

**St. Peter & Pauls Parish**  
Athlone, Drum, Clonown

# Parish Newsletter

**19th January 2020**  
**Christian Unity Week**  
**January 18th—25th**



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**Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church**

<b>Saturday 18th</b>	<b>(BN)</b> 6.30 p.m.	Paddy Joyce( 1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	<b>(MH)</b> 9.00 a.m.	<b>Mass for the people of the parish</b>
	<b>(JD)</b> 10.30a.m.	Denis & May Kilfeather
	<b>(BN)</b> 12 Noon	Ann & Bruce Savage, Elizabeth & Bob Savage
<b>Monday:</b>	20th 9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
		<b>(Followed by Novena)</b>
	7.30 p.m.	Pete & Eithne Dunne
		<b>(Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction)</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	21st 9.30 a.m.	Michael Frank Martin
<b>Wednesday:</b>	22nd 9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Thursday:</b>	23rd 8 a.m.	Mass in The Liturgical Centre
	9.30 a.m.	John Mc Neill (Jnr)
<b>Friday:</b>	24th 9.30 a.m.	Special Intentions (M.J. Stewart)
	7.30 p.m.	Doreen Donoghue, Josie, Tony & Jimmy Duffy & deceased of Downey family. Christy Finlass, Johnny Derwin, Pauline Mc Cormack, Jody Derwin, Margaret Derwin ,Nora & John Mc Grath & deceased of Mc Grath, Dunleavy & Brilly families.
<b>Saturday 25th January</b>	9.30 a.m.	Anne & Denis Cleary
	<b>(MH)</b> 6.30 p.m.	Edward Egan
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**Ar dheis Dé raibh a n-anamacha**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brigid Garner (nee Murray) Scotland and formerly of Clonellan who died recently may ther rest in peace.

**Booking of Sacraments**

**Baptisms:**  
Contact the Parish office or refer to the Sacraments Page of our website. At least three weeks notice must be given in advance of the proposed Baptism date

**Weddings:**  
Contact the Parish office at least three months before the proposed date of your wedding, **this is both a civil and church requirement.**

**Bell Circle & Parish Bingo**

Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre. *Main Prize*  
*Winners: €200 Adriann & Jayden: €50 Sean & Angela Byrne: €30 Antonio Quinn*  
**Inter-Parish Bingo Every Sunday ay 8pm in the Dean Crowe Theatre**

**Offertory Collection: January 12th € 1600**  
**Donations towards Improvements to sound system €50**  
**Thank you for your on-going support and generosity**

**Contact Details**

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<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul's Office</b>	Forthill House Secretary Ciara O'Connell 090 -6492171 Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1pm <a href="mailto:stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com">stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com</a>
<b>Fr. Bernard Ngalame C.C.</b>	Forthill House, Battery Road, 089 4678885
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<b>Drum area Office</b>	Catherine Higgins, Secretary 090 6437125 <a href="mailto:drumparish1@gmail.com">drumparish1@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Parish Pastoral Council;</b>	Colm Naughton, <i>Chairperson</i> c/o Parish Office
<b>Parish Finance Committee</b>	Marie McEvilly, <i>Chairperson</i> c/o Parish Office
<b>Sacristy Ss. Peter &amp; Paul's Church</b>	<b>(attended at Mass times only) 090 -6494150</b>
<b>Sacristans'</b>	Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

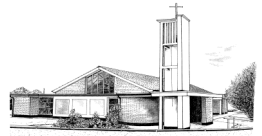
**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy**



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



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



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

### A thought for Christian Unity Week

- This week Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21).  
**During this week we come together to pray for unity.**
- The theme for 2020 is 'Unusual Kindness'.
- Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions on their travels did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together.
- Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

#### Prayer Service for Christian Unity Week.

An Ecumenical prayer service will be held in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on Thursday January 23rd at 7.30pm. We extend an invitation to all Christians in the Athlone Area to join us as we pray for unity and understanding between Christian Churches.

**A collection to support the work of Athlone Sub Aqua Club will be taken up during the service.**

**All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea afterwards.**

*Anyone who would like to drop in Cakes, Buns etc please leave them into the Church after 6pm*

### Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Will take place from Wednesday May 20th to Wednesday May 27th 2020. Spiritual Director Fr. John Deignan, Group Leader Gerry Kinneavy

**Cost €675 (Single room supplement €140 extra)  
(€50. discount if €100. deposit paid before February 1st.)**

*Afternoon flights from Shannon to Mostar. Price includes Accommodation, Breakfast & evening meal each day.*

**Further details and bookings call Mary Mulligan 090 6492045 / 0872936933  
or Gerry Kinneavy 0872249621**

### Lourdes Pilgrimage (Youth Section)

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite any young adults, (Aged 17-22) who would be interested in representing the Parish on this years pilgrimage in August, to drop their names and contact details into the Parish Office or by email to *with Lourdes in the subject line* to [stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com) , before February 1st.

The Parish would cover half of the cost.

**We would like to send three young adults, one from each church area.**

### Parish Pastoral Council (Nomination of new Members)

The Parish Pastoral Council are a group of people who meet with Parish Priest to help him make decisions and plan for the pastoral care / future planning of the Parish.

We are currently renewing a number of places on the Pastoral Council and seek your assistance in proposing people to become members of the new council. Proposal forms are available in the porches of the churches and should be returned by next weekend.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prior to nominating someone as a possible council member please ask their permission before submitting their name.

### Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 19th. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) No Intention  
Sun. 26th. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) No intention

### Drum Masses

Sat. 18th. 8 p.m. (JD) Eileen Lennon, Gorrynagowna.  
Sun. 19th. 10 a.m. (BN) Patrick Curley, Clonellan.  
Mon.—Wed. . No Mass.  
Thurs. 23 rd .7 p.m. Felix and Elizabeth Murphy, Mount Florence.  
Fri. 24 th .7 p.m. Rose Dunning, Clonark. Also, deceased family members.  
Sat. 25 th . 8 p.m. (BN) Michael & Mary Shine, Creggane.  
Sun. 26 th . 10 a.m. (MH) Margaret & John McManus, Johnstown. Also, dec. family members.

### Sacramental Preparation

Programmes in preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin shortly. Full details will be circulated to those involved in the coming week.

### Prayer Request

A programme to prepare 16 young people from the parish for Baptism will be starting shortly. We ask your prayers for them and their families as they prepare to be welcomed into the Christian Family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

### Clann na nGael dinner dance

takes place in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Saturday 25th January starting at 7.30pm. Tickets priced at €20 and are available from PJ Brien (085 8017760) or members of the club executive.

### Ardkeen National School Open Evening

An Open Evening will take place in Ardkeen N.S. on Thursday 23rd of January between 6-7pm. Come along, with your child, to meet the staff and see what our wonderful school has to offer.  
**Everyone is welcome!**

### Clonown National School Enrolment Evening

Please note that Clonown NS are holding their enrolment evening on Tuesday 18th Feb 2020 from 6pm to 7pm.

We would encourage all those with children starting school to visit. If you are not available on that date, you can call the school directly at 090 6437448 to arrange an appointment.

*This is a wonderful school and a very important part of the community.*

**We are celebrating our centenary in 2021 and we cannot wait!**

### Anam Cara

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 28th Jan. at 7:20pm in the Royal Hotel , Castlebar, Co. Mayo. We welcome all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

will be held in Dromantine, Newry from 31st January- 2nd February Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm For information [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone 087) 2162436.

### Athlone Community Policing

Are Hosting Annual Elders Person Party Sunday 26th January in the Radisson Blu Hotel @ 3pm Tickets from Eileen, Damian, James, Ronan in the Community Policing Unit or call 0906498550

### ATHLONE GROW GROUP

"GROW Community Mental Health Movement support group meets every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Belhavel Training Centre (opp. Golden Island Shopping Centre).

If you feel anxious, isolated or are suffering from stress why not learn a practical psychology of mental health by joining us. Contact Louise 086 013 7365.