

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 week beginning

Sunday 18th October to Sunday 25th October

Saturday	9:30 am	(MH)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Mick Fenlon (Months Mind) Nuala Naughton (1st Anniv) Pamela Warde (1st. Anniv) & her daughter Sarah Smith (nee Warde). Teresa Norton Pake & Agnes O' Brien. Martin Mc Manus.
Sunday 18th October	12 Noon	(BN)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) People of the Parish Vera O' Keefe . Harry & Peg Murray. Deceased of the Mc Manus family. Kutch & Paddy O Rourke. Brenda & Freddie Madden. Brendan Freda & Joan Madden. Peter, Pauline and Kathleen Watson. James, Irene and Ronan Mulligan.
Monday	9:30 am	(BN)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam followed by Novena Prayers & Benediction) Daniel & Margaret Mc Cracken.
Tuesday	9:30 am	(BN)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday	9:30 am	(MH)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No intention Booked
Thursday	9:30 am	(MH)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No Intention Booked
Friday	9:30 am	(JD)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Joe Lynch. Ciss Keegan. Ann Naughton. Joe & Ellen Cahill & Dec. of the Cahill & Flynn families.
Saturday	9:30 am	(JD)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Gerry Ward (1st Anniversary) James & Catherine Lennon. Jimmy Kirwan. Ellen & John Lennon & deceased family members.
Sunday 25th October	12 Noon	(JD)	(Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) People of the parish. Carmel, Michelle & Damian Lehart. Liam Hynes. Christy Mc Manus .Mary Dunning & Dec family members.



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



Parish Newsletter

October 18th 2020
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mission Sunday

Ongoing Pastoral Care in our Parish During Covid-19 Level 3

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

Fr. John Deignan P.P.	090-6490874	frjohndeignan@gmail.com
Fr. Bernard Ngalame C.C.	090 -6492171	bernardngalame@gmail.com
Fr. Michael Hickey CSSp	090-6437125	michaelhickeycssp@gmail.com

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 3

From Wednesday morning October 7th the Government have placed the entire Country on Level 3 Lock-down for at least three weeks.

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

The most visible change will be that Masses must once again return to being 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.
- ◆ No other public ceremonies are allowed during this time.

Clergy

The Priests in the Parish 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
Fr. Bernard Ngalame CC	0906492171
Fr. Michael Hickey	0906437125

**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.**

Message from Bishop Kevin - Covid-19

I am very conscious of the huge disappointment that we all feel as a result of the renewed restrictions throughout our country, especially as such a very fine job has been done over the past three months in preparing our Churches for the safe and dignified celebration of the liturgy. Thanks to the excellent work done in all our parishes, no cases of infection have been notified which originated in church settings. Unfortunately, given the wider spread of viral infection, there is a concern that the virus may spread wherever there is a gathering of people.

It is important that we retain a strong sense of the presence of God with us and to be united as a community in prayer.

Please continue to follow all the public health guidelines and stay safe.

+ Bishop Kevin

First Holy Communion

Please remember the children from Cloonakilla National School who should have received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We hope to be able to celebrate it with you as soon as possible.



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.

Christ Continues to Call

- Bishop Kevin Doran – Discipleship and Mission In Changing Times (Pastoral Letter 2020)
I believe, without question, that Jesus Christ continues to call people to priesthood. The difficulty is that, with all the other distractions there are in modern life, relatively few people seem able to hear His call.

The question then – and it is a question for all of us, not just for the Bishop – is this: “how can we, as individuals and as a community, create spaces for listening?”

How can we cooperate with the intention of Jesus, that we would have enough priests in the future, so that we can continue to draw life from the Eucharist and the other Sacraments?”

Try Alpha!

An On-line Alpha Course for Adults -

Alpha is designed to help participants discover the basics of our Christian faith and grow in a deeper personal relationship with God.

The Diocese of Elphin will be running an ON-LINE Alpha Course beginning Monday 2nd November at 8pm. The course, which is free of charge, will continue each Monday at 8pm, for 10 weeks, allowing for a 3 week break over the Christmas & New Year.

Each weekly session will last for a maximum of 1 hour.

Those who are interested should register with

Frank McGuinness @ frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie or

David Muldowney @ david@quaternitytech.com

before 1st November.

Please search YouTube with “alpha course trailer 2020” for the promotional video and overview of the course. Ideally you will need access to a computer, laptop or iPad (or equivalent). The course will be delivered via Zoom.

Please don't hesitate to contact either of us should you have any queries or require help with getting Zoom up and running in advance of our first Alpha session.

Syrian Refugee Blanket appeal:

For more info see www.creideamh.ie/blanket-appeal

Caring For Our Common Home

Online Conversation, 7.30 - 8.30 pm, Tuesdays 20th & 27th October. See www.elphindiocese.ie/conversations for more details. All welcome.

Community Employment Vacancies (CE Scheme)

- Caretaker Monksland Community Centre Job Ref: 2159733
- Cleaner Caretaker Monksland CC Job Ref: 2162026
- Caretaker with Drum Church Job Ref: 2162015
- Caretaker with Drum Community Centre Job Ref: 2162020,
- Environmental Caretaker Monksland Tidy Towns Job Ref: 2149005

Anyone who would like to apply for the above positions must be eligible to participate in Community Employment.

For more information contact Parish Centre on 090 6493270 or 0861020278 Mon to Fri.