

St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

Parish Newsletter



8th March 2020
Second Sunday in Lent

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Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church		
Saturday March 7th(MH)	6.30 p.m.	John Fitzsimons, Deerpark & Betty Hamilton
Sunday	(JD) 9:00 a.m.	Mass for the people of the parish
	(BN) 10.30 a.m.	Michael Kenny & deceased family memb
	(MH) 12 Noon	Seamus McCann
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	James & Lena Lennon, Frank & Delia Collins
		Followed by Novena
	7.30 p.m.	No Intention
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Tuesday:	7.30 a.m.	No Intention
	9.30 a.m.	No Intention
Wednesday	7.30 a.m.	No Intention
	9.30 a.m.	Eileen & Paddy Gallagher
Thursday:	7.30 a.m.	No intention
	9.30 a.m.	Private intention
Friday:	7.30 a.m.	No Intention
	9 30 a.m.	Joseph, Mary, Tommy & Eithne Barclay
	7.30 p.m.	John (Sean) Nally, James & Nora O'Connor, Mary O' Neill, Frankie & Noel O' Connor, Martin & Margaret Doyle, Bridie Teddy & Mary Simpson
Saturday March 14th	9.30 a.m.	No intention
	(JD) 6.30 p.m.	Millie Fenlon (Months Mind)
Sunday	(BN) 9:00 a.m.	Mass for the people of the parish
	(MH) 10.30 a.m.	Jimmy & Mark West
	(BN) 12 Noon	Thomas Grenham

Ar dheis Dé raibh a n-anamacha

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ada Brennan, Connaught Street and Liam Shanahan, Boora and Kiltoom. Brother in law of Gerry Naughton, Drum.

Bell Circle & Parish Bingo

Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre. *Main Prize Winners:* €200 Rose, Ann & Aidan Hegarty €50 The poor Butcher €30 Badger Lennon

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

Offertory Collection: March 1st € 1,530.00

We wish to acknowledge with graduate the ongoing anonymous donor of flowers in Ss Peter & Paul's Church

Thank you for your on-going support and generosity

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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

- *Hearing God's guidance and taking it fully to heart, made Abraham the great pilgrim of faith. He can be honoured as the patron of meaningful living. All his days were marked by listening, with openness to divine guidance.*
- *This makes Abraham "Our Father in Faith", showing us the way towards Yahweh, the living God. His spirit can mark our lives too. Far from being useless or outdated, and efforts we make to follow the way of Jesus Christ are full of meaning.*
- *Progress along this way can bring us real peace of mind. As St Augustine said so memorably: "You have made us for Yourself, o Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in You."*

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



Sacramental Preparation Programmes this coming week Baptism Preparation Course

Thursday at 5pm in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

First Holy Communion Preparation

"Do This in Memory Mass" for ALL candidates in the parish Wednesday night at 7.30pm in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.

Confirmation Programme

Drum area Schools Tuesday evening from 7pm—8pm in Drum Hall
Town area & Clonown Thursday evening from 7pm—8pm in St. Peter's School Hall.

Parish Pastoral Council

A March meeting of the PPC will be held in Forthill House, Battery Road on Tuesday next March 10th at 8.30pm.

Monksland Community Mass

The Mass for March will take place on Thursday March 12th at 8.15pm. The theme of the Mass is "being reconciled". Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards. **All are welcome.**

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

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trocaire Lenten Campaign Envelopes are available at rear of churches.

Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 8th. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) Bridie & Martin Shine, Drumlish.
Sun. 15th. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) Pat Burns, Monksland. 1st. Anniversary.
Tues. 17th. at 11.15 a.m. (BN) Mary Henry, Carricknaughton.

Drum Masses this week

Sat. 7th 8 p.m. (BN) Mary Higgins, Ardkeenan.
Sun. 8th 10 a.m. (MH) Mary & Tony Duignan, Clonbulia. Also, deceased family members.
Mon. 9th. No Mass.
Tues. 10th p.m. Trisha Moore, Meehambee.
Wed. 11th. No Mass.
Thurs. 12th 7 p.m. May Collins, Crannaghbeg. Month's Mind.
Fri. 13th 7 p.m. Martin & James Kelly, Clonbulia. Also, parents John and Ellen.
Sat. 14th 8 p.m. (MH) Kathleen McManus, Dugra.
Sun. 15th 10 a.m. (JD) Tess and Frank Naughton, Doohan.
Mon. 16th 8 p.m. (MH) Vigil Mass.
Tues. 17th 10 a.m. (JD) P.J. Lawless, Cornafulla South.

Drum Cemetery Voluntary Group A.G.M

will be held on Tuesday 10th March at 9pm in Drum Parish Hall. New members most welcome. They would also like to thank all who supported their annual envelope collection.

Knights Of Columbanus—ALPHA Programme

ALPHA weekly programme is commencing Wednesday 11th 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. or more info : Ireland.alpha.org

Simon Shop Athlone

Welcomes donations of good quality clothes, shoes, handbags, household items and bric—o-brack. Thank you contact 090 6476577

Holy Hour

Kiltoom Church on Tuesday evening at 8pm. All are welcome.

Corona Virus

In response to the recent emergence of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) we are introducing a number of small procedural changes to help reduce the possibility of spreading the virus.

- Door handles in churches will be frequently disinfected.
- Hand sanitisers are available at the doors of the churches.
- A bin has been placed at the rear of the church for disposal of used tissues.
- For the time being Holy water has been removed from fonts at doors.
- The hand shake of peace has been suspended.
- Reception of the precious blood from the chalice on Tuesday & Thursday has been suspended.
- Reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is suspended. **All parishioners are asked to receive in the hand.**
- The clergy will not greet the people as they leave the church for the time being.

These are precautionary measures drawn up with the assistance of the HSE to help should the Covid-19 Virus become present in this area.

We are all called to play our part to prevent it's spread by using a common sense approach.

- If you need to sneeze of cough and don't have a tissue do so into your elbow.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap, or sanitiser.

NB: Should you feel unwell please use common sense and seek a professional diagnosis and refrain from going to church or places where lots of people gather.