healthcare professional or call Rebecca in the Irish Cancer Society on 01-2316642

**TEAM LEADERS & COLLECTORS REQUIRED for Barnardos Children's Charity** to help collect funds during our national collection day "Buckets for Barnardos" on Fri. Sept. 16th. To get involved Tel. Mary on 18502172176

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 9th	8 p.m.	Francis Ruane & Ann Ward, Thomastown
Sun. 10th	10 a.m.	Thomas & Mary Lennon and deceased family members, Clonbulia
Mon. 11th - Fri. 15th		No Mass
Sat. 16th	8 p.m.	Mary McManus, Drumlosh
Sun. 17th	10 a.m.	Mary, John & Pat Hynes, Johnstown

Servers: Saturday 16th Team 11, Sunday 17th Team 8.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Michelle Gately & Cian Hegarty

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

## DRUM HERITAGE GROUP ...

Coach Tour to Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, and Malahide Castle.

The Coach Tour will take place on Sunday next, 17th July.

The bus departs from Summerhill at 8.00 a.m.

Cost is €25 and payment is required on booking. Enquiries: Tel. 085-20945555.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 4th July

€200: Áine Hannon; €50: Ann Carty & €30: Jack & Dylan

**MIDLAND MOVE.....**Are you losing your temper? Is it affecting your wife/partner and children? If you want to change your behaviour Midland MOVE are taking referrals for an upcoming programme. Tel. 0861721564 or 0906472164

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** THE Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21st August 2016.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION ...** There will be a Church Gate Collection in aid of Clonown Community Field Project on Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th July in Drum and Clonown.

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday : July 10th Margaret, John & Michael Dunning, Creggane