

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church		
Saturday 29th February		
	(BN) 6.30 p.m.	Brian Lenehan.
Sunday March 1st (MH) 9:00 a.m. Mass for the people of the parish		
	(JD) 10.30 a.m.	Mary Kirwin
	(BN) 12 Noon	Susan Reilly
Monday:		
	9.30 a.m.	No Intention
		Followed by Novena
	7.30 p.m.	Gerry Lynch
		Followed by Novena & Benediction
Tuesday:		
	7.30 a.m.	No Intention
	9.30 a.m.	Louie, Mary, John, Michael, Kathleen, Clem Angela & Marty Kelly
Wednesday		
	7.30 a.m.	No Intention
	9.30 a.m.	Larry & Mary Hanley
Thursday:		
	7.30 a.m.	No intention
	9.30 a.m.	No Intention
Friday:		
	7.30 a.m.	No Intention
	9 30 a.m.	No Intention
	7.30 p.m.	Paul Gibson , May & Larry Collins Eileen & Michael Carty, Tom O' Sullivan John Keyes, Mary & James Curley.
Saturday March 7th		
	9.30 a.m.	Tom Dowd
	(MH) 6.30 p.m.	No Intention
Sunday		
	(JD) 9:00 a.m.	Mass for the people of the parish
	(BN) 10.30 a.m.	Michael Kenny & deceased family members
	(MH) 12 Noon	Seamus McCann

Ar dheis Dé raibh a n-anamacha

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Morgan Keena, Cornafulla; Andrew (Buddy) Dolan, Iona Park; Una Bowes, Cappataggle, (nee Macken formerly of Lisdillure) who died recently may they rest in peace.

Bell Circle & Parish Bingo

Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre. *Main Prize Winners:* €200 Catherine & Tommy Berry €50 Kieran Gavin €30 Ruth & Rory West
Inter-Parish Bingo Every Sunday ay 8pm in the Dean Crowe Theatre

Athlone Probus Club

Mass for deceased members will be celebrated in the Oratory, Costume Barracks on Monday March 2nd at 11am, Relatives are invited to attend.

Offertory Collection: February 23rd € 1,635.00
Donations towards heating € 183.50
Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

Parish Newsletter



1st March 2020
First Sunday in Lent

Our Parish on-line

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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

- Temptation in one form or another is unavoidable. Honestly examining our daily experience will reveal many hints of temptation.
- We can recognise impulses and tendencies contrary to our conscience.
- To justify these temptations and make them socially acceptable and politically correct — is itself an insidious temptation.
- We claim the right to decide for ourselves what is right and wrong, to draw new boundaries of acceptable behaviour, setting aside what God may want of us.
- This is like Adam wanting to eat the forbidden fruit. Our growth to Christian maturity calls for some moral struggling, to follow the path of Jesus.

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

Monday; 9.30am & 7.30pm
Tuesday - Thursday; 7.30am & 9.30am
Friday; 7.30am, 9.30am & 7.30pm
Saturday; 9.30am



Confirmation Preparation Programme



The Programme continues this coming week in Drum & in Town.

Tuesday evening from 7pm—8pm in Drum Hall

For candidates from Cornafulla, Ardkeenán & Summerhill NS.

Thursday evening from 7pm—8pm in St. Peter's School Hall, Excise Street.

For candidates Cloonakilla, Dean Kelly, St. Peter's & Clonown NS

National Widows Association

A meeting of the Athlone Branch of the National Widows Association will take place on Wednesday 4th March in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel at 8pm. New members welcome.

Elphin Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Assisted Pilgrims Fund

Fundraiser in aid of Elphin Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Assisted Pilgrims Fund will be held in the Abbey Hotel Roscommon on Monday March 9th at 9pm.

Music & Dancing from 9pm to midnight Tickets: €10 available on the door.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from August 28th to September 2nd 2020.

- Direct flight from Knock to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival from the airport to your hotel with guide assistance
- 5 nights' accommodation at selected hotel in Lourdes
- Daily breakfast, lunch and evening meal served at hotel
- Transfer from your hotel to Lourdes Airport for return flight
- Direct flight from Lourdes to Knock
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

Assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports the cost is from €735 inclusive of tax. Booking JWT Dublin 01 241 0800

Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 1st. 11.15a.m. **(BN)** Mary Shine, Curnaboll. Also, Dec. family members.
Fri. 6th . 8p.m. **(JD)** Mary Shine (Peter's Wife), William and Mary Shine and Dec. family members, Taylorstown.
Sun. 8th 11.15a.m. **(JD)** Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh.

Drum Masses this week

Sat. 29th 8p.m. **(JD)** Johnny Naughton, Clonellan. Also, Dec family members.

Sun. 1st 10a.m. **(BN)** John Dunning, Drumlosh.

Mon. 2nd - No Mass.

Tues. 3rd 7p.m. - Confirmation Programme for Ardkeenán, Cornafulla and Summerhill in Drum Parish Hall.

Wed. 4th - No Mass..

Thurs. 5th 7p.m. - Patrick and Kathleen O'Neill, Mt. Hussey & Dec family members. Also, Stella Brockman.

Fri. 6th 7p.m. - Kitty Cunniffe, Cornafulla North.

Sat. 7th 8p.m. **(BN)** Mary Higgins, Ardkeenán.

Sun. 8th 10a.m. **(MH)** Mary and Tony Duignan, Clonbulia. &, Dec family members.

Spring Stations in Drum

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

Drum I.C.A.

monthly meeting in Drum Parish Hall on Tuesday 3rd . March at 8 p.m. All members requested to attend and new members most welcome.

Roscommon S.P.C.A

will hold a church gate collection on Saturday March 7th . and Sunday March 8th .

Knights Of Columbanus—ALPHA Programme

ALPHA weekly programme is commencing Wednesday 4th March in St Ciaran's House St Marys Square Athlone at 7:30—9pm. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of Christian Faith. Each night begins with food followed by a 30 minute video and then, time for small group discussion. ALPHA is run free of charge. For more info : Ireland.alpha.org

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Envelopes containing the Trocaire Lenten Campaign Boxes are available in the Porches of the Churches in the Parish. You can check out the work they do at www.trocaire.org

Clann na gaeil 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

Flooding in Athlone

A Public meeting in relation to flooding in Athlone will be held in **the Bounty Bar on Monday night 2nd March @8.15pm**. This is an issue that is affecting so many in our community, while there are no simple solutions the only way forward is people standing together.

Ark of Divine Mercy

will host First Saturday in honour of our Blessed Lady at St Ronan's Parish Church Taughmaconell on Saturday March 7th 2020 starting at 2.00pm Concluding with Mass. Celebrant Fr Joseph Luke. Details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on 087 7828283.

Lent ! What can I do different this year.

Lent is a time of reflection, a time to become reconciled with God and with ourselves, a time of preparation for Easter. If we prepare well we can truly experience the resurrection of Jesus in our own hearts, through this resurrection we can get the grace to accept things, leave things behind get the courage to reach out and begin to live again.

Make time for reflective prayer (When we **listen** in prayer we **do** hear the voice of God.)

Allow yourself to feel forgiven (Ask God to help you let go of the pain we hold from the past)

Do simple acts of kindness, (say a kind work or smile and say hello to a stranger ...)

Give of your time to help others. (When we help others we help ourselves too)