

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 intentions Saturday 31st October to Sunday 8th November

Saturday 9:30 am (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Maureen Byrne (Months Mind)
 Pat Walsh (1st Anniversary)
 Maureen Dunning.

Sunday 1st November 12 Noon (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 All Saints Day
 People of the parish.
 Paul Grogan, Lil, Jack & Pat Ward.
 Peter, Nellie, Leo, Margaret, Padraig & Michael Shiel.
6 pm (Service in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
Prayer Service to dedicate November as a month of Prayer for our beloved Dead and the bereaved.

Monday 9:30 am (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 (Novena Prayers & Benediction) All Souls Day
 Donoghue Family Co Clare, Duggan Family Galway,
 Phelim & Josephine McManamon

Tuesday 9:30 am (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Patrick, John, Doris & Margaret Kenny

Wednesday 9:30 am (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Elizabeth (Lil) Ward and deceased family members,
 Pat and Mary Ellen Duignan

Thursday 9:30 am (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 John, Margaret & Doris Kenny

Friday 9:30 am (MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 All saints of Ireland
 Ann Shine, Owen Shine Snr, Enda McLoughlin,
 Nora, Noel & Gerry Caldwell. Joe & Elizabeth Hussey
 Oliver & Catherine Craughwell, Oliver Nicholson
 Ned and Catherine Shine.

Saturday 9:30 am (MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Teresa Mee (Months Mind),
 Mary Malone, Norman & Ann Johnson,
 Eileen & Edwin Teape & grandson Alan.

Sunday 8th November 12 Noon (MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Jackie & Nellie Gough, Eamon Egan, Seán Boyle.
 Kitty & Jimmy Browne & daughter Nora
 Kathleen Seery and deceased family members.



Parish Newsletter

November 1st 2020 All Saints Day

The names on your November Soul's Lists will be placed on the Altar and remembered in every Mass During November. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ongoing Pastoral Care in our Parish During Covid-19 Level 5

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

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

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.

Covid-19 Level 5

From Thursday morning October 22nd the Government have placed the entire Country on Level 5 Lock-down until December 1st.

What does this mean to us in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish?

Masses must once again be celebrated in private.

- ◆ We will continue to celebrate Mass in private Monday – Saturday at 9.30am and at 12 noon on Sunday.
These Masses will be livestreamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone
- ◆ There will be no Mass in Drum or Clonown until the lockdown is over.
Masses booked in either church will be celebrated on that day in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.
- ◆ The Churches do remain open for private prayer every day until 6pm
- ◆ Funeral Masses are allowed but limited to 25 persons.
- ◆ Weddings are allowed but limited to 25 persons.
- ◆ Baptisms are not allowed at the moment.
- ◆ No other public ceremonies are allowed during this time.

Clergy

The Priests in the Parish remain on duty and will respond to any sick or pastoral calls while observing the recommendations laid down for the safety of themselves and those they are ministering to.

Fr. John Deignan PP 0906490874

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Due to the changing nature of Covid-19 the above may change at any time.

Please stay safe and stay well. Please look out for those who are elderly or living alone.

A phone call can make all the difference to someone who may be feeling lonely.

Keeping you all in Prayers

I know there is a lot of worry and concern about the continuing situation with Covid-19. It is easy for people to feel down and even trapped. Fear can paralyse us.

The priests of the parish will continue to pray for you and offer mass that God will free us from fear and rid us of this virus.

May those who are tasked with the health and governance of our country, make wise and prudent decisions, so that we may all enjoy again the company of family and friends.

May we be able to gather as a Christian community to worship and care for one another.

Take heart today from the words of the prophet Isaiah.

**Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming**

November Souls Lists

The November Souls Envelopes are available in the Church Porches from this weekend.

Once completed please return to any of the Priests, The Sacristy or Parish Office.

All Names will be placed on the Altar in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church and remembered in all Masses during the month of November.

Birthday Congratulation's to Josie Curley, Monksland, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on Friday. We hope you had a lovely day.

Dates for your Diary.

During the Lockdown we will live stream the following religious ceremonies on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Prayer Service to dedicate November as a month of prayer for our beloved dead and the bereaved.

Sunday November 1st at 6 pm

Annual Mass of the Angels

Wednesday November 11th from 8 to 9 pm

A Mass to remember all babies and children who have died at any stage of life.

Annual November Mass for those who have died in the Last Year

Wednesday November 25th from 8 to 9 pm

We remember in this Mass all who have died in the last year. During the Mass we will light a candle in memory of each one of them.

Please let people know about these ceremonies and where possible you might assist anyone with internet difficulties to get on line for them.

November Service of Prayer from Sligo Cathedral

November Service of Prayer and Remembrance for the Dead and the Bereaved will be led by Bishop Kevin at **3pm in Sligo Cathedral this Sunday 1st November**. We invite all to join us to pray for those who have died during the year and to comfort the bereaved in this most difficult of years. The prayer service will be streamed live at www.churchservices.tv/slilocathedral

Plenary Indulgences for November.

The Vatican has published the following regarding Plenary Indulgences during this period of pandemic.

To avoid the risks associated with crowds gathering, the Plenary Indulgences normally associated with November, for visiting a cemetery or for visiting a Church, may be obtained on any days during the month of November.

The usual conditions for gaining the indulgence include Confession, Holy Communion and Prayer for the Pope's Intentions.

Under present circumstances, Confession and Holy Communion are not immediately possible because of the pandemic, it is sufficient that a person makes an Act of Contrition, rejects sin and has a firm intention to celebrate those Sacraments as soon as reasonably possible.

The elderly, the sick and all who for grave reasons are unable to leave their homes can also gain the indulgence at home, under the same conditions if they pray the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the faithful departed or spend time praying one of the Gospel passages from the funeral rite or perform a work of mercy, offering to God the pains and labours of their own lives.

Parish Finances

Weekly contributions

I thank those who have dropped contributions in over the last couple of weeks. During the period of lockdown you can drop contributions into any of the Priests Houses or to the Sacristy at Ss. Peter & Paul's. There is an on-line facility to donate for the upkeep of the Parish this can be accessed through the Parish website.

Support of the Clergy

I also thank those who have generously supported the collections for the support of the Clergy. If there are any outstanding contributions they can be dropped to any of the priests or the Sacristy at Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.