

St. Peter & Pauls Parish
Athlone, Drum, Clonown

Parish Newsletter

16th February 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Saturday 15th February
(MH) 6.30 p.m. Jimmy Lynch

Sunday 16th
(JD) 9:00 a.m. **Mass for the people of the parish**
(BN) 10.30 a.m. Breda Caulfield
(MH) 12 Noon Laurence & Pat O'Connell. Deceased members of Mulligan & O'Connell

Monday:
9.30 a.m. Paddy & Bridie Lennon
(Followed by Novena)
7.30 p.m. Ann Carty
Bridie, Joe, Annie & Edward Connolly, John & Gerry Ward,
(Followed by Novena & Benediction)

Tuesday: 9.30 a.m. Private Intention

Wednesday: 9.30 a.m. No Intention

Thursday: 8.00 a.m. Mass in The Liturgical Centre
9.30 a.m. Private Intention

Friday: 9.30 a.m. William O'Connor
7.30 p.m. Ann Shanahan (Months Mind)

Marie & Eamonn Fuery, Michael Redmond, Rose, Michael, Carmel & Sean Long, Ann Ganly, Bill & Alice Fitzmaurice, Warren Hynes, Jim & Tom Byrne, Michael (Mike) O'Reilly, Chrissie, Bill Agnes & Michael Stacey, Warren Hynes, Elizabeth, Paddy, Brendan & PJ Cannon, Andrew & Bridget Cousins and deceased family members.

Saturday 23rd February 9.30 a.m. Nan Walsh
(JD) 6.30 p.m. Michael & Bridget Galvin,
Mike & Winnie Farrell

Sunday 24th **(BN)** 9:00 a.m. **Mass for the people of the parish**
(MH) 10.30 a.m. Kenneth Connor (1st Anniversary)
(JD) 12 Noon Bernie Ward
Helen Vilend (Nee Savage) Norway.

Bell Circle & Parish Bingo
Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre. *Main Prize*
Winners: €200 S Donoghue €50 Paul O'Shea €30 Mary & Breda
Inter-Parish Bingo Every Sunday ay 8pm in the Dean Crowe Theatre

Offertory Collection: February 9th €1791.00
Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

Retired Civil & Public Servants association
RCPSA, AGM will be held in The shamrock Lodge on Wednesday 19th February @11am New members welcome

Contact Details

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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

- *We all have reasons for the choices we make. Sometimes we are seeking approval and acceptance, wanting to fit in and be liked. We choose based upon the costs, benefits and risks involved. Sometimes we may just give up and refuse to choose. Sometimes we choose power, control, or security. Often our choices are about self-protection or making ourselves feel happier. Or we might choose to make another feel bad, and attempt to get back at him or her; or more positively, we may choose to make amends and make up.*

Confirmation Commitment Ceremony

Will be held in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on Tuesday next February 19th. At 7.30pm
It is important that **ALL** candidates along with their parents / guardians and if possible sponsors attend.
The Parish based preparation programme will begin in Drum on Tuesday February 25th and for the town schools and Clonown on Thursday February 27th.

Baptism Preparation Course

Please continue to pray for the young people who are preparing for Baptism in advance of First Holy Communion. The formal preparation course begins on Wednesday February 26th.

Lent 2020

Lent begins on Wednesday week, February 26th (Ash Wednesday)

Masses for Ash Wednesday

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, 7.30am; 9.30am; and 7.30pm
Drum 7pm Clonown 8pm.

Daily Masses in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church during Lent.

Tuesday thru Friday 7.30am; Monday thru Saturday 9.30am; Monday & Friday 7.30pm

Accord Elphin - Caring for Marriage

Accord is recruiting Marriage Preparation Facilitators to present Pre- Marriage courses in the Elphin Diocese. Centres are located in Sligo, Boyle and Roscommon.
Full training provide. Facilitators are part voluntary and part paid. Selection and training will take place later this year. Full details from Anne at 071-9145641 or Email accord-sligo@eircom.net

Third Age Ireland

Navigate your Work Future - a FREE day-long course takes place in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone on February 27 from 10am-4pm.

It has developed by Third Age, a not-for-profit organisation, and is geared particularly for mature workers aged 40+.

Specifically, it will invite you to:

- Evaluate your personal skills and strengths
- Learn how to apply them to your best advantage
- Understand the changing workplace and future trends
- Identify opportunities for re-skilling, up-skilling and life-long learning

Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Due to high demand for places we are currently fully booked. We are looking to see if we can get more places.

Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 16 th 11.15 a.m. (JD) Hugh Roche, Togher.
Sun. 23 rd 11.15 a.m. (BN) Johnny Hynes, Currnaboll. Also, dec. family members.

Drum Masses this week

Sat. 15th 8 p.m. (BN) Joe & Mary Duignan, Clonellan.
Sun. 16th 10 a.m. (MH) Willie Harney, Doohan. Also, parents Thomas & Mary Ann.
Mon. 17th – Wed. 19th . No Mass.
Thurs. 20th 7 p.m. John Egan, Mount Florence.
Fri. 21st 7 p.m. Frank Lennon, Creggane. Also, parents Thomas and Elizabeth.
Sat. 22nd 8 p.m. (MH) Paddy & Margaret Mulvey, Johnstown. Also, Jim Hynes.
Sun. 23rd 10 a.m. (JD) Kitty Seery, Clonellan.

Spring Stations in Drum

Anyone wishing to host the Spring Stations can contact the Drum Parish Office on 0906437125.

Irish Heart Foundation Church Gate Collection

will take place on Saturday 22 nd and Sunday 23 rd .February. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Beginning Experience weekend

for people who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation 3-5 April 2020 at Redemptorist Centre Esker Athenry Co. Galway,
Tel; Maureen 0876646896 or Mary 0879384446.

Tormey Villas, Athlone The Memory Café

Friday 17th January from 2pm to 4pm in St.Kieran's Community Centre, Tormey Villas, Athlone
The Memory Café is a welcoming place for people with memory loss, Alzheimers (or other dementia's) along with their family, friends to relax and enjoy socialization, refreshments, discussion and enjoyable activities / entertainment. This is a free service and takes place on the third Friday of every month. For further information contact Fiona 087 6381051

Clann na ngeael Registration

on Friday 28th February in Johnstown Clubhouse from 6 – 9pm & Sunday 1st March Monksland Community Centre between 10:30 – 12 noon for both boys and girls from u6 up to minor level

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Bus leaving the Church Car Park, Roscommon for this event @ 7 a.m. sharp & B & Q Bus Stop Athlone at 7.30 a.m. on 22nd February, 2020. To book a seat contact Marian at 086 8068259

Western Alzheimer's

Looking for volunteers for our Befriending Service. Befriending is where a person provides companionship to a person living with dementia for 2/3 hours per week. Full training and induction will be provided. If you are interested or please join us at our information events:

Roscommon -February 12th at 12:00pm in Hannon's Hotel,
Castlerea -February 13th at 11:00am in Tully's Hotel or contact tel. 09066 27816

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

ARISE

Young Adult 18+ National Event takes place in Knock Shrine on Saturday March 7th 2020.
There will be inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults. Registration is from 10am and the day will finish at 4:30pm, Cost €10. For more information, booking, etc. Please contact Frank McGuinness, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Elphin. Text, WhatsApp, Call, etc. to 087 9880690.