

Parish Newsletter



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

August 23rd 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish on-line

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

Saturday	6.30pm	(BN)	(Public Mass) Bridie West (Months Mind) Jean Cunningham (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 23rd August	12 Noon	(BN)	(Public Mass) People of the Parish; Jim Caffery, Kathleen Ward, Martin Coleman; James Heavey; James, Anne, Desmond, Charlotte & Terry Whelan, Margaret Whelan, Tony Mc Manus & Dec. family members, Drum
Monday	9:30 am	(MH)	(Public Mass followed by Novena Prayers & Benediction) Kieran & Pat Fallon; Terry, Seamus & Mona Bleckley
Tuesday	9:30 am	(MH)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Tommy Curley
Wednesday	9:30 am	(JD)	(Public Mass) James & Margaret Lennon; John & Mary Geoghegan, Baylough
Thursday	9:30 am	(JD)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Special Intention
Friday	9:30 am	(BN)	(Public Mass) Teresa Norton; Michael Greaney; James Heavey; Larry and Mary Berrigan; Jonathan Campbell; John, Tommy, Willie, Mary, and Tessie Maloney; Anthony & Joe Fitzmaurice; Kathleen Kelly; Patrick & Bridie Egan; Lily Murtagh; Peter Keighery; Mary Clare Beardmore
Saturday	9:30 pm	(BN)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No Intention
Saturday	6.30pm	(JD)	(Public Mass) Tony Connaughton (1 st Anniversary); Owen Connaughton
Sunday 30th August	12 Noon	(JD)	(Public Mass) People of the Parish; Jimmy & Kevin Byrne; Michael O'Loughlin; Esther, John Esther & Patricia Costello

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 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.

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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

WE RECOMMEND THE WEARING OF FACEMASKS WHEN ATTENDING MASS

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 Times This Week

Ss. Peter & Paul's Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday Mass 12 noon

Drum Saturday Vigil Mass 8pm; **Clonown** Sunday 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.

Be the reason somebody smiles today!

Many of us are frustrated and maybe even a little lost as to what is really going on after the latest announcements from the Government during the week.

While we might agree or disagree with what is being done we must never lose sight of the reality that whether the decisions are the right ones or the wrong ones they are being made in good faith for the greater good.

Covid-19 continues to challenge every part of our society, it challenges each one of us individually as well.

We must remember that we are all in this together, we must understand the only way to protect life and to keep the vulnerable safe is to accept that in the short term we must all compromise for the greater good.

What we are still in control of is how we live our lives despite these temporary restrictions. One way we can help is to continue to be a support to those who are weighed down by the pandemic. The Vulnerable, the Sick, the Housebound, the lonely.

Today rather than criticise the decisions of government we might decide to contact someone living alone, someone we know that is vulnerable or frightened at this time to offer some hope and friendship. Maybe a short call to an elderly or house bound person to tell them you have said a prayer for them, or maybe ask them if they would like to say a short prayer with you on the phone. Give them a reason to smile, to feel wanted and needed.

As a community we have done so well, we have helped our neighbours we have given comfort to the bereaved, thankfully in this area we have kept confirmed case numbers low, we have learned how to stay safe and well.

Let us continue to stand together, as a community who cares, let us support one another and keep our eye on the ball, a post Covid community where we forgotten nobody and left no one behind.

Today let your goal be to make somebody smile, if only for one moment to forget Covid-19 and to feel loved, accepted, and important.

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 will only be possible for the parents and the candidate to attend the ceremony.**

We will be contacting all Candidates during this coming week 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 23rd 11.15am (MH) Bridget Roche, Togher. Month's Mind.

Sun 30th 11.15am (BN) Dan Grenham, Roscommon Road.

St. Brigid's Church Drum

Sat. 15th 8pm (JD) James & Margaret Lennon, Summerhill.
Maureen Shine, KIELTY & parents Mary Frances and Paddy & Dec. family members.

Sat 22nd 8 pm (MH) Dan Harney, Rooskey. Month's Mind.

From the Bishops Office

In our churches, parish teams and hundreds of volunteers work hard to ensure your safety and we thank them most sincerely for that. Because of their commitment and hard work, we are able to continue our liturgies safely – weekday and Sunday Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations and Funerals.

However, each one of us must continue to play our own part and take personal responsibility. We must continue practising good hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and physical distancing, make ourselves aware of the symptoms of Covid-19 and keep up to date with public health advice. Please sanitise your hands as you enter and exit the church. You may wish to bring your own hand sanitiser with you and sanitise your hands before you receive Holy Communion. We encourage you to wear a face covering and keep 2 metres apart from anyone who is not from your household. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home and follow Mass online or parish radio.

It is understandable that we are all growing weary of this virus but it is now part of our daily lives and will remain so for the foreseeable future. We are all vulnerable to Covid-19.

Stay safe and keep each other safe.

The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19? Are you finding it more difficult to cope with a pre-Covid bereavement at this time? Would it help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77 which is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. The line aims to provide comfort and emotional support.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage 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.

RSG Flexible Learning College, Derrane Co Roscommon

OPEN DAY 10.00-8.00pm on 3rd Sept. Care of the Older Person 5N2706 commencing Wed 30th September. Care Skills 5N2770 commencing on 28th Oct. Contact Monica Cooney, Quality and Training Officer Tel: +353 (0)90 66 25852 (Ext. 600),

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.

"The old and honourable idea of 'vocation' is simply that we each are called, by God, or by our gifts, or by our preference, to a kind of good work for which we are particularly fitted" - Wendell Berry