

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

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	James & Bridget O'Neill
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Martin, Mary, Liam, & Rita O' Connor
	12 noon	Thomas & Phoebe Milton
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Colm & Rita Menton
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" William & Mary Kate Wallace & deceased family, Bridget Harris & son David
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Malachy, William & Matthew Ward
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Fr. Tony Egan
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Sean, Mary Anne & Hubert Connolly
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Thomas & Mary Rattigan & deceased of Rattigan & Brennan families
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Edward & Sean Martin, William & Mary Clarke, Edward & Teresa Harrigan & deceased family, Patrick & Elizabeth Hynes, Bridget O'Neill, John & Kitty Keena and deceased family, Kathleen, Michael, Marie & Barbara McGrath, Robert, Eamon & Margaret McManus, Paddy, Padraic & Breege Sheriff
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Brendan McFadden
	11.00 a.m.	Mass for all who died in the parish in the last year (Nov. - Nov)
	6.30 p.m.	Jimmy Duffy
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Jack & Mary Carty
	12 noon	Sr. Mercy & Sr. Mairead Watson (Sisters of Mercy)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, November 12th..... €1,860.00

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish

Athlone, Clonown & Drum

Parish Newsletter

**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19TH NOVEMBER 2017**

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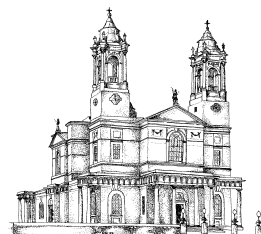
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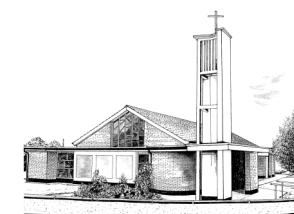
"Master you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more". His master said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." Mt. 25:20-21



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



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



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

REFLECTION

Although the Book of Proverbs was written in a patriarchal society that viewed a wife as a possession, the first reading for today still praises skill and labour above charm and beauty. This praise was countercultural at the time. In the second reading, the author warns the people not to be lazy, but to be alert and ready for the "day of the Lord" (end of the world), for they were certain that Jesus was returning to earth in their own lifetime. In the gospel, Jesus praises the servants who take risks and work hard, not the servant who buries what he is given out of fear.

FIRST READING (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31))

The characteristics of a hardworking woman (not her physical beauty and charm) are praised.



SECOND READING (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

The author warns the Thessalonians to be alert and ready, for they never know when God will call them.

GOSPEL (Matthew 25:14-30)

Jesus compares the actions of three servants whose master entrusted each of them with an amount of money according to their ability.

The Novena of Masses for the Souls of all the Faithful Departed will take place each night during the coming week, Monday - Friday at **7.30 p.m.**

It will end with a Memorial Mass for all from this parish who have died since December 1st, 2016 on **Saturday** next, 25th November at **11.00 a.m.** As the name of each of the deceased is called out a candle will be lit in his / her honour. All our families who have been bereaved in the past year are invited to attend this Memorial Mass.

FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR FR. LIAM DEVINE will take place on Thur. 23rd Nov. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel at 8 p.m. There will be a presentation to Canon Liam, finger food, dancing and a raffle All are welcome.

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS (First Holy Communion Programme) will be held on Sunday 26th Nov at 10.30 a.m. for the pupils of Dean Kelly Cloonakilla & St. Peter's N.S. who are making their First Holy Communion in 2018

ATHLONE DRUG AWARENESS GROUP are holding an event to mark their 21st year working in the community of Athlone. We are holding a celebration event on Wed. 22nd Nov. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel from 11 - 1 p.m. Please drop in to help us celebrate this milestone

ATHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE presents the musical "**The Wedding Singer**" from Tues. 28th Nov. - Fri. 1st Dec. at 8 p.m. in the Dean Crowe Theatre.

COLÁISTE CHIARÁIN CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR takes place on Sun. 26th Nov. in Drum Community Centre from 12 - 5 p.m. Handmade gifts, jewellery, knitwear, festive bakes good, chutneys jams and much more. Please support.

LECTIO DIVINA PROGRAMME: A programme of talks continues on Wed. next 22nd Nov. at 7.30 p.m. (please note change of time) in St. Ciaran's House. The speaker on the night is Dr. Jessie Rogers, a senior lecturer in Theology and Biblical studies in Maynooth.

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 18th	8 p.m.	Jim Nugent, Summerhill
Sun. 19th	10 a.m.	Gemma Henry, Clonellan
Mon. 20th		No Mass
Tues. 21st	7 p.m.	Tomás Naughton, parents Mary & Patrick, Clonark
Wed. 22nd	7 p.m.	Daniel & Mary Harney, Crannaghmore
Thur. 23rd	7 p.m.	Bridie & Paddy Moore, Meehambee
Fri. 24th	7 p.m.	Sr. Margaret Lennon, Curryroe
Sat. 25th	8 p.m.	Kathleen & Peter Harney, Rooskey
Sun. 26th	10 a.m.	Denis & Nora Minogue, St. Peter's Tce.

RELAX KIDS ATHLONE returns on 4th Dec. for 3 weeks Mon - Wed. in Drum Community Centre. 3.30 - 4.30 for 6 - 8 yrs., or 4.30 - 5.30 for 9-12 yrs. €25. contact Niamh on 0863623971 for more details.

REGIONAL FAMILY CARERS FORUM on Thur. 30th Nov. in Prince of Wales Hotel at 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. followed by lunch. Contact Denis Nolan at 0449347922 for more details. All family carers welcome.

ANNUAL SAMARITAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT will take place on Wed. 6th Dec. in Franciscan Friary at 8 p.m. It will feature the Army Band of 2nd Brigade, St. Brigid's Community Choir, Athlone Pipe Band and guest artist, Simon Casey. Compere will be RTE's Teresa Mannion. Tickets €12 available from Franciscan Friary, Cunningham's Pharmacies, Castle Gift shop. Samaritans available on freecall 116123 24 hrs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 13th November: €200: Richard Doyle €50: Triona O'Flaherty & €30: Mary & Terri.

ATHLONE CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK invites all parent/carers to a FREE information morning to meet services in Athlone offering information and support in Shamrock Lodge Hotel on 23rd Nov. from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Tel. 0864651805 for further information.

IRISH NATIONAL FLOOD FORUM CONFERENCE will take place on Sat. 25th Nov. from 9.45 a.m. - 4.05 p.m. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel. Topics to include Restoration works. New capital works water levels, helping communities. Etc. Free event. All welcome.

ANNUAL CLONOWN TABLE QUIZ takes place on Thur. 30th Nov. at 8 p.m. in the shamrock Lodge Hotel. Tables of 4 €40. Tea and refreshments served. Great prized and raffle on the night. Please support.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION FOR I.S.P.C.C. will be held on Sun. 26th Nov at Clonown Church. Your support would be much appreciated.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 19th	11.15 a.m.	Dunning and Hardiman families
Sun. 26th	11.15 a.m.	Johnny & Mary Flynn, Clonown