

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish,

Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Christmas 2018



Bishop Kevin's Christmas Message - I wish you every Blessing and Peace this Christmas and I take this opportunity to say a particular word of thanks to all of you who are so generous in using your gifts in the service of your brothers and sisters in parishes, hospitals and schools all over our Diocese. I know that there are many people in our Diocese who will miss a family member or a friend, this Christmas, someone who has died, or gone into a nursing home, or gone to live in some other part of the world. You will have a special place in my prayers this Christmas. As a Diocesan community, we will miss Bishop Christy and we remember his family at this time". For full message see www.elphindiocese.ie

Months Mind Mass

A Month's Mind Mass will be offered for the Late Fr. Eamon Kelly SMA in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Athlone on Saturday December 29th at 12 Noon.

Christmas Confession & Mass Times 2018

Ss. Peter & Pauls Church

Christmas Eve 6pm Children's Mass ; 10 pm Con-celebrated Vigil Mass

Christmas Day 9am; 10.30am & 12 noon

St. Brigid's Church, Drum

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 8pm; Christmas Day 10am & 11.30 am

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 8pm; Christmas Day 11.15am.

Christmas Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

The Sacrament of reconciliation / Confessions will be heard in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church on Christmas Eve from 10am—2pm. (NO confessions after 2pm)

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome / Assisi

Deacon Tony is planning a Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi in September 2019.

For Details Call Deacon Tony on 0857392473 or email deacontony17@gmail.com

Trócaire's Christmas 2018 Appeal can be supported on www.trocaire.org/christmas. This year's appeal focuses on the plight of those affected by conflict in Yemen, South Sudan and in other countries to enable it to respond to hunger crises, displacement, conflict and human

Recent Baptisms

We welcome in the community of Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish Caoimhe Moira Dunne. Who was baptised recently in our Parish.

Ar dheis Dé go raib a n-anamacha

Pray for the repose of the souls of Niall O Harlon, Athlone & Anthony O'Neill, Thomastown. Brother of Liz Murray, Thomastown and Martin O'Neill, Thomastown. Also, Mary Daly, Thomastown Who died in the last week. May their souls rest in the peace of Christ.

Bell Circle Main Winners December 17th 2018

€ 200. Mary Mulligan; € 50. Tracy, Robert, Conor & Brodi ; € 30 P. Lorna Mc Connell

Congratulations to all winners. Next Draw Monday January 7th 2019.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, December 16th € 1,640.00

Donations towards Heating upgrade € 208.00

Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

The Clergy and Staff of Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish

wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas

and happiness in 2019

Christmas Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Parishioners a very happy and peaceful Christmas and I pray that 2019 will be a year filled with opportunity for you all.

During the past twelve months we have had many happy times in our parish, new births, children receiving the sacraments, weddings, momentous anniversaries of marriage and many other happy times. We give thanks to God for the ability to celebrate and for the gift of family and friends.

The past year has also brought great challenges for many as they have laid a loved one to rest, as relationships broke down, as serious illness visited your home, as your family members moved to far away shores, these examples and many others can make celebrating Christmas seem a little difficult. Despite the rushing about that comes with Christmas please be assured that you and your cares are held in our minds and in our prayers at this very sacred time.

May the joy of the birth of Christ fill your hearts and your homes with hope, happiness and the knowledge of Gods infinite love for each one of us.

May you have a very Happy and Blessed Christmas

Fr. John

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)

December 23rd to December 29th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(JD) 6.30 p.m. Thomas Davis (1st Anniv)

Sunday (JD) 9a.m. People of the Parish

(PN) 10.30 a.m. Rosanne & Molly Mc Manus

(MH) 12 Noon Freddy, Bridie & Tony Warby

Monday: 9.30 a.m. Joe & Winifred O'Meara & Dec family members

Christmas Eve Masses

(JD) 6.00 pm **Children's Mass**

(JD) 10.00 pm **Concelebrated Christmas Vigil Mass**

Christmas Day

(PN) 9.00 am **People of the Parish**

(JD) 10.30 a.m. **Private Intention**

(JD) 12 Noon **Tom & Teresa Flynn**

Wednesday: 9.30 a.m. Private Intention .

Thursday: 9.30 a.m. James Hurley Months Mind (Died in USA)

Friday: 9.30 a.m. Private Intention

7.30 pm Michael Anthony Naughton; Paddy & May Lenehan; Mairead Chadwick; Declan Dolan; Nellie & Paddy Heavey; Bill, Agnes & Alex Beville; Mary Ward; Martin & Christine Egan; Billy Evans; Claire Gleeson; Maisie Grenham; Christopher Dempsey & Dec members of the Tierney Family.

Saturday: 9.30 a.m. Ned & May Halligan

12 Noon Fr. Eamon Kelly SMA (Months Mind)

(MH) 6.30 p.m. Nuala Gordon (1st Anniv)

Sunday (JD) 9a.m. People of the Parish

(JD) 10.30 a.m. Ultan Shanahan (1st Anniv)

(JD) 12 Noon Mary & Cathriona Egan & Dec family members

Drum Area Masses for Dec 22 – January 6th

Sat. 22nd. at 8 p.m. **(PN)** Mary Moore, Meehambee.

Sun. 23rd. at 10 a.m. **(MH)** Patrick & Delia Moore, Meehambee.

Mon. 24th. at 8 p.m. **(MH)** Christmas Eve – People of the parish.

Tues. 25th. at 10 a.m. **(MH)** Christmas Day – People of the parish.

Tues. 25th. at 11.30 a.m. **(MH)** Christmas Day – People of the parish.

Wed. 26th. – Fri. 28th. - No Mass.

Sat. 29th. at 8 p.m. **(JD)** Mass.

Sun. 30th. at 10 a.m. **(MH)** Tom & Mary Hynes, Johnstown. Also, deceased family members.

Mon. 31st. at 10 a.m. - Mary and Patrick Lennon, Ardkeenan.

Tues. 1st. at 10 a.m. - P.J. and Eileen McEvelly, Johnstown.

Wed. 2nd. at 7 p.m. - Michael Grenham, Doohan.

Daughter Ann Marie Buggy and deceased family members.

Thurs. 3rd. at 7 p.m. - Kathleen Harney, Crannaghmore.

Fri. 4th. at 7 p.m. - Tommy McDonnell, Clonark.

Sat. 5th. at 8 p.m. **(MH)** Colm, Mamie and Bill Kennedy, Johnstown.

Sun. 6th. at 10 a.m. **(JD)** Eileen Lennon, Gorrynagowna.

Clonown Mass Intentions December 23rd—January 6th

Sun. 23rd. at 11.15 a.m. **(JD)** Michael & Bridget Hardiman, Drumlosh.

Mon. 24th. at 8 p.m. **(PN)** Christmas Eve – People of the parish.

Tues. 25th. at 11.15 a.m. **(PN)** Christmas Day – People of the parish.

Sun. 30th. at 11.15 a.m. **(MH)** John, Delia and Michael Dunning, The Park, Clonown.

Fri. 4th. at 8 p.m. - First Friday.

Sun. 6th. at 11.15 a.m - **(PN)** Johnny and Nora Halligan, Buggane.

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(JD) 10.30 a.m. Ultan Shanahan (1st Anniv)

(JD) 12 Noon Mary & Cathriona Egan & Dec family members

Monday: 9.30 a.m. Novena & Benediction

Private Intention

New Years Day

9.30 am Paddy Sweeney

Wednesday: 9.30 a.m. Private Intention .

Thursday: 9.30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass

Friday: 9.30 a.m. Richard & Mary kate Durkan; Bridie & Patrick Durkan;

Mary Howley

7.30 pm Joe Ducke; Paddy & Julia Conway; Joseph Sheeran;

Phillis Dolan (*Late of Newtown Drum*)

Saturday: 9.30 a.m. John, Mary & Sean Dillon

(JD) 6.30 p.m. Kieran Lynch

Sunday (PN) 9a.m. People of the Parish

(MH) 10.30 a.m. Rose Mary O'Sullivan

(JD) 12 Noon Bernie Mc Mc Loughlin