

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

There are NO daily Masses in Drum or Clonown Churches for the time being.
All booked intentions on weekdays will be included in the Mass from
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at the 9.30am Mass each day.

Please note that Public Masses on weekdays will be celebrated on Monday,
Wednesday & Friday. Masses on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday will be said in private.
All Masses are streamed live on www.churchservices.tv/athlone.

Saturday 25th July

Vigil 6.30pm (JD) (Public Mass)
Private Intention

Sunday 26th July

12 noon (JD) (Public Mass)
People of the Parish
Norah Walsh; Esther Egan.

Monday 9:30 am (BN) (Public Mass Followed by Novena & Benediction)
James, Margaret & Paddy Gately

Tuesday 9:30 am (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
Mary Ellen Duffy, Clonark

Wednesday 9:30 am (MH) (Public Mass)
No intention booked

Thursday 9:30 am (MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
Tom & Mary McGuire & Daughter Dymnpa

Friday 9:30 am (JD) (Public Mass)
David Flynn; Anna, Eugene Snr & Jnr Leonard

Saturday 9:30 am (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
Christy Barry (Months Mind)

Vigil 6.30 pm (MH) (Public Mass)
Frank & Nichola Shaw & Donna Maguire

Sunday 2nd August

12:00 noon (MH) (Public Mass)
People of the Parish;
Sr. Miriam Cousins, 1st Anniv; Nell Geraghty, 1st Anniv, Joe Geraghty

St. Brigid's Church Drum

Saturday July 25th

8 pm Vigil (MH) (Public Mass)
Owen Mc Manus & his partner Leonie Kirwin; Patrick Higgins, Curryroe

Saturday August 1st

8pm Vigil (BN) (Public Mass)
No Intention booked

Our Lady of the Wayside Chapel, Clonown

Sunday July 26th

11.15am (BN) (Public Mass) No Intention booked
11.15am (JD) (Public Mass) No Intention booked

Thanks for your on-going support

Once again thank you for your continued generosity in dropping in your offerings through out the week. I also thank those of you who have made your donation through the online "Donation" button on our website. These contributions are vitally important in these challenging financial times for our parish. We are grateful for all your support.



Parish Newsletter

July 26th 2020

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish on-line

Email: stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com
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Parish Finance Committee Marie McEvilly, Chairperson c/o Parish Office
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Sacristans' Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy

THE PARISH OFFICES IN TOWN & DRUM REMAIN CLOSED AT THIS TIME

Please note, the parish offices in Town & Drum remain closed at this time. emails are being monitored and responded to. To book a Baptism or for a general enquiry please email if you can. To book a Mass in ss. Peter & Pauls Church Please call the Sacristy at Monday—Saturday 8.30am—10.15am

Return to Public Masses

Dear Parishioner's

We are happy to welcome you back to the Public Celebration of Masses in the Parish. Public Masses will be reintroduced in a phased way.

Mass Times This Week

Ss. Peter & Pauls Church

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Public Mass at 9.30

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Mass at 9.30am in Private broadcast live on Webcam.

Saturday 25th Vigil Mass 6.30pm Public Mass

Sunday 26th Mass at 12 noon

St. Brigid's Church Drum

Saturday 25th Vigil Mass 8pm

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown

Sunday 26th at 11.15am

Revised Confirmation Dates 2020

Due to Social Distancing regulations all Confirmation Ceremonies will take place in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church this year.

Thursday September 17th

Cornafulla National School Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 11am

Summerhill National School Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 3pm

Friday September 18th

Ardkeen & Dean Kelly National Schools Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 11am

St Peter's National School & Clonown Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 3pm

Saturday September 19th

Cloonakilla National School Miss Kiely's Class Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 11am

Cloonakilla National School Miss Connaughton's Class Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 3pm

We will make contact directly with candidates families shortly to give full details.

Please note that these dates will be provisional as we will still be subject to Government restrictions, which can change at very short notice.

First Holy Communion

Dates will be announced nearer to when the schools reopen as we need to hear First Confessions before the children can receive their First Holy Communion.

We already have all the contact details for candidates so there is no need to make contact with us regarding them.

Baptisms

Most of the Baptisms have now been rescheduled,

We have had difficulty contacting a couple of families, If you had planned a Baptism and have not heard from us to confirm the date please contact one of the Priests. To book a baptism please contact any of the priests.

St. Peters Parish CE Project has the following Vacancies available.

You must be eligible for Community Employment before you can apply.

- Caretaker/Cleaner in St.Peters Parish Centre **Job Ref:2149006**
- Caretaker/Cleaner in Drum Community Centre **Job Ref: 2149038**
- Environmental Worker in Monksland Tidy Towns. **Job Ref: 2149005**

If you require any further information please contact the Project office on 0906493270 or email petersparishce@gmail.com

Support of the Clergy

As you are aware at Easter & Pentecost we take up a collection towards the support of the Clergy in the parish. This year it was not possible to take these collections up. I wish to thank those who have send in a contribution and invite those that have not yet done so to consider doing so over the coming couple of weeks. While the Clergy have agreed to a reduction in salary the salary account will have a zero balance once this months salaries are paid. Contributions should be marked "for the support of the Clergy".

The Clergy never receive their salary from the normal Sunday collection.

The following is a guideline for re-opening of our churches.

The Sunday / Holyday obligation has been suspended for the time being and those who cannot come to Mass are invited to participate on webcam or the parish radio link.

Please note, those who are concerned about their Sunday obligations any weekday mass fulfils all obligations for the foreseeable future.

- Those who are sick or have any symptoms of, or, confirmed COVID-19 should stay at home for the time being.
- Close contacts of a person who has a confirmed or suspected case of the virus should stay at home.
- It is suggested that those in the vulnerable category or with an underlying illness should also stay at home.

Practicalities When Public Masses Return

Entry to the churches will be through the main door only and all doors will be used to exit the church.

- Currently, with social distancing 100 parishioners can be accommodated at any one mass in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, (approx. 45 in Drum & 35 Clonown) this number will change as and when social distancing is relaxed.
- People will sit apart in seats to fulfil social distancing requirements.
- To ensure Social Distancing seats will be marked out by an Orange Sticker
However, one household can be seated together.
- **Please follow the instructions of the volunteers**
- For the reception of Holy Communion in each church. Please follow the instructions of the Stewards.
- Holy Communion can only be distributed in your hand.
- We encourage all members of the congregation to wash and sanitise their hands before leaving home and perhaps bring their own pocket hand-sanitiser with them. If you are more comfortable wearing a face mask you may do so.
- People are encouraged not to bring unnecessary items into the church for mass. i.e handbags.

Parishioners attending Masses must adhere to the instruction of the Stewards when entering and leaving the church.

Everyone **MUST** use the sanitiser provided inside the Church and sanitise when entering the Church.

The contribution for the upkeep of the parish will not be taken up at mass. A basket will be placed on a table as you enter the church and you may place your offering/contribution into it, you will be escorted to your seat. While we will try to accommodate you to sit as near to the place you normally sit please be aware that we cannot guarantee or reserve a seat for anyone.

Under the current guidelines we cannot allow any more than the safe recommended numbers into Masses, We apologise in advance if you are unable to get into the church for Mass and hope that you understand that this beyond our control.

- Without the help of volunteers and cleaners we cannot proceed to have all the Mass times as before.
- We must be able to show in advance that we have all the required people in place.
- Please see the video guide to returning to Mass on the Parish Website & on Facebook.