

Parish Newsletter



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

August 30th 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy

WE RECOMMEND THE WEARING OF FACEMASKS WHEN ATTENDING MASS

Please note, the parish office on Battery Road will reopen this coming week
Drum office will reopen on Monday September 7th.

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 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 & Saturday will be said in private.

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

Sunday 30th August to 6th September

Saturday	6.30pm	(JD)	(Public Mass)	Tony Connaughton(1st 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
Monday	9:30 am	(JD)	(Public Mass followed by Novena Prayers & Benediction)	Shelia Quain, Frances Connaire, Patrick Power
Tuesday	9:30 am	(JD)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)	Tom Kathleen & John Shine
Wednesday	9:30 am	(BN)	(Public Mass)	Bernie Bannon
Thursday	9:30 am	(BN)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)	Elizabeth Conneely
Friday	9:30 am	(MH)	(Public Mass)	David, Thomas & Martin Joe Egan, Svetlana Tronko, Sr Angela, Bridget & Jimmy Farrell, Tommy Gardner & dec. family members, Johnny Farrell & Dec family members
Saturday	9:30 pm	(MH)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)	Pat & Eily Beirne, Christina Woods & Fr Tom Beirne
Saturday	6.30pm	(MH)	(Public Mass)	Michael McGrath (Months Mind)
Sunday 30th August	12 Noon	(MH)	(Public Mass)	People of the Parish; Molly Grenham (1st Anniversary) Joan Friel and des members of Friel and Piggott Families

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.

Thought for this Sunday:

"Peace-making is a full-time vocation that includes each member of God's people." (Henri Nouwen)

<p align="center">Mass Times This Week</p> <p align="center">Ss. Peter & Paul's Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm Sunday Mass 12 noon</p> <p align="center">Drum Saturday Vigil Mass 8pm; Clonown Sunday 11.15am</p> <p align="center">Weekday Masses Ss. Peter & Pauls Church Monday, Wednesday & Friday Public Mass at 9.30 <i>Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Mass at 9.30am in Private broadcast live on Webcam.</i></p>
<p align="center">A thought</p> <p>So what does the Lord want from us? What does he mean by "renounce yourself," "lose your life for my sake," "carry your cross," or (in the epistle) "present your bodies as a holy sacrifice?" Surely these words don't refer to anything suicidal, to devaluing of this present life, its joys and its achievements? And yet, are these not something more than a pious way of saying: Put up with what cannot be changed? These are questions to revolve in the mind, without expecting any quick or simple solution. If we will allow, God's Word challenges us out of any complacency with a comfortable, conforming religion. It unmasks our many evasions, our double standards, our desire for "cheap grace" — wanting salvation at cut price, unwilling to involve ourselves in sacrifice.</p>
<p align="center">Return to School</p> <p>As our schools begin to reopen, we wish all of our teachers, school staff and pupils a successful and fulfilling year.</p> <p>As school returns this year it is different from past years. The challenge of Covid-19 remains. While the schools have worked hard to prepare for the return of pupils and have made changes to fulfil the requirements of the HSE it remains a challenge. The best plans on paper can often need tweaking as they go into operation.</p> <p>I am aware many parents are anxious about the return to school and many teachers and school staff members are too. Please be patient as the return to school plans unfold and encourage the teachers and staff at your child's school. They too are nervous and anxious to do the right thing. We are all in this together let us walk together and learn together and in doing so we all put the welfare of the children at the forefront of our return to school.</p> <p>We pray that, in spite of the difficult circumstances there may be joy in teaching and in learning.</p> <p>Please do not send the children to school if they, or someone at home, has flu-like symptoms.</p>
<p align="center">The Sacrament of Confirmation this year in our Parish.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Unfortunately because of the restricted numbers, due to Government protocols,</p> <p align="center">it will only possible for the parents and the candidate to attend the ceremony.</p> <p>All Candidates should have or will receive a letter in the coming days.</p> <p>I ask you to pray for our young people as they await the Coming of the Holy Spirit on Confirmation Day.</p>
<p align="center">Our Lady of the Wayside Chapel, Clonown</p> <p>Sun 30th 11.15am (BN) Dan Grenham, Roscommon Road. Sun 6th 11.15 a.m. (JD) Ann & Tom O'Brien, Oldtown.</p>

<p align="center">St. Brigid's Church Drum</p> <p>Sat. Aug 29th 8 p.m. (MH) Dan Harney, Rooskey. Month's Mind. Sat. Sept 5 th 8 p.m. (BN) Patrick & Annie Kilroy, Clonbulia. Joe Gilgan, formerly of Thomastown.</p>
<p align="center">Face Coverings:</p> <p>Along with other Christian church leaders all over this island, Bishop Kevin has formally recommended the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing. Some people, for good reasons, are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, even in contexts where it is normally mandatory. Those same reasons apply when people come to Mass and should, of course, be respected.</p>
<p align="center">New Bishop of Achonry Diocese</p> <p>Please remember in your prayer's Fr Paul Dempsey, who will be ordained Bishop of Achonry this Sunday 30th August</p>
<p align="center">The Season of Creation</p> <p>In keeping with the spirit of his letter Laudato Si, on the care of the earth, Pope Francis established September 1st as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation or Creation Time is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Resources are available on: https://www.elphindiocese.ie/the-season-of-creation/</p>
<p align="center">The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="center">COVID-19 Support Line for Older People</p> <p>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.</p>
<p align="center">Volunteers</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="center">Volunteer application forms are available at the churches.</p>
<p align="center">Dr Stevens Resource Centre, Athlone,</p> <p>Courses are starting back in September. Please phone 090 6473001 or email b.mannion02@gmail.com for more information.</p> <p>Check out our facebook page.</p>