

Parish Newsletter



PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

August 16th 2020
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 on 0906494150 Monday—Saturday 8.30am—10.15am

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 will be said in private.

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

Mass intentions week beginning Sunday 16th August to 23rd August

Saturday	6.30pm	(MH)	(Public Mass) Jimmy O'Brien (Months mind); Mickey Rafferty.
Sunday 16th August	12 Noon	(MH)	(Public Mass) People of the Parish; Bridie McNeill Deceased members of the Gavin Family Dernasee. Hughie, Michael & Annie Macken, Frankie O'Neill
Monday	9:30 am	(BN)	(Public Mass followed by Novena Prayers & Benediction) Frank & Jim Duignan and Deceased family members John, Bridget & Patrick Halligan, Michael Vaughan Thomas Caulfield and dec. of the Cunniffe family Newtownflood
Tuesday	9:30 am	(BN)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Private intention
Wednesday	9:30 am	(MH)	(Public Mass) Bernie Broderick, Eugene & Teresa Pettit.
Thursday	9:30 am	(MH)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	9:30 am	(JD)	(Public Mass) Paddy Walsh; William, Elizabeth and Peggy Ryan, Pat & Teresa Fennell; Martin Coleman, Bridie McKinley, John Sherlock, John & Rosie Meehan, Walter & Eileen Henry.
Saturday	9.30am	(JD)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Bernie Bannon
Vigil Mass for Sunday			
Saturday	6.30pm	(BN)	(Public Mass) Bridie West (Months Mind) Jean Cunningham (1st Anniv)
Sunday 23rd August	12 Noon	(BN)	(Public Mass) People of the Parish; James, Anne, Desmond, Charlotte & Terry Whelan, Margaret Whelan, Jim Caffery, Kathleen Ward, Martin Coleman

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.
- While the Clergy have agreed to a reduction in salary the salary account does not have sufficient funds to meet the August payments.
- I wish to thank those who have sent in a contribution and invite those that have not yet done so to consider doing so over the coming couple of weeks.**
- Contributions should be marked "for the support of the Clergy".
The Clergy never receive their salary from the normal Sunday collection.

Mass Times This Week

Ss. Peter & Paul's Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 6.30pm Public Mass
Sunday Mass at 12 noon

Drum Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 8pm; **Clonown** Sunday at 11.15am

Weekday Masses 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.

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Sunday Mass at 12 noon

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Update

The Covid-19 figures this week again remind us of the risks we can still face regarding Covid-19.

With this in mind the approach being taken by the parish in relation to some kind of return to normality is a slow and cautious approach.

- In relation to Masses we currently have capacity for all those who wish to attend Mass and thankfully have not had to turn anyone away from Sunday or Weekday Masses in any of the Churches in the Parish. We are reviewing these numbers every week and will do a full review of Masses when the Government make the move to Phase 4 of the re-opening plan.
- **Our first and only concern is the welfare and safety of our parishioners**
- We are living in a very strange time and this calls for understanding and patience from everyone as we as a parish deal with the backlog of work created by the lock down and the reality that we are also preparing in excess of 150 Candidates for first Confession, 150 Candidates for First Holy Communion and 150 Candidates for Confirmation, more than 40 Baptisms and a number of rescheduled Weddings, as well as dealing with the day to day work of the Parish along side working with schools to try to reopen all 8 primary schools in the Parish on time.

As a community we have done very well in working together to keep each other safe and well. Like all of you, we too are tired and a little fed up with Covid-19 and all that it brings, but now is a time for us to remain alert, not to drop our guard and continue to work together to protect our community from this killer disease.

The Sacrament of Confirmation this year in our Parish.

We will have six ceremonies in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on Thursday Friday & Saturday September 17th, 18th and 19th. We look forward to the celebration with those to be Confirmed, their Parents and Teachers. Unfortunately because of the restricted numbers, due to Government protocols, **it is only possible for the parents and the candidate to attend the ceremony.**

We will be contacting all Candidates over the next 10 days or so with full details. I ask you to pray for our young people as they await the Coming of the Holy Spirit on Confirmation Day.

Our Lady of the Wayside Chapel, Clonown

Sun 16th 11.15am **(JD)** No Intention

Sun 23rd 11.15am **(MH)** Bridget Roche, Togher. Month's Mind.

St. Brigid's Church Drum

Sat. 15th 8pm **(BN)** Kate Rock. 1st Anniversary,
Tom and John Joe Rock. Cornafulla South;

Sat 22nd 8 pm **(JD)** James & Margaret Lennon, Summerhill.
Maureen Shine, Kielty & parents Mary Frances and Paddy & Dec. family members.

A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore.

Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600s and 1700s when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 0 (0353) 71 9861518 or info@loughderg.org for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

Volunteers

I take this opportunity to thank the Volunteers who have come forward for Stewarding & Sanitising the Churches. Without their help we would not be able to open the doors for Public Masses.

In the coming weeks we will be reintroducing more Masses however this will only be possible if we have enough volunteers to fulfil the requirements as laid down by the Government.

Volunteer application forms are available at the churches and online for download.

We need volunteers for the following roles.

Ushers

To ensure we maximise the number of available seats.

Cleaners

We are required to sanitise the churches after every Mass.
on Sundays and weekdays.

ATHLONE TOWN F.C.

Weekly Drive-In Bingo at the Athlone Town Stadium. Eyes Down at 3pm (Gates Open at 2 pm) every Sunday starting on Sunday, August 16th. A big Jackpot guaranteed to be won every week.

The Bell Circle Members extend their Condolences to The West Family on the passing of Member Bridie West

On the 22nd July, we were deeply saddened, by the news that Bridie West had died. She was our longest servicing member to our small voluntary fundraising group The Bell Circle. The Bell Circle commenced in 1956 and Bridie joined the committee after she covered a period when her mother was too sick to attend, she was a constant volunteer for our weekly draws ever since.

Bridie would walk to the Parish Hall to attend our weekly draw no matter what the weather. She would always be one of the first to arrive. She was the person that always had warm welcoming smile, greeting you as you entered asking "how are you?". Throughout her dedicated service to The Bell Circle and to the Parish of Ss. Peter and Pauls she willingly gave of her time.

Bridie is remembered with love in our prayers and thoughts. She is now joined in love with her husband Jimmy and her son Mark. The Bell Circle has lost a beautiful loving lady and we send on our love understanding and the deepest condolences to her children Paul, Caroline, Marquette, James and all her family, relatives, and friends. We lost a lady, but heaven gained a star.