

# St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

## Parish Newsletter

2nd February 2020

The Presentation of the Lord  
(Candlemas Day)



### Our Parish on-line

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Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church		
<b>Saturday 1st Feb (JD)</b>	6.30 p.m.	Margaret Harte (1st Anniversary) Danny McCracken (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 2nd Feb (BN)</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass for the people of the parish</b>
	<b>(MH)</b> 10.30 a.m.	Deceased members of The Naughton Family Clongowna
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(JD)</b> 12 Noon	Rita & Kieran Gavin
	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention <b>(Followed by Novena)</b>
	7.30 p.m.	Bridie Dolan, Jimmy Redmond, Mary Bridget Stevens <b>(Followed by Novena &amp; Benediction)</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Paddy & Kathleen Malone & Deceased Family Members
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Tom Henry & Deceased family members
<b>Thursday:</b>	8.00 a.m.	Mass in The Liturgical Centre
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Joe & Winifred O'Meara
	9.30 a.m.	No intention
	7.30 p.m.	Peter Nally (1st Anniversary) Michael Flynn (Months Mind) Esther Fallon, Pauline Flynn, Mary Ganley, Maureen O'Hara, Mary & Willie Grehan, Alfie Nally, Tommy Freeburn, Kathleen Killian, Tommy Keogh
<b>Saturday 8th February</b>	9.30 a.m.	Mary, John & Sean Dillion
<b>(BN)</b>	6.30 p.m.	Terry Mcloughlin (Months Mind)
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	<b>(MH)</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass for the people of the parish</b>
	<b>(JD)</b> 10.30 a.m.	Pat Ward
	<b>(BN)</b> 12 Noon	No Intention

### Ar dheis Dé raibh a n-anamacha

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died recently Enda Browne (nee Galligan), Lakelands, Roscommon Road, Eileen Hannon (nee Murray) Gorrynagowna who died recently in England may they rest in peace.

### Bell Circle & Parish Bingo

Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre. *Main Prize*

Winners: €200 Aiden Ward: €50 Tobin Mullin: €30 Paul Harney

**Inter-Parish Bingo Every Sunday ay 8pm in the Dean Crowe Theatre**

Offertory Collection: January 27th € 1,697.00

Donations towards to heating € 50

Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

### Contact Details

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Fr. John Deignan P. P.

**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

As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, "Christian." We, too, received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest said, "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Therefore, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ.

### This Weekend

Sunday February 2nd Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)  
If you would like to have candles blessed please bring them to Mass with you.  
Monday February 3rd Feast of St. Blasé, Blessing of Throats.

**Blessing of Throats will take place after the Saturday Vigil Masses & after all Sunday Masses and after all Masses on Monday.**

### Monthly Holy Communion Calls

The Priests of the Parish will complete their monthly Holy Communion calls to the household on Thursday and Friday of this coming week. They will phone in advance to confirm time.

### Sacramental Preparation

Please continue to pray for the young people from the Parish who are preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, First Confessions, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We pray that through this period of preparation that they and their families may be renewed in their faith.

### Upcoming dates

- **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
The Blessing of the Sick will be offered to those who would like to receive it after Masses on Tuesday February 11th.
- **Parish Pastoral Council**  
Tuesday February 11th at 8.15 pm in Forthill House.
- **Do This in Memory Mass**  
(First Holy Communion Preparation) Wednesday February 12th
- **Monksland Community Mass**  
Thursday February 13th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre.

### 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**

### Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 2nd. at 11.15 a.m. (BP) Val Slevin, Clonown.  
Fri 9th. at 8pm (MH) Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning, Newtown East.  
**Sun. 9th. at 11.15 a.m.** Tommy, Patrick and Annie Dunning, & deceased family members.

### Drum Masses

Sat. 1st. at 8 p.m. - Bridget, John and Tom Duignan, Clonellan.  
Sun. 2nd. at 10 a.m. - William and Margaret Macken, Creggane.  
Mon. 3rd. - Thurs 6th. - No Mass.  
Fri. 7th. at 7 p.m. - Private Intention.  
Sat. 8th. at 8 p.m. - James and Kathleen Greene, Doohan.  
Sun. 9th. at 10 a.m. - Mike and Mary Kate Hynes, Drumlosh.

### New Courses in 2020 Dr Stevens Resource Centre

Reception/Frontline Office Skills Course - QQI Level 5, Tuesday 11th February 2020, every Tuesday for 8 weeks from 10am to 1pm. Word Processing - QQI Level 5, Wednesday 12th February 2020, for 8 weeks from 10am to 3pm. Payroll (Manual & Computerised) Course - QQI Level 5, starting March 2020. Please Tel: (090) 6473001 to secure a place.

### "Wellness for Parents workshop

commenced February 12th at 10am to 11.30am in Monksland Community Centre. This FREE workshop assists parents with tools to deal with stress with relaxation techniques, coaching and planning. For booking and information contact Teresa O'Brien on 086 029 1215 or email [teresa@ridc.ie](mailto:teresa@ridc.ie)."

### "Our Lady's Bower Prayer Group

Monday 3 February in Our Lady's Bower Day School @ 8.15 pm Celebrant Fr. Luke Ohemi.

### DRUM I.C.A.

Meeting in Drum Parish Hall on Tuesday 4th. February at 8 p.m. All members requested to attend and new members most welcome.

### Remembrance Service

The Annual Service of remembrance for parents who have experienced bereavement through the loss of their baby or child will be held in Portiuncula Hospital Chapel, Ballinasloe on Monday February 3rd at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

### Summerhill NS, School Enrolment Evening

are holding their enrolment evening on Tuesday 4th Feb 2020 from 6pm to 7.30pm. Why not come along and see what our lovely school has to offer. If you are not available on that date, you can call the school directly at 090 6492037 to get an enrolment

### 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!**

### Dean Kelly N.S. Senior Boys' School

(2nd to 6th Class) Open / Enrolment Day Wednesday 5th February from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Tel: 090 6492000 should you wish to make an appointment with the Principal, Sandra Lennon

### Cornafulla N.S. Enrolment and Open

morning 9.30am - 10.30am and evening from 6pm - 7pm in Cornafulla N.S. on Tuesday 11/02/20. If you are unable to come on this day, you can contact the school at 090 6437177

### Hospice Fundraising Night

The original New Avengers, Sean Walsh, Brendan Parkes, Paddy Mulally and Tom O'Neill are getting back together for one night only. On Saturday 15th February 2020 in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel & all proceeds of the night will go to the local South Westmeath Hospice. Tickets are €10 each and are available from the Shamrock Lodge Hotel or from Tom in St Peter & Pauls Sacristy. Your support for this great cause would be very much appreciated