

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish
All Masses are streamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone.
There are no Masses in Drum or Clonown Churches due to the Coronavirus restrictions.
All booked intentions will be included in the Mass from
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church each day.

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

Mass listing for Sunday 7th June 2020

Sunday 7th June 11:00 am

People of the Parish; Betty Cunniffe (Months Mind);
 Serena Galligan, Cavan, recently deceased
 Hubert & Mary Naughton, Dooan and Dec Family
 members. Tommy Grenham, Buggane and Dec family
 members. James & Mary Sherlock, John Sherlock,
 Sean McCann. Sheila Quain Birthday Remembrance.

Monday 9:30 am

Sean & Betty Costello, Joe Joyce,
 Deceased members of the Ward Family,
 Kay Martin & Margaret Hoare

Tuesday 9:30 am

Tommy Duignan; Laurence & Rose Lynch & William.

Wednesday 9:30 am

Paddy Coffey

Thursday 9:30 am

John McManus, Nure his Parents, John & Annie and Joe Nolan.

Friday 9:30 am

Paddy Kelly, James & Lilly Earley, Catherine Farrelly,
 Sean Killeen, John Kileen, Marguerite Mariarity,
 Julie, James & Julia, Thomas & Margaret O'Donoghue,
 William O' Brien, Rose Wall, Paddy Molloy; Kathleen Henry,
 Johnstown. Bernard White

Saturday 9:30 am

Michael & Angela Cunningham; Blanche Harney 1st Anniv;
 Charles & Annie O'Neill, Mount Florence.

Sunday 14th June 11:00 am

Willie Shine (Months Mind), Jackie Gately, Newtown, Drum.
 Willie Greene, Cappamore. Alice, Martin & Andrew
 Corrigan James & Kate Moran & Dec. family members

Prayers at Home

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather for Mass, we would encourage you to download and print out this prayer booklet for use at home. Perhaps consider printing off some copies to pass on to people who may not have internet access. While you can pray this at any time, a good time to do so would be at the time Mass is normally celebrated in your local parish.

www.elphindiocese.ie/prayers-at-home-when-gathering-for-mass-is-not-possible/

St Vincent de Paul

We are living in very strange times. Covid 19 has changed our lives in so many ways. At this time we are all encouraged to reach out to our neighbours, to help and to give to others who are in need. But we must also remember that we all need help sometimes.

Please contact SVP on (091) 563 233 or email info.west@svp.ie or www.svp.ie

June 7th 2020 Feast of The Most Holy Trinity



St. Peter & Pauls Parish
 Athlone, Drum, Clonown

Parish Newsletter

Our Parish on-line

Email: stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com
www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com
[Facebook.com/Sspeterandpaulsparish](https://www.facebook.com/Sspeterandpaulsparish) -
Twitter ; @stpetersathlone
Live Camera Feed
www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Ongoing Pastoral Care in our Parish

We remain available to respond to sick calls, pastoral needs or if you want a chat during this period of restrictions. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help.

For Sick / House Call requests please call Fr. John 0906 6490874

Fr. John Deignan P.P.	090-6490874	frjohndeignan@gmail.com
Fr. Bernard Ngalame C.C.	090 -6492171	bernardngalame@gmail.com
Fr. Michael Hickey CSSp	090-6437125	michaelhickeycssp@gmail.com

The Parish Offices in Forthill House & Drum are closed for the foreseeable future

St Peters Parish Covid-19 Community Response Group

A voluntary community response group has been established in the Parish of Ss Peter and Paul's Athlone (Including Drum & Clonown Areas) to assist those who may be self isolating or cocooned, to get groceries, medications etc, or lonely at this time.

For Assistance 24 / 7 call 087 7195022

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite me wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

A thought for today

- Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as long as we live in this world, even though the veil which covers it is lifted ever so little.
- The Bible assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Although we cannot even begin to give a logical explanation for this, our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God.
- How this can happen is stated by St Augustine in a most beautiful passage from his "Confessions" (p. 211). "What do I love when I love my God?" he asks. Then he continues; "Not material beauty or beauty of a temporal order; not the brilliance of earthly light, so welcome to our eyes; not the sweet melody of harmony and song; not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes and spices; not manna or honey; not limbs such as the body delights to embrace.
- It is not these that I love when I love my God. And yet, when I love him, it is true that I love a light of a certain kind, a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace; but they are of the kind that I love in my inner self." "So tell me something of my God," he asks. And loud and clear they answered, "God is he who made us."

Parish Finances

I am very aware of the stresses on people financially throughout this period of restrictions, how-ever following on from a number of enquiries regarding contributing financially to the parish during these days of restrictions. There are a number of ways you can do so.

- You can arrange to have your envelopes / contribution dropped into one of the Priests houses.
- You can place your weekly contribution aside each week and drop them all in together when the restrictions are lifted.
- You could organise to set up a standing order from your bank each week / month
- you can donate directly to Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish through a link on the diocesan website on www.elphindiocese.ie .

As you are aware normally a collection for the support of the priests working in the parish is taken up on Pentecost, Due to the restrictions we cannot take this up in the normal way. If you wish to contribute to this fund please mark your envelope / donation "Pentecost" and include your name / address or envelope number. These can be dropped to any of the priests or the sacristy at Ss. Peter and Paul's church. Due to a lack of funds in this account the priests have agreed to receive a reduced salary for the time being.

Reopening the Churches for Mass

Thank you to all who responded to the call to drop in envelopes over the last few weeks. Based on the information to hand at the moment we hope to celebrate our first public Masses on Monday June 29th , but do not yet know what restrictions will apply when we do. The re-opening of the churches will require a lot of volunteers to act as ushers, sanitisers and to help with social distancing. It is good news that the date is now confirmed but we will not be allowed to open unless we can confirm we have all the safeguards including volunteers in place before hand. We will keep you informed as we get nearer the date and look forward to seeing you all again in church. If you would like to volunteer you might complete the slip across and return it to the church or one of the priests.

Fr. John

Re-opening of the Churches in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish Volunteer Form



I would like to volunteer to help when the Churches in the Parish re-open.

I will be available to help in
Ss. Peter & Pauls Church Weekday Weekends
Drum Church
Clonown Church

Name _____ Mobile _____
Address _____ email _____

We will call to discuss options and requirements. Thank you.
Please return to one of the Priests or the Parish Office marked to the attention of Fr. John

National Learning Network

Athlone are offering a range of free, specialized, vocational and rehabilitation courses. Do you have a disability or are you in recovery, having experienced a personal setback and need supports, while retaining your existing benefits, you can, at your own pace: achieve QQI skills qualification in areas like: Health Care, IT, Creative Arts, Landscaping/Horticulture etc. access Supported Work Placements, On-the-Job Training, Community Resources, Leisure and Cultural Opportunities etc ...To discuss your vocational roadmap : Contact Martin on 0873807080

FREE ONLINE SELF CARE TO WELLNESS PROGRAMME

next programme commences on Thursday 18th of June from 10.30 am to 1pm. If you are living with a long term health condition you may be interested in doing the Living Well Programme. This is a six week programme delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. More now than ever it is important we look after are mental and physical health. This Programme will commence on Thursday 18th of June from 10.30am to 1 pm and free of charge. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Olga on 087 7096443 or by email olga.maguire@mayocil.ie. You can find out more information on the programme on our website: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/hl/selfmanagement/living-well-programme/>

Trócaire Boxes

Thank you to all who have returned Trocaire Boxes, we are currently counting their contents before sending the total amount on to Trocaire. If you still have a box or would like to contribute to the Parish total please pass it on to one of the Priests or to the Sacristy at Ss. Peter & Paul's Church as soon as you can.

Thank You

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

***Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.***