

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 22nd July - Sunday 30th July)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Joe Kelly (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Pat & Annie Fallon & Dan & Nell Egan
	12 noon	Joe & Bridget Curley & Della Sheridan
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Annie & Christy Connaughton & Vincent & Tommy Mack
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA"</b> John, Mary & Tommy Keogh, Fintan Lynch, Maureen, Sean, Michael, Margaret, Christopher Snr., & Jnr. Tierney
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b> Mary Anne Hughes, John & May Fitzpatrick & Ray O'Rourke.
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Paddy & Dilly Moore
	6.30 p.m.	Mandy Joyce
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Gavin family, Dernasee
	12 noon	Esther Egan & John & Kathleen Egan

**REST IN PEACE**

**OLIVE KELLER R.I.P.** Ballinasloe formerly Baylough

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, July 16th..... € 1,820.00**

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

**Parish Newsletter**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
23rd JULY 2017**

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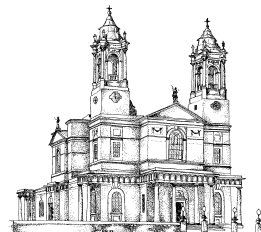
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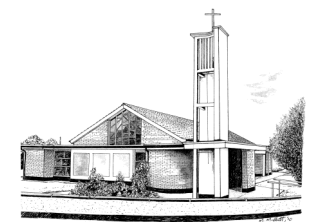
"He replied, "No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time, I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn". Mt. 13:29-30)



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



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



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

**REFLECTION**

God knows what is in our heart. God understands. God forgives. God allows sinners and saints to live together and grow together right up to harvest time. It is too hard for us to separate the weeds from the wheat without hurting the wheat. It's not our job. Let's allow God to do it.



**FIRST READING (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19)**

Although powerful and just, God is also caring and merciful, giving us hope that sins will be forgiven.

**SECOND READING (Romans 8:26-27)**

The people in the church of Rome are assured that the spirit will help them to pray - and will even pray for them. It is all right if they cannot find the right words, God knows what is in their hearts.

**GOSPEL (Matthew 13:24-43)**

God is like the farmer who allows the weeds to grow with the wheat. God is like the woman who kneads a tiny amount of yeast into the bread dough, and the whole loaf rises. God has the power of the tiniest mustard seed that grows into the large shrub where all the birds come to live.

**THANK YOU.....**To all the parishioners from SS. Peter & Paul's parish who returned their completed certificates for tax relief to eligible charities. To date a tax rebate **TOTALLING €12,348.37** has been received from the Revenue Commissioners for 2016.

Once again sincere thanks for your much appreciated co-operation. If you have not already returned your certificate it is still not too late to do so or if you have mislaid it please contact the parish office at 0906492171 and one will be posted out to you.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

*LAYLA ELIZABETH DEVLIN-COONEY      HENRY ANTHONY HUGHES*  
*KEELAN LIAM DOWLING COURTNEY      ABBIE ROSE DUNNING*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THEIR PARENTS.**

**CLONMACNOIS CEMETERY MASS SAT. Aug. 5th at 7 p.m.**

We would ask that people bring a bottle of Holy Water, as we will each of us at the end gather at our loved ones resting places. As they blessed us by their lives, we shall return that blessing in our prayer for and with them.

**ATHLONE CASTLE VISITORS CENTRE** will offer a daily guided tour every Fri. & Sat. at 2.30 p.m. For the months of July and August.

**DRUM MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 22nd 8 p.m. Owen McManus, partner Leonie Kirwan  
Sun. 23rd 10 a.m. Gloria Walshe, Crannaghbeg  
Mon. 24th No Mass  
Tues. 25th 7 p.m. Mary Ellen Duffy, Clonark  
Wed. 26th - Fri. 28th No Mass.  
**Sat. 29th 10.30 a.m. Patrick Gunning, Mount Florence (Month's Mind)**  
Sat. 29th 8 p.m. Patrick Higgins, Curryroe  
Sun. 30th 10 a.m. Deceased members of the Merrigan family, Clonark

**INDEPENDENT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITES** will be holding their annual church gate collection at St. Brigid's Church, Drum on Sat. evening 29th & Sun. 30th July. We thank you for your support.

**DRUM BINGO** every Fri. night at 8.30 p.m. in Drum Community Centre. Volunteers needed to help out. New players always welcome. Please support and bring a friend!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 17th July :**

€200: Marie Muldoon €50: Mrs. J. Malone & €30: Helen Bannon

**ATHLONE TIDY TOWNS** is looking for your volunteered support to carry out a Mid Summer Clean Up on Wed. 26th July from 6.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. We are asking Residential Associations and the Business community to lend their support. Special bags and gloves will be provided where necessary. Details of meeting places will be posted up on Facebook.

An **OPEN DAY** will be held in the Further Education Centre, Clonown Rd., Athlone on Wed. 26th July from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be information about a number of part time courses commencing in Sept. 2017. courses include Hairdressing, Engineering, electronics and Electrical Skills, Computer Skills and a host of other subject areas. All welcome to drop in for a chat and a cuppa. For further information please contact Joan 0906492188/0861731931.

**CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. 23rd Tommy & May Curley and deceased family members, Oldtown also Frances Walshe, Lexlip.  
Sun. 30th Pat Dunning, Ballinacolla  
Fri. 4th First Friday.