

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 3rd December - Sunday, 11th December)**

Saturday:	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
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Agnes Masterson (1st Anniversary) Seán & May Kavanagh & John Masterson
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Joe Irwin
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Michael John, Bridget & John Ward
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Patrick & Rose Kirby
Vigil Mass	6.30 p.m.	Brendan McFadden
HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	12 noon	Tony Egan 1st Anniversary
	6.30 p.m.	Jack & May Laffan
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Molly, Tommy Billy & Tom Malone
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Sr. Lourdes Hynes, Maureen & Seán Brennan, Agnes Hanley, Francis Marnell & deceased of Walsh family Tommy, Rose, Seamus & Mary Reynolds, John Cooney Sarah & Michael Fahy, Margaret Cuggeran, William Curran & Ronan, Helen & Breege Duignan
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Leo Turpin
	6.30 p.m.	Bridget Gallagher (1st Anniversary)
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

REST IN PEACE

JOAN KEARNEY, R.I.P., Parnell Square
ROSE BRILLY (nee Caldwell), R.I.P., Assumption Road.
 May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 27th November..... €1,880.00

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

4th DECEMBER 2016

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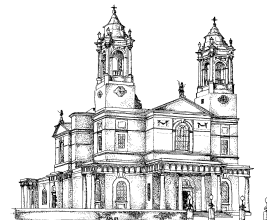
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John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. — Mt 3:4-6

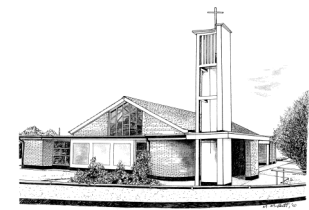
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**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,
Athlone**



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



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

REFLECTION

The time will come when truth and justice will reign over wickedness. Even in the animal kingdom there will be peace, with no animals trying to kill another. John the Baptizer tells us to repent and to prepare the way for God, and that means changing disharmony to harmony and hostility to acceptance.



FIRST READING: (Isaiah 11:1-10)

The wolf, lamb, leopard, snake, and child can all be together at peace.

SECOND READING (Romans 15:4-9)

Live in harmony and be welcoming to each other

GOSPEL: (Matthew 3:1-12)

John the Baptizer in the wilderness tells us, "Prepare the way."

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.

Why should we keep the 8th Amendment to the Constitution?

- The right to life is the most basic human right of all; everything flows from this basic right
- As a Faith Community we value and respect all human life including the most vulnerable
- The 8th Amendment ensures that in Ireland we recognise that the same right to life applies to every person, born and unborn

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

ATHLONE FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB - Christmas Floral Demonstration by Betty Holden AOIFE on Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 8 p.m. in the Bounty. Hosting a chees and wine reception. Donations to Pieta House. Adm. €10 All welcome.

Monthly Meeting of Widow's Association on Wednesday, 7th December at 8 p.m. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel. New members welcome.

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	3rd	8 p.m.	Sr. Margaret Lennon, Curryroe
Sun.	4th	10 a.m.	Francis Watson late of Ardkeenan
Mon.	5th		No Mass
Tues.	6th	7 p.m.	Johnny Harney, Crannaghmore
Wed.	7th	8 p.m.	Irene & Ronan Mulligan, Taylorstown
Thru	8th	10 a.m.	Mass
Fri.	9th	7p.m.	Maureen Maiden (nee Harney) Chester & Curraghaleen Sister of Bernadette Shine, Crannaghmore
Sat.	10th	10.30 a.m.	James Nolan, New York & Doohan (Month's Mind)
Sat.	10th	8 p.m.	Eamon & Edward Griffin, Ardkeenan
Sun.	11th	10 a.m.	Paddy & Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghmore

Servers: Saturday, 10th: Team 9 Sunday, 11th: Team 6.

DRUM I.C.A. Monthly meeting in Drum Parish hall on Tues. 6th Dec. at 8 p.m. All members requested to attend. New members are most welcome.

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will take place at all Masses at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on Saturday 10th & Sunday, 11th December. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 29th November
€200: S. Mulvihill, €50: Jo & Irene & €30: "Black Cat"

FRIARY PRAYER GROUP invites you to one hour of Intercessory Prayer for Youth on Sun. 4th Dec. in chapel of Adoration, Castle St. from 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. All welcome.

MIDLAND SIMON COMMUNITY - Annual Church Gate Collection on Sat.3rd. & Sunday, 4th December. Your support would be much appreciated.

A presentation will be held to mark the retirement of Fr. Séan O'Dowd on 8th December after the 8 p.m. Mass in Clonown Community Centre. Refreshments will be served. All re welcome.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Dec.	4th	Mary Dunning, Ballinaculla (Month's Mind)
Dec.	8th	William Grenham, (Month's Mind)
Dec.	11th	Seán Shine.