

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 2nd December - Sunday 10th December)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Mary Molloy (1st Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Frank & Maureen Sherlock
	12 noon	Miriam Lenehan
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Catherine Lyons, Patrick & Mary Maughan
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Joe Irwin, John Cooney, Patrick & Rose Kirby, Andy & Frances McCarthy, Helena O'Neill, Mary & Joseph O'Connor, Agnes & Margaret Blackweir, & The Quinn family.
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Agnes & John Masterson, John & May Kavanagh
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Jack & May Laffan
	6.30 p.m.	Eithne Dunne (1st Anniversary)
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
	12 noon	Tommy, Rose, Seamus & Mary Reynolds.
	6.30 p.m.	NO MASS
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Leo Turpin & deceased family members
		Deceased of the Byrne family
	6.30 p.m.	Shay Naughton
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Larry Watson
	12 noon	Paddy, Molly, Brendan & Dermot Lennon

REST IN PEACE

EAMON FALLON, R.I.P. Cedarwood Drive, Monksland
MAUREEN McNALLY R.I.P. Hazelwood, Coosan

May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, November 26th..... €1,878.00

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

Parish Newsletter

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3rd DECEMBER 2017**

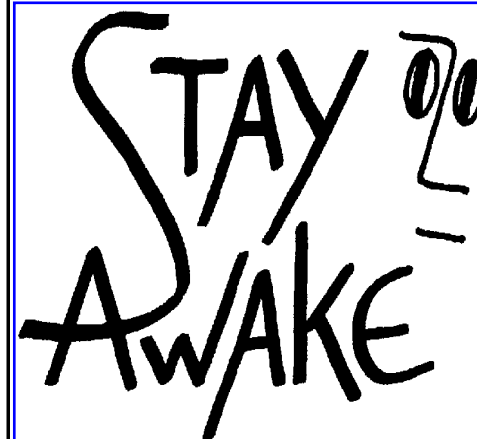
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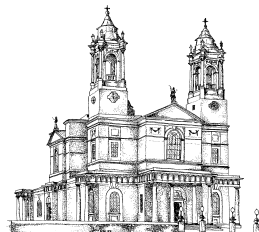
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"Watch, therefore, you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight or at cockcrow, or in the morning. may he not come suddenly and find you sleeping". Mt13:35-36)



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



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



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

REFLECTION

We need to be alert to God's calling; we need to be watching for what God wants us to do. We need to be clay for our God to shape and mould so that we can be remade, again and again, in God's image. If we are willing to accept God's way, then God will be with us through it all. We will never be alone, and for that we rejoice and are thankful.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1-8)

God is the potter and we are the clay.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

God will sustain us through anything, until the end.

GOSPEL (Mark 13:33-37)

We need to be alert and on the watch.



THANK YOU

Canon Liam Devine wishes to thank most sincerely all who were associated with the very enjoyable function and much appreciated presentation in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Thur. 23rd Nov. He wishes to thank the members of the Pastoral Council who organised the function and all who were associated in any way with the very generous presentation. He appreciated it very much and will always cherish the fond memories he has of his 16 years working in SS Peter & Paul's Parish. He will be offering Mass for all associated with the farewell function.

HISTORIC ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE.

The first every ordination of a permanent deacon in the Church of SS Peter & Paul, will take place on **Fri. 8th Dec. at 3 p.m.** - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The parish team along with the Parish Pastoral Council wish Tony Larkin and his wife Jean all of God's Blessings on this special occasion. The ordination ceremony is an open invitation to all parishioners from SS. Peter & Paul's and St. Mary's parishes and all who would like to attend.

ST. VINCEN de PAUL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Will be held at SS. Peter & Paul's Church on Sat. 9th & Sun. 10th December. Your support would be much appreciated.

MONTHLY MEETING OF WIDOWS ASSOCIATION on Wed. 6th Dec. at 8 p.m. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel.

ATHLONE ARTS GROUP Annual Exhibition in Luan Gallery from 8th Dec. - 28th Jan.

A meeting of the R.S.C.P.A branch - Retired Public Servants will be held in Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Fri. 8th Dec. at 11 a.m. New members welcome

ATHLONE CHRISTMAS MARKET 10TH DECEMBER CIVIC SQUARE 11-6P.M.
Santa, facepainting, treats & entertainment. Kids wristband €3 to access Santa. Find us on Facebook for more details.

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	2nd	8 p.m.	John & Thomas Harney, Curraghaleen
Sun.	3rd	10 a.m.	Irene & Ronan Mulligan, Taylorstown
Mon.	4th		No Mass
Tues	5th	7 p.m.	Mass
Wed.	6th	7 p.m.	Johnny Harney, Crannaghmore
Thur.	7th	8 p.m.	Michael Naughton, Sussex & Culfatha
Fri.	8th	10 a.m.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Sat.	9th	8 p.m.	Michael & Mary Glynn, Crannaghmore
Sun.	10th	10 a.m.	Paddy & Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg.

DRUM I.C.A. monthly meeting on Tues. 5th Dec. at 8 p.m. in Drum Parish hall. All members are requested to attend and new members most welcome.

ARDKEENAN N.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT will take place in Drum Parish Hall on Tues. 12th Dec. commencing at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome.

Ss Peter & Paul's branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Conducted Holy Hour from 3-4 followed by short meeting on Tues. 5th Dec. in Liturgical Centre. New members urgently needed

THANK YOU.....Athlone Breast Cancer Support Group would like to thank all who supported their recent coffee morning. A total of €1,894 was collected and donated to South Westmeath Hospice and Irish Cancer. Meeting on Tues. 5th Dec. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Our Lady's Bower Prayer Group will be celebrating Mass on Mon. 4th Dec. at 8.15 p.m. in Our Lady's Bower Day school. Celebrant: Fr. John Walsh. Everyone welcome.

MONKSLAND TOWN TEAM are delighted to host its third annual Christmas event on Sun. 10th Dec. in Supervalu car park Monksland to mark the turning on of the Christmas lights plus a Christmas market from 4 -7 p.m. and the choir from Cloonakilla N.S. will perform at 5 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 27th November:
€200: Joan Kenna €50: Jamie Lee & €30: Harry Shine.

Friary Prayer Group invited you to one hour of Intercessory Prayer for Youth on Sun. 3rd Dec. in Chapel of Adoration from 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. All welcome.

SPECIAL JOINT PARISHES BINGO will be held on **3rd, 10th & 17th DECEMBER** in Dean Crowe Theatre & St. Mary's Hall. €1,000 jackpot each night plus spot prizes.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 3rd	11.15 a.m.	Patrick Flynn and deceased family members, Clonown
Dec. 7th	8 p.m.	James, Mary & Tommy Egan, Callowbeg.
(No Mass on Fri. 8th.)		
Dec. 10th	11.15 a.m.	Sean Shine, Buggane, Clonown.