

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 18th February - Sunday, 26th February)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Teddy & Bridie Simpson & Mary Simpson
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	James Lynch
	12 noon	- - -
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	William O'Connor
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA"</b> Michael Redmond & Anne Ganly
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	- - -
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mike & Bridget Galvin & Mike & Winnie Farrell
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b> Michael Cuniffe, late of Monksland died in New York Mary Murphy (Month's Mind), Paddy Reilly, Bernard Mack, Mattie Grehan, Rose, Michael & Carmel Long.
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Nan Walsh
	6.30 p.m.	Eileen O'Shea (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Walsh
	12 noon	Albert Horan (Month's Mind)

**REST IN PEACE**

**LARRY FRAWLEY R.I.P.,** Pearse Court

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 12th February..... € 2,041.00**

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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**19TH FEBRUARY 2017**

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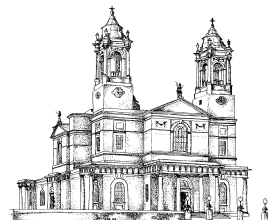
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*"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." — Mt 5:43-45a*

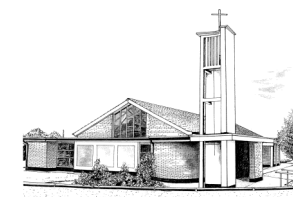
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 82001, 1996, 1970 CCD.



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



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



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

## REFLECTION

Holiness and love are proclaimed with today's reading. But Jesus takes us a step further. We are to strive to be perfect. The old law to take "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is no longer our law. We are to love even our enemies. We are to give to those who take from us and to let people hit us a second time after they have hit us a first time.

### FIRST READING (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18)

Imitate God' holiness and do not sin. Love others.

### SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 3:16-23)

You are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Be holy.

### GOSPEL (Matthew 5:38-48)

Offer no resistance to injury. Love your enemies.



**DAILY MASSES**.....Following a review of daily Masses by the Parish Pastoral Council the following changes to daily morning Masses will take place from Mon. Feb 27th.

**Monday :** Quiet Mass followed by Novena

**Tues & Thursday:** . Quiet Mass with reception of Holy Communion under both species (reception of the host and the chalice)

**Wed. & Saturday:** congregational singing at Mass (Start, end, alleluia and Amen)

**Friday** quiet Mass with morning prayer added during Lent and Advent

There will be **NO** singing at the 7.30 a.m. Mass during Lent.

## PARISH BAPTISMAL TEAM

On Tue. Evening 31st Jan. our new Baptismal Team came together for a induction evening. At the meeting a presentation was given by Canon Liam Devine, PP with the support of Jean Larkin, baptismal team co-ordinator, Sr. Bernard, Parish sister and Tony Larkin, student for the permanent diaconate. The parish team and the parish Pastoral Council would like to thank the new members for offering their time in supporting the parents/guardians of our parish community who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new team: Angela Byrne, Dr. Rose Kirby O'Hanlon, Jean Larkin, Laura Gaffey & Sharon Shevlane.

At 7.30 p.m. on Tues. 21st Feb. Bishop Kevin will give a short talk on *Praying with the Psalms* in Convent of Mercy Primary School, Roscommon which will be part of meetings to encourage the formation of Lenten Scripture Sharing Groups in parishes.

**MASS OF HOPE FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE:** will take place in St. Mary's Church Athlone on Friday evening March 31st at 7.30 p.m. there will be an opportunity to have your loved one included in the intention of the Mass. Please mention it to a family members or friend who may wish to come and all are welcome.

**FIRST MEETING on ATHLONE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will be held on Thurs. 23rd Feb. at 7 p.m. in Athlone Library. Contact Anthony on 087-6890161 for further information.

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 18th	8 p.m.	Frank Lennon, parents Thomas & Elizabeth, Creggane
Sun. 19th	10 a.m.	Mona Haskins, formerly Thomastown
Mon. 20th		No Mass
Tues. 21st	7 p.m.	Private Intentions
Wed. 22nd	7 p.m.	Eamon McManus, Rooskey
Thur. 23rd		No Mass
Fri. 24th	7 p.m.	John & Kathleen Grenham Curraghaleen
Sat. 25th	8 p.m.	John Egan, Mount Florence
Sun. 26th	10 a.m.	Johnny Naughton, Clonellan

Diocesan In-Service for Parish Pastoral Councils: 8 - 9.30 p.m. Thursday March 2nd Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone. More details @ [www.elphindiocese.ieppcs](http://www.elphindiocese.ieppcs)

**ACCORD ELPHIN:** are currently recruiting marriage care facilitators to help with Pre-Marriage course in the diocese. Full training provided. Course takes place in Sligo, Boyle and Roscommon. Further information from the Accord office in Sligo Tel. 0719145641

**DRUM HERITAGE GROUP A.G.M.** - Tues. 21st Feb. at 8.30 p.m. at the Drum Heritage Centre. All members requested to attend. New members most welcome.

Monthly Hour for the HOLY SOULS continues in the Adoration chapel on Sat. 25th Feb. from 4 - 5 p.m. You are invited to this special time of prayer for the Holy Souls.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 13TH FEBRUARY:

€200 : Angela Byrne, €50: Gerard & Adam & €30: Jimmy Courtney

**CORNAFULLA N.S. ENROLMENT AND OPEN EVENING** - Wed. 22nd Feb from 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. or contact the school at 090-6437177

**RETIRED CIVIL AND PUBLIC SERVANTS ASSOCIATION A.G.M.** will be held in Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Wednesday 22nd Feb. at 11 a.m. New members welcome.

**SLIM FOR LEND FUNDRAISER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE in conjunction with CORNAFULLA WALKING CLUB** - weigh in Shrove Tuesday, 28th Feb. and weight out Holy Thursday 13th April in Clann na nGael Clubhouse 7-9 p.m. both nights. Sponsor Cards available on the night

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 19th	Johnny Hynes and deceased family members, Curnaboll
Sun. 26th	Willie & Nellie Shine, Curnaboll.