

St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

Parish Newsletter

December 15th 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

“Gaudete Sunday”



Our Parish on-line

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Masses for the Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

Saturday 14th (MH)	6.30 p.m.	Karen Harkins
Sunday 15th (JD)	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the people of the parish
(BN)	10.30a.m.	Joe Geraghty
(MH)	12 Noon	Breda Grenham
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass (Followed by Novena) 7.30 p.m. Michael Birtles (Followed by Novena & Benediction)
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Special Intention Dean Kelly NS Christmas Mass
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Paddy & Eileen Gallagher, Mary & James Smith, Adrian Gallagher
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	No Intention
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	No Intention
	7.30 p.m.	“SHARED MASS” MJ Stewart (Months Mind) Mary Maisie McGuire, Larry Watson, Mary & Michael Kelly, Bernard & Michael Kelly, Phyllis Macken (Nee Kelly), Maureen, Bernard & Jimmy Dully and Deceased Members of Dully and Durney Families, John & Ann Walsh
Saturday 21st	9.30 a.m.	Luke Duignan & Son Tom,
(JD)	6.30 p.m.	Niall O'Hanlon (1st Anniversary)
Sunday (BN)	9:00 a.m.	Mass for the people of the parish
(MH)	10.30 a.m.	Paddy, Molloy Brendan & Dermot Lennon
(JD)	12 Noon	Freddie, Bridie, Tony & William Warby

Ar dheis Dé raibh a n-anamacha

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Keighery, Magazine Avenue who died recently may he rest in peace.

Baptisms

We would like to welcome in to the parish Community Cillian Noel Granger who was baptised recently.

Bell Circle & Parish Bingo

Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre. *Main Prize*
Winners: €200 The 4 Boys: €50 Evelyn Fitzpatrick : €30 The Poor Farmer:
The Bell Circle will be taking a two week break after this weekends Draw.

Offertory Collection: December 8th €1640

Donations for Heating € 65

Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

Contact Details

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Parish Pastoral Council;	Colm Naughton, Chairperson c/o Parish Office
Parish Finance Committee	Marie McEvilly, Chairperson c/o Parish Office
Sacristy Ss. Peter & Paul's Church (attended at Mass times only)	090 -6494150
Sacristans'	Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

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

- Traditionally, this Sunday was called in Latin: *Gaudete*, which means 'a day for rejoicing'. Advent is half over, and the feast of Christmas is coming soon. We worship God who promises us joy without end.
- Joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Priests will be available on Christmas Eve for Confessions In Ss. Peter & Paul's Church from 10am to 2pm

HOLY HOUR: In the Church of The Risen Christ, Kiltoom

Wednesday 18th December at 8.00pm. The Relic's of St. Therese and her Parents will also be in the Church. All welcome.

Dean Kelly NS Christmas mass

We welcome the pupils teachers and staff from Dean Kelly National school to our morning Mass on Tuesday the 17th December.

Drum Remembrance Christmas Tree:

Ribbons are on sale at the back of the church. The cost is €2 per ribbon. The Christmas Tree will be lit on Sunday 15th December after the 10am mass. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to Drum Voluntary Graveyard Committee for the upkeep of the graveyard.

Christmas Mass Times

Ss. Peter & Pauls Church,	Christmas Eve, Children's Mass 6pm Vigil Mass 10pm
Drum	Christmas Day 9am—10.30am & 12 noon
Clonown	Christmas Eve 8pm, Christmas Day 10am & 11,30am
	Christmas Eve 8pm, Christmas Day 11,15am

Christmas Envelopes & Parish Calendars

The 2020 Parish Calendar & Christmas Collection Envelopes will be delivered to your homes towards next weekend. We once again sincerely thank the area distributors who freely give of their time to deliver them to your homes.

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2020:

7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com IRELAND: 014434510, Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 15th. at 11.15 a.m.	(JD)	Johnny Shine, Curnaboll.
Sun. 22nd. at 11.15 a.m.	(BN)	John, Delia and Michael Dunning. The Park, Clonown.

Drum Masses

Sat. 14th. 8 p.m.	(BN)	Mary and Michael Glynn, Crannaghmore.
Sun. 15th. 10 a.m.	(MH)	Patrick and Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg.
Mon. 16th. – Tues. 17th.	-	No Mass.
Wed. 18th. 7 p.m.	-	John, Margaret and Tommy Brien, Creggane. Also, son Seán.
Thurs. 19th.	-	No Mass.
Fri. 20th. 7 p.m.	-	Bridie and Pat Caulfield, Summerhill.
Sat. 21st. 8 p.m.	(MH)	Anthony O'Neill, Thomastown.
Sun. 22nd. 10 a.m.	(JD)	Mass.

FUNDRAISER IN AID OF DRUM COMMUNITY CARE –

Sunday 15th December in Connaughtons Pub. Music by: Alex Roe from 6 – 8pm, Shaney Mac from 9 – 11pm. Please support.

Clonown Christmas Sale and Coffee Morning.

The annual Christmas sale will take place in the community centre on Sunday 15th December immediately after 11:15 mass, homemade cakes, flower arrangements and Christmas wreaths. There will also be a raffle.

Advent prayer vigil in Cluain Chiarain prayer centre Clonmacnoise, on Friday December 20th. Mass at 9pm. Adoration and prayers follow until 2.10am. Enquiries Dave: 085-7746763. (These ruins are still charged with a great mission: Saint John Paul II)

ATHLONE ROTARY CLUB TREE OF REMEMBRANCE 2019

For those who wish to remember loved ones while raising funds for local charities will be located in Athlone Town Centre and Golden Island Shopping Centre from 20-23 Dec., and will culminate in an ecumenical service at 2pm Christmas Eve at the Tree in front of the Civic Centre. this year's charities are; Rainbow Rooms- Summerhill NS, Gateway Project- Athlone Community Taskforce Sunshine Club- Irish Wheelchair Association.

VTOS Roscommon; free full-time courses.

Would you like a second chance at education; VTOS Roscommon are offering courses in IT, Business and Healthcare. Contact Orla on 090 6627292, 086 7738r orla.connaughton@gretb.ie (eligibility criteria applies)

Free Computer Training Course Irish Rural Link

called "Getting Citizens online" for beginners to help using a computer. Course is 2hr per week for 5 weeks various venues around Athlone. Information contact: Tony at 0877648867

Athlone Musical Society - CHILDRENS AUDITIONS!

Calling all children of 4th, 5th and 6th class;

Would you like to be part of the cast for Athlone Musical Society's next production: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat? If yes! Then we invite you to attend the Dean Crowe Theatre on Thursday December 19th from 7pm - 9pm for auditions. Please see our Facebook page "Athlone Musical Society" for links of the songs to prepare or email us on amsathlonemusicalsociety@gmail.com for further information.

Athlone Civic Centre hosting Local Artists exhibition

Lesley Wingfield, Ann Mc Guinness and Catherine Rocks Eve's Ale exhibition at Atrium ,from Thursday 12th of December until Sunday 19th of January

Annual Christmas Concert – Strokestown

Cór Comáin Ladies' Choir & Youth Choir present their Annual Christmas Concert in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon on Sunday 15th December 2019 at 7pm. Tickets are priced €10. Conductor: Derek Mahady. Soloist: Maria Matthews. Accompanist: Celine Kelly. Percussionist: Stephanie Paula