

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

Saturday March 16th 2019

(AI) 6.30 p.m.

Kathleen Conlon 1st Anniversary

Sunday 17th (PN) 9.00 a.m.

Mass for the people of the parish

(JD) 10.30a.m.

Francis Vaughan, Tom & Marie Byrne

(AI) 12 Noon

Willie & Martha Derwin

Monday: 18th 9.30 a.m.

Private Intention

Followed by Novena & Benediction

No Evening Mass Bank Holiday

Tuesday: 19th 7.30 p.m.

7.30 a.m.

9.30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday: 20th 7.30 a.m.

9.30 a.m.

Private Intention

Thursday: 21st 7.30 a.m.

9.30 a.m.

Private Intention

Friday: 22nd 7.30 a.m.

9.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m.

Shared Mass

Nora Kiernan 1st Anniversary, Josephine Myers
Bridget & John Dolan, PJ Gordon, Paddy McNiffe
Dec of The O'Neill Family Summerhill,
Margaret Duffy & Dec of Grogan Family,
Mary Ellen O'Neill & Dec Family,
Billy & Ivy McCormack, Owen Shine Jnr,

Saturday 23rd 9.30 a.m.

(JD) 6.30 p.m.

Dympna Maguire 1st Anniversary

Sunday 24th (PN) 9.00a.m.

Mass for the people of the parish

(MH) 10.30a.m.

Nell, Ned John Anthony McManus

(JD) 12 Noon

Tommie Kelly

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha

Pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Doyle, brother of Marlon Moore, Monksland, Paul Burke, Ashbourne, Co. Meath formerly Auburn Villas, John Dunning, Drumlosh, Catherine (Kitty) Cuniffe Cornafulla North, Kathleen Ryan, Westwood, Summerhill, Kathleen McManus, Dugra, Bealnamulla, and Patrick Dooley, Fairymount, brother of Teresa Murray, Gorrynagowna who died recently.

Baptisms

We would like welcome in to the parish Community Kenny Perkin, James Perkin, Millie Grace Larkin, and Darcy Ruby Smyth who were baptised recently.

Bell Circle & Parish Bingo

Main Prize Winners €200 Andia ; €50 Ford Granada €30 M Donaghue:

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, March 10th €1,775

Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

Parish Newsletter

March 17th 2019

St. Patricks Day



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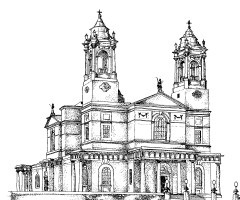
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Parish Pastoral Council;

Colm Naughton, Chairperson

Sacristy Ss. Peter & Paul's Church (attended at Mass times only) 090 -6494150

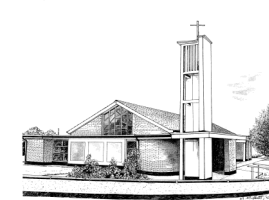
Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy



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



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



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

A thought for today

May you recognize in your life the presence, the power and the light of Christ.
 May you realize that you are never alone, for He is always with you; that your living soul connects you with the rhythm of the universe.
 And may the road rise up to meet you and the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields.
 And, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Because of the Do This in Memory Mass on Wednesday evening there will be no exposition and benediction This coming Wednesday night.

Getting Married

Please note a minimum of three months notice is required to both church and state prior to marriage. To organise a wedding date please contact the parish office 0906492171 9.30am to 1pm Monday to Friday

Confirmation preparation.

Many thanks to those who helped us with the confirmation preparation programme over the last few weeks. Thanks also to the candidates for your attendance and participation. Please remember the candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament on April 2nd and 3rd.

First Confessions

Please remember in prayer the children preparing for First Confessions. They will take place over three nights next week March 26th, 27th and 28th.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

June 27th - July 4th; Spiritual Director, Fr. John Deignan PP. Cost €695, Early booking essential, Contact Gerry on 0872249621 on Mary 0872936933 / 0906492045

Do this is memory Mass

The next First Holy Communion p reparation Mass will take place on Wednesday next March 20th at 7.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul's Church. This Mass is for all candidates, and their parents, who will receive First Holy Communion in May.

Young adult gathering with Bishop Kevin

Bishop Kevin invites all young adults (over 18) to a 5km walk and celebration of the Eucharist at Sliabh Ban Mass Rock, just outside Strokestown on Sat 30 March. Meet at 11.15am at Percy French Hotel. Please bring something to eat and drink and come prepared for Irish weather: warm and waterproof clothes, walking shoes. Please contact Frank McGuinness for more info: 087-9880690 or frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie

Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 17th. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) John & Ellen Shine. Buggane. Also, deceased family members.
 Sun. 24th. at 11.15 a.m. (AI) Johnny & Annie Egan, Callowbeg. Also, deceased family members.

Drum Area Notes and Masses

Sat. 16th. at 8 p.m. (JD) Mary Higgins, Ardkeenan.
 Sun. 17th. at 10 a.m. (AI) P.J. Lawless, Cornafulla South.
 Mon. 18th. - No Mass.
 Tues. 19th. at 7 p.m. Johnny Seery and deceased family members. Also, Bridget & Thomas Donohue.
 Wed. 20th. - No Mass.
 Thurs. 21st. at 7 p.m. John (Cal) & Mary McManus, Nure.
 Fri. 22nd. at 7 p.m. - Tony Whyte, Thomastown.
 Sat. 23rd. at 8 p.m. (MH) Martin & Mai O'Rourke, Rathpeak.
 Sun. 24th. at 10 a.m. (JD) Patrick & Ellen Kenny, Clonbulia.
 Also, deceased family members

Roscommon Branch of the Retired Nurses

The A.G.M. of the Roscommon Branch of the Retired Nurses Association of Ireland takes place in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon, on Tuesday 26th March 2019 @ 11.00 am.

Baptisms

A minimum of two weeks notice is required in advance of a baptism. Application forms are available from the parish office and on the parish website. These should be completed and returned to the parish office. A member of the baptism team will then be in contact prior to the baptism date.

Friary Church prayers to St. Oscar Romero

St. Oscar Romero: Three days of Prayer to honour the Martyr for Social Justice Mass in the Friary Church with guest preachers Friday 22nd 7.30pm; Saturday 23rd 7.30pm and Sunday 24th 11.00am Chief Celebrant Bishop Francis Duffy

Big Brother Big Sister are recruiting volunteers

Volunteers are asked to share one to two hours a week for its Big Brother Big Sister youth mentoring programme. If you are interested contact us 086 859687 or www.foroige.ie/bbbs

St Patrick's Weekend Festival

Congrats to all who have worked hard in planning the St. Patrick's Weekend Festival in Athlone.

Knights of St. Columbanus

Lenten Reflection will take place Tuesday March 26th @ 7:30pm in St Ciaran's House.

Free Computer Training Course

Irish Rural Link is offering a free computer course called "Getting Citizens online" It is designed for beginners to help you feel comfortable using a computer. It is an introduction to the internet, shopping on line, emails and basic Ms Word processing. Training is provided by fully qualified tutor. The course is two hours per week over a 5 week period. Free training is provided at various venues around Athlone. For more information on this free course, please contact: Tony at 0877648867 or John at 086 3064785.