

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 17th December - Sunday 25th December)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Karen Harkins
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Joe Geraghty
	12 noon	Breda Grenham
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mary Connelly
	7.30 p.m.	<b>PENITENTIAL RITE</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Richard Durkan & deceased family members
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mary Maisie Maguire
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Luke Duignan & son, Tom
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b>
		Gerry Walsh, Patsy Rattigan, Mary Rattigan, Sean Rattigan & deceased members of the Rattigan & Campbell families, Tony & Frank Earl & Maureen Kelly
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Christy Flanagan
	10.00 p.m.	<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Maisie & Eimear Grenham
	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Roseanne & Molly McManus
	<b>12 noon</b>	Michael, Sally & Marie Casserley

**REST IN PEACE**

**SR EUGENE SWEENEY, R.I.P**

**EITHNE DUNNE, R.I.P.,** Connolly St.

**EITHNE BARCLAY, R.I.P.,** Parnell Square.

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 11th December..... € 1,875.00**

*Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish*

**Athlone**

*Drum & Clonown*

**Parish Newsletter**

**FOURTH SUNDAY**

**OF ADVENT**

**18th DECEMBER 2016**

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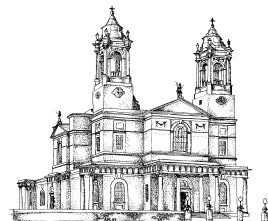
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Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." — Mt 1:20-21

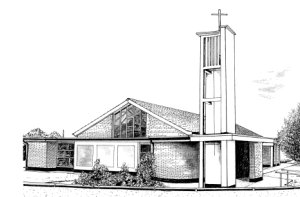
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**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,  
Athlone**



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



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

## REFLECTION

Joseph was troubled because his wife-to-be was pregnant. He went to sleep thinking that he might not marry her, when a dream assured him that Mary's pregnancy was from the Holy spirit and that her son would be the Saviour. He went to sleep upset, but because of his dream, he awoke resolved and committed. The son of the woman he loved would be the Chosen One Joseph had learned about from studying the prophets.

## FIRST READING (Isaiah 7:10-14)

We are told a woman shall conceive and give birth to a son, Emmanuel



## SECOND READING (Romans 1:1-7)

The prophets promised us the chosen One of the gospels.

## GOSPEL (Matthew 1:18-24)

A dream tells Joseph to wed Mary; he awakens and goes to her.

## CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES & CALENDARS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY OUR LOCAL AREA COLLECTORS/DISTRIBUTORS NEXT WEEK

**We wish to thank most sincerely all the area distributors for their help throughout the year and wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.**

**CHRISTMAS PARISH BINGO** ..... Athlone Joint Parishes Bingo is holding a special Christmas Bingo on this Sunday night in Dean Crowe Theatre and St. Mary's Hall. Over €3,400 in prizes with €1,000 jackpot which must be won on the night. Christmas spots. Starting at 8 p.m. sharp.

**GARDAI** urge shoppers to be aware of thefts from cars at car parks and in shops this festive season. Presents/phones/purses etc. should be secured and concealed. DONT be distracted. Further advice available from Sgt. John Connolly, Crime Prevention officer 004/938400

**The Friary Prayer Group** invites you to Prayer around the Crib in the Friary Hall (entrance Riverside) on Tuesday, 20th December 2016 commencing at 8.15 p.m.

**Our Online Mass Streaming Service** is now available. Any family members who are away from home might like to join us for our Christmas Masses at [www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com)

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 17th	8 p.m.	Michael & Mary Glynn, Crannaghmore
Sun. 18th	10 a.m.	John & Tommy Harney, Curraghaleen
Mon. 19th		No Mass
Tues. 20th	7 p.m.	Larry Watson, St. Coman's Park
Wed. 21st	7 p.m.	Mary Moore, Meehambee
Thur. 22nd	7 p.m.	Bridie Caulfield & deceased family, Summerhill
Fri. 23rd		No Mass
Sat. 24th	9 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve - People of the Parish</b>
Sun. 25th	10 a.m.	<b>Christmas Day - People of the Parish</b>
Sun. 25th	11.30 a.m.	<b>Christmas Day - People of the Parish</b>

**Servers: Sat. 24th at 9 p.m. Sun. 25th at 10a.m., Sun. 25th at 11.30a.m**  
**As per arrangements.**

**HOME FOR WORK EVENT** showcasing various job opportunities in your region on Thur. 29th December in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone. Bring along your CV and talk to our recruitment experts about your CV on the day. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNION CALLS TO THE HOUSEBOUND** - Fr. John will visit those on his First Friday list on Thursday at the normal times. Canon Liam will visit on Friday.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 12th December**  
€200: Eamon Quinn, €50: Maureen Lennon & €30: Jimmy Cribbon

**BELL CIRCLE DRAW.....CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS.**  
The final draw for 2016 will take place on Monday 19th December. The first draw for 2017 will be held on Monday, January 9th 2017  
We wish all our supporters and promoters a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** in Methodist Church, Northgate St. from "the Poetic Note". This is the poetry of Anne Gaffney with music of Martin O'Hara. Also featuring local Christmas Choir and violins Aine O'Regan on Thur. 22nd Dec. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Admission €10 and concert will start at 8 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 18th	Johnny Shine, Carrabolla
Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve - People of the Parish
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day - People of the Parish