

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, January 14th - Sunday, January 22nd)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Bill Dunne
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Hannon
	12 noon	Martin Brennan
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Joan Kearney (Month's Mind)
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA"</b> Eithne Barclay (Month's Mind), John King (1st Anniversary), Annie & Paddy Whelan, John & Mary Anne Henry & John Henry, Thomas & May McEnroe
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	John & Kathleen Egan
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	John McNeill Jnr.
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b> Christy Finlass, Johnny Derwin, Pauline McCormack, Aaron, Esme & Frank Fernandez, Peter Berry, Ken & Mary O'Neill, James & Mary Whitney, Martin & Josephine O'Neill.
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Frank Martin
	6.30 p.m.	Nancy Edgely (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Michael Fallon & deceased family members
	12 noon	Mary & John Hurley

**REST IN PEACE**

**EILEEN LENNON, R.I.P.,** Gorrynagowna.

May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved family relatives and friends.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, Jan 8th..... €2,153.00**

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

**SECOND SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**15th JANUARY 2017**

**Contact Details**

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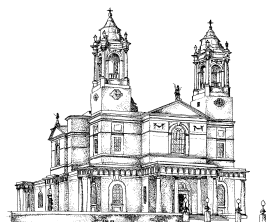
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John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." — Jn 1:32-34

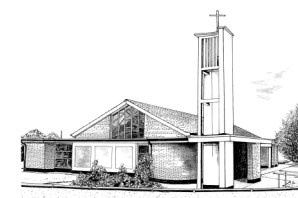
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**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,  
Athlone**



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



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

## REFLECTION

The “suffering servant” song from Isaiah echoes the same message as the Gospel story - that Jesus is the Chosen One, who is to bring light and salvation to all nations and all peoples. Paul's letter reminds us that as a holy people, as followers of Jesus, we share in that mission.

## FIRST READING (Isaiah 49:3,5-6)

Isaiah tells us that God formed Israel to be a light to all peoples, so that salvation might be spread to all nations.



## SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

Paul greets and encourages the Corinthians

## GOSPEL (1:29-34)

John the Baptizer tells how he did not recognize Jesus until he saw the Spirit descent like a dove and rest on Jesus.

**NEW PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Brendan Waldron has been appointed Principal of the new Coláiste Chiaráin. A native of Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo, Brendan lives in Bealnamulla and is actively involved in the local community. He has been a teacher in Mercy Secondary School, Kilbeggan. We wish him every success in his very important new role.

## Christian Unity Service: ‘the Love of Christ compels us’

The annual service for Christian Unity will take place in St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church on Thurs. 19th Jan. at 11 a.m. This is a cross community time of prayer and an opportunity to join with the members of the other Christian Churches. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome

**OUR LADY'S BOWER OPEN EVENING** - Mr. Noel Casey and staff cordially invite 6th class girls and their parents/guardians to their open evening on Thursday, 26th January at 6.30 p.m.

**NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR!** We welcome people living with Dementia and special Needs. Starts Tues. Jan. 17th 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel. Will run every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. €2 per session to cover tea/coffee/biscuits. Call Clare 0862097085 for more details.

**KNIGHTS OF S. COLUMBANUS** - Council Meeting on Tues. 17th January at 8 p.m.

**Dr. Stevens Resource Centre** are currently providing Computer and various other courses. Tel. 0906473001 to secure a place.

**OPEN EVEING IN CLONOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL ON Wed. 8th Feb. from 4 - 7 p.m. For enquiries Tel. 0906437448**

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	14th	8 p.m.	Una Naughton, Clonark
Sun.	15th	10a.m.	Colm Bill & Mamie Kennedy, Johnstown
Mon.	16th		No Mass
Tues.	17th	7 p.m.	Private Intentions
Wed.	18th	7 p.m.	Alan Ledwith, Thomastown
Thur.	19th		No Mass
Fri.	20th	7 p.m.	Edward McManus, parents Margaret & John, Nure
Sat.	21st	8 p.m.	Michael & Mary Shine, Creggane
Sun.	22nd	10 a.m.	Mary & Tom Grenham, Gorrynagowna

**CLAN NA nGAEL DINNER DANCE** in Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Sat. 28th Jan 2017 at 8.30 p.m. Tickets available from Club Committee members and Harney's Post Office,

**ROSCOMMON LADIES' GAELIC FOOTBALL** will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection on Jan. 21st and 22nd at Drum & Clonown churches. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**ATHLONE ALZHEIMERS CAFÉ** on Fri. Jan. 20th in St. Kieran's Community Centre from 2 - 4 p.m. It is a relaxed space for people with dementia, their relatives, carers and professional to socialise and talk. For further information Tel. Aoife at 0860200771. or Fiona at 0876381051

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 9th JANUARY:

€200 : “Last Line”, €50: Ann Moran & €30: Fia Dully

## CAMINO DE SANTIAGO: YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP KEVIN DORAN

**20th -28th June 2017. 18-35 age group. Cost €650.** includes flights, Accommodation, 20kg check in luggage plus hand luggage transfers and insurance. Places limited. Walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela, total distance 120km, approx. 20km. Per day. Three preparations walks: Sat. 4th Feb. Sat. 4th March & Sat. 27th May. To secure place applicants not later than 31st Jan must pay **€100 Non-Refundable Deposit**. Provide **signed letter from doctor** indicating appropriate fitness/health to walk 120km in 6 days. **Complete application form** and agree to participate in at least **two** of the preparation walks. For more information please see [www.elphindiocese.ie/camino2017](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/camino2017) or contact **Frank McGuinness**, Director of Youth Ministry on 087-9880690 or [frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie)

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

January 15th	Tom Lennon, Oldtown, Clonown
January 22nd	Nancy Gaffey, Newtown, Clonown