

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

All Masses are streamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone.

For the duration of the Coronavirus restrictions the Masses will not be said in public to conform with Government Policy & for the protection or health.

The Rosary will be recited each day before Mass

Sunday March 15th	11 a.m.	Mass for the people of the parish; Jimmy & Mark West; Thomas Grenham Tess and Frank Naughton, Doohan.
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Tuesday	11 a.m.	P.J. Lawless, Cornafulla South. Mary Henry, Carricknaughton.
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Teresa Keogh; Tony Whyte, Thomastown.
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Private intention
Friday:	9 30 a.m.	Owen Shine Jnr Michael, Bridie, Mary, Noel and Kieran Dunning. Kathleen Conlon, Noreen & Bobby Gibson, James & Kathleen Drumm & Dec Family Members, Tommy & Eithne Barclay & Dec of Barclay, Sloyan & Kearney Families, Mary & Tommy Moran, Denis & John Kearney, Paddy & Maureen Joyce, Paddy, John & Tony Joyce, John & Bridget Dolan, Pat Fallon, Cornafulla.
Saturday March 21st	9.30 a.m.	Nora, Martin & Ann Kiernan; Mary Murray (Months Mind) Martin and May O'Rourke, Rathpeak.
Sunday	11am	Mass for the people of the parish Ned, Nell & John Anthony McManus: Tommy Kelly; Pakie, Michael and Chris Harney, Clonrulla. Willie and Kathleen Ward, Currnaboll.

Bell Circle & Parish Bingo

Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre. *Main Prize Winners:*
€200: Dymrna & Deirdre, €50: John McCann €30: Maureen McHugh

**Inter-Parish Bingo is cancelled for the foreseeable future to comply with the
Coronavirus restrictions**

Ar dheis Dé raibh a n-anamacha

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rosaleen Kelly, Rooskey, Bealnamulla.; Billy Galvin, late of Connaught Street & Anne Geoghegan, Bastion Court & Late of Battery Road who died recently may they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection: March 8th € 1,425.00
Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

Parish Newsletter



15th March 2020
Third Sunday in Lent

Our Parish on-line

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Sacristans'	Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

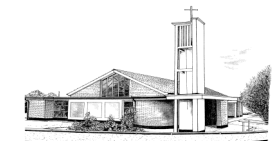
Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy



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



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



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

In compliance with the Government 's Directive regarding Covid19 the Diocese of Elphin has issued the following directives for the celebration of Mass.

The Celebration of Mass

The Irish Bishops have suggested that "it may be possible for some parishes to facilitate attendance at Mass while still observing the health authority's limit of 100 people". However, the Bishop, having consulted with clergy around the Diocese, the consensus would appear to be that this would be impossible to guarantee in practice.

Accordingly:

- The public celebration of Mass in the Diocese is suspended until and including Sunday 29th March, with immediate effect.
- The obligation to be physically present at Mass on Sunday / Holy Day is therefore suspended for everybody until further notice

Live Stream for Mass

- The faithful are encouraged to join spiritually in the celebration of Mass, either on parish radio or on webcam.
- We will celebrate Mass on weekdays at 9.30am & Sundays at 11am via our live stream
- www.churchservices.tv/athlone
- This live stream can be seen on any computer, tablet, smart phone or on most smart televisions.
- Parishioners are encouraged to pray at home, with special emphasis on prayers for the sick and for those who are caring for the sick.

The Celebration of Funerals

As a parish we will do our very best to provide for the needs of the bereaved.

As things stand, there is no need for us to cancel funeral Masses at this time. The following guidelines should be followed:

- * Ask funeral directors and bereaved families to limit participation to family and close friends so that no more than 100 people are present
- * Ask people to leave the space of one metre between themselves and those next to them
- * Ask people to express their sympathies in a way that does not involve physical contact

Ongoing Pastoral Care

While taking the natural precautions the priests of the Parish will continue to provide Pastoral Care to our Parishioners. We will remain available to visit the sick, elderly or anyone needing to meet with us should you contact us by telephone or email.

We regret having to make the above decisions but do so in the hope that it will play a part in reducing the possibility of cases or Coronavirus in this area.

Please use common sense, follow the guidelines set out by the HSE for your own protection and stay healthy.

Fr. John Deignan PP

NO Masses in Clonown Church due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

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Ongoing Pastoral Care in our Parish

The Priests of the Parish remain available to help and assist parishioners during this period of restrictions. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help.

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The National Learning Network,

Free Courses: Athlone currently have vacancies on our Vocational Training Programmes. If you are unemployed, have experienced a personal setback, illness or disability and need support, our specialized programmes may be for you or someone you know. Qualifications can be gained at your own pace whilst retaining your existing benefits. Contact Staff on 0873807080 / 0906441260

Vocations Prayer Focus for Lent - Diocesan Year of Vocations.

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38). During the season of Lent you are encouraged to offer your prayers and good works on Thursdays for the intention of an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our diocese. In particular if you can spend some time in adoration or pray all or part of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Our diocese needs your help in responding to this critical command of Jesus to pray for vocations.

Please contact Frank McGuinness, Director of Vocations for all matters related to the encouragement of vocations.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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

- Direct flight from Knock to Lourdes
- 5 nights' accommodation at selected hotel in Lourdes
- Daily breakfast, lunch and evening meal served at hotel
- Direct flight from Lourdes to Knock

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

Divine Master Centre (Liturgical Centre)

On Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm there will be a guided holy hour for all affected by the corona virus, for researchers, doctors and nurses seeking a cure. All welcome to ask God to help our fragile world at this time. Chapel of adoration, 8 castle street Athlone.

Accord - Marriage Care

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 accordsligo@eircom.net Also, Counselling Services are available at the Sligo Centre for any problems that couples may have in their relationship. Professional and confidential service is available by contacting Anne for an appointment at Accord Sligo 071-9145641