

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 10th September - Sunday, 18th September)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Pat & Eily Beirne & Christine Woods
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Arthur & Angela McCarrick
	12 noon	Joe Bigley
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Margaret McEvoy
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA"
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS"
		Annie Murray (1st Anniversary), John Murray, Dermot O'Neill (1st Anniversary), Denis Westman, Trevor McCormack & deceased of McCormack & Barclay families, John Healy, Anthony Goss, Gerry & James Glynn & deceased family members, Elizabeth Harney & John Broderick.
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Bernard & Nora Cloono
	6.30 p.m.	Kieran & Deirdre Hunt
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary & Tom Gill
	12 noon	Pauline Butler

REST IN PEACE

PADDY KILLIAN, R.I.P., Four Roads (brother of Mary Bannon , Bealnamulla)
GERRY CUNNINGHAM, R.I.P., Lisphelim, Knockcroghery (brother of
 Kathleen Kennedy, Johnstown)
ANNIE KENNY, R.I.P., Falty, Oldtown, (sister of Eileen Teape, Clonark)
BRIDIE REDFERN, R.I.P., (nee Kenny) formerly of Glanduff, Kiltoom
JOSIE MURTAGH, R.I.P., (nee Kenny) formerly of Glanduff, Kiltoom
 (both sister of the late Paddy Kenny, Bealnamulla)

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

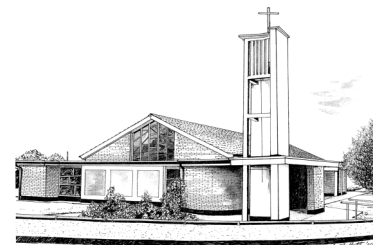
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 4th September: €2,135.00



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Newsletter

**TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

**11th SEPTEMBER
2016**



"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." — Lk 15:10

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REFLECTION - Vision therapists

Twelve years ago I received my first pair of reading glasses. Whereas once I could read the White Pages without a blink, now I cannot even decipher the names or numbers - even if I squint! So these last few years have made me quite appreciative of the skilled work of people like opticians, ophthalmologists and optometrists; they help us see things more clearly.



If we think about it, the ministry of Jesus is precisely that: helping people see more clearly. Jesus refers to himself as a physician, but we could also say that his greatest specialization is in the field of vision....he's a vision therapist!

Besides healing physical eyesight, however, Jesus attends to a much wider aspect of seeing; he desires that we see God as he does. In today's gospel, he paints an accurate picture and holds it up for all to see. The picture Jesus presents is that of a God who is Father - the finest and best of fathers. Our Lord has a heart of flesh that aches and breaks for his lost children. Sadly, *both* sons in the story had developed a blurred and distorted vision of their father.

Perhaps today as we think about our own vision of God, we might ask Jesus for the clarity of vision to see God through his own eyes (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

COFFEE MORNING FOR WESTMEATH HOSPICE CARE on Thur. 22nd Sept. 10 - 12 noon at Sr. Bernard's residence, Tearmon Míceál, The Docks, Athlone. Your support would be much appreciated.

Ark Centre of Divine Mercy One Day Retreat with Frances Hogan (EWTN) at Cluain Ciarán, Clonmacnoise on Sat. 17th Sept. at 9.30 a.m. followed with Holy Mass. Celebrant: Fr. Jim Candon. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Tel. 087-7828283 for further information.

A Special Mass for Healing at Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre, Curraghboy on Friday, 16th Sept. at 8 p.m. Celebrant Fr. Brendan Walsh Confessions from 7 - 8 p.m. All welcome. Tel. 086-4054489 for more details.

Athlone Rotary Club presents **A GALA CONCERT** with Lyric Baritone Darren O'Hara & special guests in Radisson Blu Hotel on Friday, 16th Sept. at 8 p.m. Tickets €20 - concessions €15 and proceeds in aid of St. Hilda's Services & The Seamus Meade Treatment Fund.

MONTHLY MASS & MEETING OF SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER on Wednesday, 14th Sept. at 10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. in Friary. Evening meeting in Friary Hall.

GET TOGETHER.....ATHLONE DOWN MEMORY LANE on Saturday, 17th September in Shamrock Lodge Hotel at 9 p.m. Cost €15. Tel. 087-9593917 for further information

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 10th	8 p.m.	Bridie Harney, Curraghaleen & deceased family
Sun. 11th	10 a.m.	John & Mary Naughton, Clonellan
		Mass will be held in the cemetery - weather permitting
Mon. 12th		No Mass
Tues. 13th	7 p.m.	Sonny & Bridget Lawless & deceased family, Cornafulla South
Wed. 14th		No Mass
Thur. 15th	7 p.m.	Paddy, Mary Frances & Owen Shine, KIELTY
Fri. 16th		No Mass
Sat. 17th	8 p.m.	Tom Naughton, Johnstown
Sun. 18th	10 a.m.	Frank & Teresa Naughton, Doohan

Servers: Saturday, 17th Sept.: Team 10, Sunday, 18th Sept.: Team 2

Clan na Gael Ladies Board Cake Sale takes place on Sun. 18th Sept. at 11 a.m. in the clubhouse in Johnstown, Please support.

YOUTH ALPHA- Interested in supporting Christian Faith enquiry/development of teenagers? See www.elphindiocese.ie/youth-alpha for details of upcoming g Youth Alpha information & Training evenings in Sligo (Sept 28th) and Athlone (Oct. 5th). All welcome.

The newly formed **CORNAFULLA WALKING CLUB** has been formed. Enjoy walking at your own pace every Mon. Wed. & Fridays. At 6.30 p.m. meeting at Cornafulla School. Alternative local 5km routes. Great excuse to get out and enjoy a walk with friends and neighbours.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 5th September: €200: Ursula Nally, €50: Ann Marie Cunniffe & €30: Thomas Connor

MOORE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE invite you to a Vintage & Family Festival Sun. Sept. 11th at Millar's, Ballydangan at 1 p.m. Vintage demonstrations, kids games and novelty cow bingo. Proceeds to Moore Community Playground.

ATHLONE FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB.....Flower Arranging Demonstration by Richard Haslam on Thurs. Sept. 15th at 8 p.m. in Bounty. Adm. €10. All welcome.

CLOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 11th	Paddy Dunning, Ballinaculla
Sun. 18th	Dan Grenham