

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

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Rita McEvoy (1st Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Jimmy & Kevin Byrne
	12 noon	P.J. Cannon (1st Anniversary)
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Frank Shaw
	7 .30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Anna & Eugene Leonard & Eugene Leonard Jnr.
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	David O'Connor
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	William & Maureen Browne
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Kathleen Murphy (Month's Mind), Anne Doran, Tony Murphy, Jane Murphy, Paddy Russell, Sam Gibson, Breffni Rowan, Margaret Manamon, Michael Connor, Peg, Maurice, Mattie & Mocky Murphy, Ray O'Rourke, Jack, Peg, Mock Egan & deceased family, William Shine, & Molly Finlay.
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	John , Bridie & Patrick Halligan
	6.30 p.m.	Mandy Joyce
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Peggy Fenlon
	12 noon	Sheila & Tom Begley

REST IN PEACE

MUIREANN O'FLAHERTY, R.I.P., 1 Burnbrook, Bealnamullap
JAMES CREHAN, R.I.P., Woodmount, Ballinasloe (father of Seán Crehan Cornafulla)

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

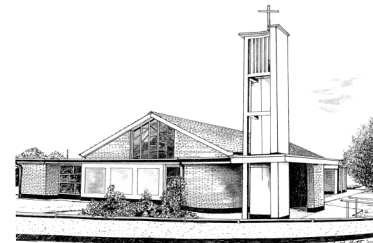
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 24th July € 1,797.00



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**EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

31st JULY 2016

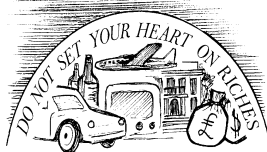


"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." — LK 12:20-21

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REFLECTION - Future Planning

I try to be an organized person. On a very organized day I have a mental list of things to do - usually in order of importance. As the day passes, each one is ticked off. However, by the end of the day, no matter how well thought out my plans were, I discover that many of them were modified along the way.



It may have been because of a conversation with someone; an unexpected letter; or just simply the way the weather here in Ireland still has a way of surprising me with bursts of sunshine and warmth. These sorts of days can transform wet weather plans.... and pleasantly so. So in all my planning, I am trying to leave space (not plan!) for the unforeseen surprises, realizing that most of them are pleasant.

Frequently, when a surprise comes "out of the blue" I have noticed that there are traces of a presence, whisper or an interruption that could only be that of God. Perhaps that is why we say that something comes "out of the blue".....it comes from another dimension.

Today's Gospel reminds us that in all our future planning, we are to leave room for God to speak....whether it be a quiet whisper, a gentle presence or the surprise of the unexpected (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

SISTERS OF MERCY YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE - LONGFORD

A Year of Mercy pilgrimage to St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford will take place on **SATURDAY, 6th AUGUST** 3p.m - 5.30 p.m. Guest speaker Fr. Peter McVerry. The theme of the pilgrimage is "Journeying to New Life". All welcome.

First Saturday in honour of Our Blessed Lady of Fatima will take place at The Ark of Divine Mercy, 23 Mitchell Tce. on Saturday, August 6th at 2 p.m. With Mass followed by a short procession. Celebrant: Fr. Liam Devine. All are most welcome. Further details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on 087-7828283

PARKING IN CHURCH GROUNDS

As from 1st August 2016 the Bollards at the entrance to the church will be in operation and will only be open for church services.

Dancing for Pleasure G.A. A. Centre every Sunday night 9.30 a.m. - 12 midnight. Music by "the Tony Byrd Band"

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 25th July:
€200: Rose Earl; €50: K. Higgins & €30: Sheila & John Beirne

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 30th	8 p.m.	Patrick Higgins, Curryroe
Sun. 31st	10 a.m.	Mary Ellen Duffy, Clonark
Mon. 1st		No Mass
Tues. 2nd	7 p.m.	Private Intentions
Wed. 3rd	7 p.m.	Teresa Regan, Ballintubber & formerly Crannaghmore
Thur. 4th	& Fri. 5th	No Mass
Sat. 6th	8 p.m.	Pádraig Grenham, Clonellan & deceased family
Sun. 7th	10 a.m.	Christy Nolan, Wife Kate, Doohan.

Servers: Saturday, 6th August Team 3, Sunday, 7th August Team 3.

FR. MICHAEL SAYS THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the people of Ss Peter & Paul's Parish, especially the people of the Drum area for all the help and support they gave me. I have loved my time with you in Drum. There are some people I would like to thank. Firstly to you all the people of Drum for your kindness and generosity, it meant a lot to me, thank you. To the Eucharistic Ministers, readers, altar servers, their supervisors especially Eileen Moran, the choir under the direction of Maura O'Brien, Altar Society, Drum Community Care, Drum Voluntary Graveyard Committee, Drum Heritage, Drum Apostolic Workers, Drum Pioneers, Finance committee, Church collectors and Area distributors, Annette Hardiman of St. Peter's Community Employment Scheme who have employed Tony Flannery and Seamus Hurley as church cleaners and ground keepers. It was always a pleasure to visit the sick and housebound on my monthly visits as well as my visits to all three schools that I was responsible for as chaplain, I am very grateful to all members of staff who worked with me in preparing the children for the celebration of the sacraments.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to those who worked each week with me, Tommy and Eileen Moran for all their help and co-operation in getting the church ready for all church celebrations. To Catherine Higgins the parish secretary, than you for all that you did to make my life so easy. I appreciate all that you have done for me. I hope that I have not forgotten anyone, it was not my intention. Finally, to Canon Liam, Fr. John, Fr. Seán and Sr. Bernard. It was a pleasure working with you, many thanks for all your help and support for the last five years. It was wonderful to work as part of the parish team. Fr. Seán I wish you well in your retirement. To my replacement Fr. Kazamierz, I wish you all God's blessing in your new ministry, I hope that you will be as happy as I was working and living in Drum. God bless you all.

CEMETERY SUNDAY will take place in **CLONOWN** on Sunday, 14th August, weather permitting. Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery at **11.15 a.m.**

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	31st July:	Michael Greene, Newtown East
Sunday	7th Aug.	Kieran Dunning & granddaughter, baby Hannah Rose Martin.