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

Saturday January 19th

(JD) 6.30 p.m. Nora Mc Grath (1st Anniv)

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

(PN) 10.30 a.m. Michael Fallon & Dec family members

(JD) 12 Noon Anne Savage (1st Anniv)

**Monday:** 9.30 a.m. Albert Horan

7.30pm Novena & Benediction

Michael-Frank Martin

**Tuesday:** 9.30 a.m. Tim, Brendan & Ted Lynch **Wednesday:** 9.30 a.m. Michael Hanley Jnr

**Thursday:** 9.30 a.m. Brian Johnson (1st Anniv)

**Friday:** 9.30 a.m.

7.30 pm Niall O Hanlon (Months Mind); Noel Caldwell (Months

Mind) James & Mary Whitney; Josie, Tony & Jimmy Duffy; Stephen Quain; Mary Ganly; Doreen Donohoe; Dec of the Downey Family;

Dessie Conway; Marian, Kevin & Beverly Wykes;

Saturday January 26th

9.30 a.m. Beda Heavey

(MH) 6.30 p.m. Mary O Reilly (1st Anniv)
Sunday (PN) 9a.m. People of the Parish

(MH) 10.30 a.m. Denis & May Kilfeather

(MH) 12 Noon Paddy Kelly

#### Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha

Pray for the repose of the souls of Paddy Joyce, St Anne's Tce; Mary Gargan (nee Murray) Maynooth and late of Gorrynagowna; Ted Mc Manamon brother of Anne Moriarity Monksland; Michael Woods, late of Connaught Street, Died in Australia; Billy Wykes Late of Assumption Road, May their souls rest in the peace of Christ.

#### Legion of Mary;

Next meeting in the Divine Master Centre on Thursday 24th January at 8pm contact Bernadette Higgins on 086 8839424.

#### Bell Circle & Parish Bingo

Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre.

Main Prize Winners €200 PJ Milton ; ; €50 Fr. Martin Mulvaney: €30 John & Breda Farrell:

Inter Parish Bingo Every Sunday in the Dean Crowe Theatre at 8pm

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Meet every Sunday evening at 8.30 pm in Colaiste Chiaráin, Summerhill Post Code N37 AH97

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, January 12th € 1,900

Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

# St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

# Parish Newsletter

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Christian Unity Week

January 20th 2019



#### Our Parish on-line

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Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone



St. Brigid's Church, Drum



Church of Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown

## A thought for today

What gifts has God given me? Am I using these gifts for some service in the community?" We may wonder why there are no more manifestations of the Holy Spirit like what we read in the Bible. Maybe if we began better using the gifts we have for the common good — like the gift of praying, singing, teaching, caring, sharing, encouraging, supporting, motivating, writing, etc. — then we might begin to see miracles.

Concern for others is the basic miracle.

### **Christian Unity Week 2019**

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

An Ecumenical Worship Service will be held in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Athlone on Tuesday January 22nd at 7.30pm

**ALL ARE WELCOME** 

#### An Gardai Siobhana Community policing unit Athlone

will hold their Annual Elder Persons party in the Hudson Bay Hotel on Sunday 27th January 2019 commencing at 3pm until 8pm. Food served.

Tickets are available at Athlone Garda Station. All are welcome. Cost €8 per person.

#### 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

#### Moate Business College Adult Education Night Classes

Courses such as Flower Arranging, Bridge for Beginners, Printmaking Techniques, Computers for Beginners and Improvers, Guitar, Violin, Make Up as well as Internet for Everyday Use are just a few of the courses on offer. Registration evening is this Monday 21st January between 7 -9 pm and classes will start the following week. www.moatebusinesscollege.com

#### Parish Recruitment for Ministries

WE are currently inviting people interested in taking up the following ministries, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Reader or Collector at Mass, Should you wish to put your name forward or enquire please drop you namne into the Sacrisry, The Office at Forthill House, or by contacting one of the priests.

Full training will be given before you would commence your new ministry.

#### "Our Lady's Bower Prayer Group

will be celebrating Mass on Monday 21 January at 8.15 pm in the Bower Day School, Retreat Rd, Athlone. Everyone is welcome".

#### **Clonown Mass Intentions**

Sun. 20th. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) Tom Lennon, Oldtown, Clonown.

Sun 27th, at 11.15 a.m. (PN) Mass – Not Booked.

#### Drum Area Masses for Jan 19 – Jan 27

Sat. 19th. at 8 p.m. **(MH)** John, Bridget and Tom Duignan, Clonellan. Sun. 20th. at 10 a.m. **(JD)** Alan Ledwith, formerly of Thomastown.

Mon. 21st. - No Mass.

Tues. 22nd. at 7 p.m. - Tommy & Kathleen Lennon, Clonbulia. Also dec. family members.

Wed. 23rd. - No Mass.

Thurs. 24th. at 7 p.m. - William, Bridie and Kathleen Ward. Clonark.

Fri. 25th. at 7 p.m. - Willie Harney, Doohan. Also, deceased family members.

Sat. 26th. at 2 p.m.` - Emer Grenham, The Park, Deerpark. Also, Dec. family members.

Sat. 26th. at 8 p.m. **(JD)** Patrick Curley, Clonellan. Sun. 27th. at 10 a.m. **(JD)** John, Bridget and Pat Halligan.

#### **Social Dancing**

will resume in Drum Parish Hall on Wednesday 23rd. January 2019 from 8 – 10pm. All are welcome especially beginners. Lessons given on the night.

#### 'Moore, Taughmaconnell, Drum Macra na Feirme

are holding their next meeting in Millars Bar, Ballydangan on Friday 25th Jan @9pm. New members welcome. For more information contact Melissa on 0858435080'.

#### Day of Prayer - Knock

Day of Prayer given by Fr. Kilian Byrne in St John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock on Saturday 2nd February from 10am – 5pm. Talks, Rosary, Adoration and Mass. To book contact Helen on 086 1678027 / hellywilliams@gmail.com

#### The National Learning Network, Athlone

currently have vacancies on our Vocational Training Programmes. If you are unemployed, have experienced a personal setback, illness or disability and need support - our specialized programmes may be for you or someone you know. Qualifications can be gained at your own pace whilst retaining your existing benefits. Contact Staff on 0906479293 / 0872586033

## Date for your Diary: Clann an nGael Annual Club Social

on Saturday 2nd. February in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. Throw in at 7.30pm. Tickets available from the committee. **Car Draw takes place on the night www.clanngaa.ie/draw** 

#### Irish Children's Pilgrimage Trust Church-gate collection

will be held on the weekend of 26th / 27th of January. There will be 9 young people travelling with us this Easter to Lourdes. All money collected goes directly to the cost of the young people. Carers pay their own costs. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Monksland Town Team together with Roscommon Sports Partnership

are delighted to announce the Monks on the Move Operation Transformation National walk taking place every Monday night at 8pm. All welcome

#### **Beginning Experience**

Beginning Experience weekend 05-07 April for those who have lost a spouse through death divorce, or separation Esker Retreat Centre Esker, Enquiries Gerry 0863855090 Maureen 0876646896

**NW STOP (formerly STOP Suicide)** provide FREE counselling. Contact 086 777 2009 or 1850 211 877 if you or someone you know needs help.