

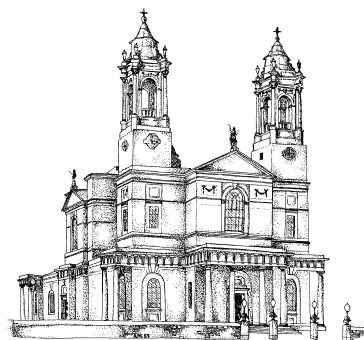
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 23rd July - Sunday 31st July)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Paddy & Lily Farrell & Paddy Farrell Jnr
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	John Clynes (1st Anniversary)
	12 noon	Esther Egan, John & Kathleen Egan
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA"</b> John, Mary & Tommy Keogh & Vincent Lynch
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Margaret, Jimmy & Paddy Gately
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Paddy & Eileen Conway
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b> Mary Anne Hughes, John & May Fitzpatrick, Maureen, Seán, Margaret, Christopher Snr. & Jnr & Michael Tierney, Seán Fallon, David Flynn, Pat & Nan Fallon, Dympna & Peter Jones & Bernard & Maua Mulkerrins
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Paddy Moore
	6.30 p.m.	Rita McEvoy (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	James & Kevin Byrne
	12 noon	P.J. Cannon (1st Anniversary)

**REST IN PEACE**

**JOE KELLY, R.I.P.,** Danes Hill, Baylough  
**FR. TOM BEIRNE, R.I.P.,** C.C., Newbridge, Co. Galway, and formerly curate in St. Brigid's Church, Drum, and P.P., Knockcroghery. (Uncle of Marguerite Beirne, Summerhill)  
 May they rest in peace and may God comfort and console their bereaved families, relatives and friends.

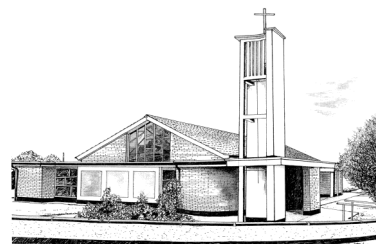
**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 17th July ..... € 2,000**



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**Newsletter**

**SEVENTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**24th JULY 2016**



*"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." — Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8*

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

### REFLECTION - Family Prayer

Dad's words still echo down the years: *"The family that prays together stays together"*. Well, we did pray together. Sunday Mass was the big outing of the week and the rosary was said - not on a regular basis, but it was the prayer we turned to on those big occasions. We knelt and shuffled and shifted impatiently under the picture of the Sacred Heart as we prayed those familiar prayers.



And one by one we grew and left home; those relationships that were once so young and strong seemed at times to tear and break and cracks and rifts set in. And the children were often like the driftwood that was tossed about and finally came ashore one more, bruised and fractured and often worse for wear. And then there were other moments and for a time, a happy family reigned again and it seems as if it was together again and the cracks seems to be no longer there.

So when Jesus speaks about prayer and praying, he puts it all in the context of family. He assures us that no matter how fragile or broken, happy or strong our own families may be, we are part of a far larger family. We can rely on the strength of his own family prayer to draw us together and bring us home (Kathryn Williams pddm)

### 2016 YEAR OF MERCY ANNUAL RETREAT IN THE CHAPEL OF ADORATION:

**Do you desire to develop a closer relationship with God?** You are welcome to join the community of the Disciples of the Divine Master and friends in silent reflection and prayer. **Fr. Peter Burns CSSR** will guide the meditations which will be held in the Chapel, 8 Castle St. **First Meditation: Saturday evening 23rd July 8 p.m. until Sunday p.m. July 31st. Daily meditations 10 a.m and 4.30 p.m. Mass at 12 noon.** Perpetual Adoration continues as usual. Attend all or just some of the talks. Further information contact Sr. Kathryn 087-3170964

**FAMILY CARERS IRELAND** in association with **THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY & WESTERN ALZHEIMER'S** is launching a Support Group which is specific to Family Carers caring for those with dementia. Date of Launch: Tuesday, 26th July at 7 p.m. in the Melting Pot Restaurant, off Castle St., Roscommon. Guest Speaker: Dr. O'Meara. Please RSVP Bernie Dowling at 086-8099494 or 090-6627698

**CEMETERY SUNDAY:** Cornamagh 14th August at 4 p.m.  
Coosan 21st August at 4 p.m

**FUN WITH PLAY - SENSORY ACTIVITIES - SUMMER CAMP** for children with Autism at Monsignor McCarthy Complex from Mon. 8th Aug - Thur. 11th Aug. Cost €20. Booking essential as numbers limited. Contact Evelyn at 0858195820 or Battery Heights Family Resource Centre on 0906494336

### DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23rd	8 p.m.	Owen McManus, Belrea and partner, Leonie Kirwan
Sun. 24th	10 a.m.	Gloria Walshe, Crannaghbeg
Mon. 25th		No Mass
Tues. 26th	7 p.m.	Kathleen Downey, Moore
Wed. - Fri.		No Mass
Sat. 30th	8 p.m.	Patrick Higgins, Curryroe
Sun. 31st	10 a.m.	Mary Ellen Duffy, Clonark

Servers: Saturday, 30th: Team 2, Sunday, 31st: Team 2.

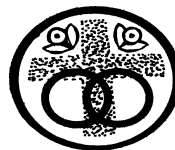
**INDEPENDENT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** will be holding their annual **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** at St. Brigid's Church, Drum on Saturday, 30th & Sunday, 31st July. Your support would be much appreciated.

**HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION:** There will be a talk and experience of Heartfulness Meditation at Athlone Town Public Library in the Civic Centre on Thursday, 28th July from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Michael 087-6367048

A Special Mass for Healing will take place at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Prayer Centre, Curraghboy on Tuesday, 26th July (Feast day of St Anne & St. Joachim) at 7.30 p.m. Celebrant Fr. Bernard Murphy of the Friars of the Renewal. All are most welcome. Tel. 086-4054489

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 18th July**  
€200 : Michael Mulvey, €50: Laura & €30: Ann & Danny

**DANCING FOR PLEASURE** - G.A.A. Centre on Sun. 24th July Music by "Twice Shy"



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Fiona Kelly & Darren Smyth

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

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: THE ELPHIN DIOCESAN** Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21st august 2016.

### CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 24th July:	Jimmy & Maureen Dunning, New Row
Sunday, 31st July:	Michael Greene, Newtown East