

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

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Private Intention
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary (Moll) Lennon
	12 noon	Michael Bertles (1st Anniversary)
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Catherine Craughwell (Month's Mind), Maevé Craughwell, Oliver Craughwell, Jimmy Craughwell, Brian Fallon, Bridget Gallagher (1st Anniversary), Mary Maher
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Paddy & Eileen Gallagher
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	James O'Rourke
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Mary Molloy (Month's Mind)
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Hubert & Eileen West, May & Pat Fallon, Kathleen Reilly, Deceased Residents of St. Joseph's Villas, Michael Anthony Naughton, Bridie & Freddie Warby, Patrick & Mary McCaul, Michael Kelly Snr. & Jnr., Bernard Kelly, Phyllis Macken (nee Kelly) & Tony Downey
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Paddy Darcy Snr
	6.30 p.m.	Karen Harkins
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Joe Geraghty
	12 noon	Breda Grenham

REST IN PEACE

ROSE MILTON, R.I.P., Iona Park

DAVID WHEATLEY, R.I.P., Late of St. Paul's Tce.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 4th December.....€2,065.00

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish
Athlone
Drum & Clonown
Parish Newsletter

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

11th DECEMBER 2016

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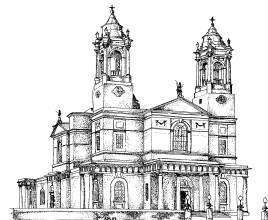


"This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been
none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of
heaven is greater than he." — Mt 11:10-11

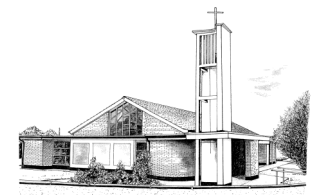
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**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,
Athlone**



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



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

REFLECTION

Waiting is difficult. The farmers must be patient. As they work the soil and worry about getting enough, but not too much, rain they realize it is all in God's hands. All they can do is work the soil and wait. We are promised that even the desert shall bloom. John the Baptizer, who has been waiting all his life for the Promised One, sends a message to Jesus: "Are you the one we are waiting for, or must we keep waiting?" Be hopeful! Jesus is *promised* to us!

FIRST READING (Isaiah 35:1-6,10)

The desert shall blossom: weak hands and knees shall be strong.

SECOND READING (James 5:7-10)

Be patient like the farmer who works the earth and waits for the fruit.

GOSPEL (Matthew 11:2-11)

The deaf hear, the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are clean.



THE THREE TENORS IRELAND will be presenting a Christmas Concert of carols and traditional songs in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on Sunday, 18th December at 8.00 p.m. Tickets: €25 each and are available at the Sacristy, Parish Office, Supervalu, Monksland, Mulligan's Roscommon Rd and various other outlets. It will be their first performance in Athlone. **Don't miss it!**

Tickets will be on sale this week-end after all Masses in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

ATHLONE LIBRARY welcomes you all, for Carols and a cuppa, also Poetry by Anne Gaffney and festive readings by Jean Farrell. Bring along a pal 10 a.m. on Friday, 16th December.

JOINT PARISH BINGO in St. Mary's Hall & Dean Crowe Theatre on Sunday, 11th Dec. €1,000 jackpot plus spot prizes. Over €3,200 in prizes on the night.

ATHLONE METHODIST CHURCH invite you to their annual **CAROL SERVICE** on Thursday, 15th December at 8 p.m. led by Rev. Clodagh Yambasu, in aid of St. Hilda's Services. Refreshments and chat afterwards.

ATHLONE ARTS GROUP - New exhibition in Town Centre from 12th - 18th December. Work for Sale.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 5TH Dec.

€200: Una Kelly, €50: Mark Collison & €30: Eileen & Alan Lee

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 10th	8 p.m.	Eamon & Edward Griffin, Ardkeenan
Sun. 11th	10 a.m.	Paddy & Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghmore
Mon. 12th		No Mass
Tues. 13th	7 p.m.	Patrick & Delia Moore, Meehambee
Wed. 14th	7 p.m.	Martin & Nancy Mulvey, son Marty and grandson Alan Johnstown
Thur. 15th	7 p.m.	Michael Naughton, Sussex & Culfatha
Fri. 16th	7 p.m.	Eileen & Brian Murray, Crannaghmore
Sat. 17th	8 p.m.	Michael & Mary Glynn, Crannaghmore
Sun. 18th	10 a.m.	John & Tommy Harney, Curraghaleen

Servers: Saturday, 17th: Team 10 Sunday, 18th: Team 7.

DRUM SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY takes place this Sunday 11th Dec. in Athlone Springs Hotel with Mass at 3 p.m. Anyone who did not receive an invitation please come along, you are most welcome.

Dear Fr. Kazimierz, Organising Committee & People of Drum area: I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the celebration you held for me on Wed. 30th Nov. I was deeply touched by the generosity and kindness you have shown me on that night. I have wonderful memories of my time as the priest of your area. It was a special time in my life to be the priest that was appointed to the Drum section of the parish of SS Peter & Pauls. As a native of the parish to have worked in the place where my Dad was born was so special to me and my family. I am delighted that with the help and support of the graveyard committee who supported my desire to have the Mass in the cemetery one a year where all our families are laid to rest.

Thanks to all who helped decorate the church for all occasions and especially for the Holy Hours which so many people found inspiring in their time of need. I wish to express my sincere thanks to Catherine, parish secretary, to the men who worked on the CE Scheme and to Tommy & Eileen Moran who helped with their support in the sacristy, to the Principals and staff of the three schools I was Chaplain to and to the choir, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, readers and altar society. Thanks to the other organisations who worked within the Parish during my time. May sincere thanks to Canon Liam Devine, Fr. John Deignan, Fr. Seán O'Dowd and all the clergy who worked with me during my time in Drum. I wish Fr. Kazimierz a long and happy ministry with the people of Drum. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. God Bless you all. Fr. Michael

HOLY HOUR in Church of Risen Christ, Kiltoom on Wednesday, 15th Dec. at 8 p.m.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 11th	Seán Shine
Dec. 18th	Johnny Shine, Curnnaboll.