

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 6th November - Sunday, 4th December)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Elaine McLoughlin (1st Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Jack & Mary Carty
	12 noon	Sr. Mercy & Sr. Mairéad Watson
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Josephine & Jimmy McGowan, Maura Smullen & Michael & Hughie Macken
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	John (Benny) McEvoy & Francis & Nora O'Kane
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Nuala Broderick (Remembrance Mass)
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Nightfever
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Catherine Lyons, Patrick & Mary Maughan
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Margaret, Joseph & George Norton, Mary Vaughan, Thomas Norton, Hubert Carberry, Donal Kelly, Edward & Seán Martin, Joe & Peggy Moore & Patrick & Elizabeth Hynes.
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Joe Egan
	6.30 p.m.	Pauline Kelly (1st Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Shay Naughton
	12 noon	Miriam Lenehan

REST IN PEACE

MICHELLE CARROLL-NOONAN, R.I.P., Mitchell's Terrace
MARY MOLLOY, R.I.P., St. Paul's Terrace

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, November 20th..... € 2,055

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish
Athlone

Drum & Clonown

Parish Newsletter

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

27th NOVEMBER 2016

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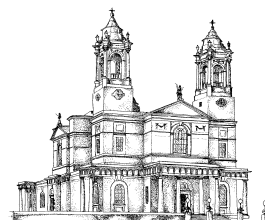
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"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." — Mt 24:43-44

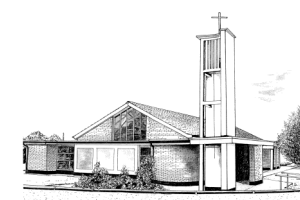
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**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,
Athlone**



**St. Brigid's Church,
Drum**



**Church of Our Lady of the
Wayside, Clonown**

REFLECTION

The time is here for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus - for his first coming in Bethlehem and for his final coming at the end of time. Both comings encourage us to reject sin and the ways of darkness, and to embrace goodness and the ways of light. To become ready for the coming of Jesus is to turn our destructive habits into constructive habits.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 2:1-5)

We shall turn our tools of war into tools of peace-making and tilling.

SECOND READING (Romans 13:11-14)

Let us cast off deeds of darkness and revel in deeds of light.

GOSPEL (Matthew 24:37-44)

We must always be ready; we don't know when we will be judged.



MONKSLAND COMMUNITY MASS FOR DECEMBER will take place in Monksland Community Centre on Thursday, Dec. 1st at 8 p.m. Theme: "Preparing for the Birth of Christ". All welcome.

What is the 8th Amendment?

The 8th Amendment to the constitution of Ireland introduced a new subsection of Article 40, which now reads:

"The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right."

What does the 8th Amendment do?

It provides constitutional protection for both mothers and their unborn babies.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF COLÁISTE CHIARÁIN is delighted to announce enrolment for boys and girls for new Diocesan Secondary School for West side of Athlone will take place on January. 25th. Further information January 2017

VOLUNTEER READERS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS required for Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. Tel. Parish Office 64-92171.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP in Sr. Bernard's house, Tearmon Miceál, The Docks each Tues. at 10.05 a.m. during Advent. All welcome.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING CD - "Le Chéile" features performers, pilgrims, sick pilgrims and helpers from the Elphin Diocese who travel to Lourdes each year. It also includes bishop Emeritus Christopher Jones, Carmel McLoughlin & Jimmy Kearney. Cost €10 and available in local shops and from any committee members. For a list of shops please Tel. Andrew on 0871631075.. It would make a great gift for friends or family at home or away

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 21st. NOV.
€200: Liam Corrigan, €50: T. Grenham & €30: J. B.

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	26th	8 p.m.	Bridie & Paddy Moore, Meehambee
Sun.	27th	10 a.m.	Denis & Nora Minogue, St. Peter's Tce
Mon.	28th		No Mass
Tues.	29th	7 p.m.	Agnes O'Brien, Creggane
Wed.	30th	7 p.m.	Patrick Kenny, Clonbulia & deceased family
Thur.	1st	7 p.m.	Kieran McManus, Nure
Fri.	2nd	7 p.m.	Deceased members of the O'Reilly & Grenham families
Sat.	3rd	10.30 a.m.	Bona Harney, Cookstown. Wife of Hubert Harney Daughter-in-law of Kathleen Harney, Crannagh
Sat.	3rd	8 p.m.	Sr. Margaret Lennon, Curryroe
Sun.	4th	10 a.m.	Francis Watson late of Ardkeen

Servers: Saturday 26th : Team 8 Sunday 27th : Team 7.

DRUM REMEMBRANCE CHRISTMAS TREE: Christmas tree will be put in place in Drum Cemetery to remember all the deceased buried in our local graveyard. A ribbon will be placed on the tree on Sunday 18th Dec. after the 10 a.m. Mass. Cost is €2 per ribbon. The ribbons will be on sale from Dec. 3rd before and after the Masses in Ss. Peter & Pauls and Drum churches. Also available at Drum parish office until 15th Dec. Proceeds will be donated to Drum Voluntary Graveyard committee for the upkeep of the graveyard.

The Co. Roscommon Association supporting People with special needs wish to thank most sincerely all who supported their Annual Church Gate Collection in Drum/ & Clonown recently. Total collected was €1,375 for which they are most grateful.

25th ANNUAL SAMARITAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held in Franciscan Friary, Athlone on Thurs. 8th Dec. at 8 p.m. It will feature the Army Band, Tenor David Martin, Soprano Niamh McCormack, St. Brigids Community Choir and the compere on the night will be RTE's Cathal Murray. Tickets €12 available in Friary and Castle Gift Shop.
The Samaritans are available on Freephone 116 123 24hrs for anyone who is troubled, despairing or just needs to talk to someone in confidence.

ST HILDA'S SERVICES CHARITY AUCTION (House Contents) Saturday, 3rd Dec. White's House, Ballykeeran, Athlone (viewing from 10.30 a.m. Auction at 12 noon.

CONCERT OF CHOIRS in Athlone Springs Hotel 1st Dec. at 8 p.m. in aid of SHALOM (working for Peace Eastern Africa) featuring St. Brigid's community Choir, Our Lady's Bower Choir, ANAM, Cabtabile and Athlone A Cappella.
Adm. €10 contact Marie 087-2389947

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	27th	P. J. & Mossey Curley and deceased family members
Fri.	2nd	Mary & John Flynn
Sun.	4th	Mary Dunning, Ballinaculla (Month's Mind)