

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
 All Masses are streamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone.
 All booked intentions on weekdays will be included in the Mass from
 Ss. Peter & Paul's Church each day.

For the duration of the current Covid-19 restrictions Masses will be said in public on Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Saturday vigil Masses in town and Drum and Sunday Masses in all three Churches. Morning Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday will be said in Private & Live Streamed.

To conform with Government Policy & for the protection of health it is now mandatory to wear a facemask when attending Mass.

Mass Intentions Sunday 6th December to Sunday 13th December

Sunday 6th December	12 Noon	Second Sunday of Advent (BN) (Mass open to the public also streamed live) Brendan Golden, Larry & Kay Watson, Sr. Margaret Lennon
Monday	9:30 am	(MH) (Mass open to the public also streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction) Tommy, Rose, Seamus and Mary Reynolds. Pat & Rose Kirby
Mon. 7th. Dec	6:30 pm	(BG) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam) <i>Vigil mass for the feast of The Immaculate Conception</i>
Tuesday	12 noon	(BN) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam) Feast of the Immaculate Conception No Intention
Wednesday	9:30 am	(MH) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam) Thanksgiving Mass Mary, Joseph & Noel O'Connor, Agnes & Margaret Blackweir, Frances & Andy McCarthy & Dec members of O'Connor & Blackweir Families
Thursday	9:30 am	(BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No Intention
Friday	9:30 am	(BN) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam) Bill & Peggy Browne-Tone, Agnes Hanley & Sr Lourdes Hynes Jimmy & Maeve Craughwell, Paddy & Mary McCaul, Jack & Mary McCaul, Jack & Mary Laffan, Kathy Brennan, William Curran, Margaret Cuggaran, Ronan Duignan, Shelia Ellard, Michael & Sarah Fahy, Bridie Corcoran, Nancy Kenny,
Saturday	9:30 am	(BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
	6.30pm	(MH) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam) Jason Michael Murphy (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 13th December	9:00am	(BN) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam) People of the Parish
	12pm	(MH) (Public Mass, also streamed live on Webcam) Third Sunday of Advent Leo Turpin & deceased members of Turpin & Byrne Families Breda Grenham

9am Sunday Mass returns on Sunday next December



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

Parish Newsletter



December 6th 2020
Second Sunday in Advent

Contact Details

Fr. John Deignan P.P.	Ashford, Monksland 090 6492171 stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com
Ss. Peter & Paul's Office	Forthill House Secretary Ciara O'Connell 090 -6492171 Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1pm stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com
Fr. Bernard Ngalame C.C.	Forthill House, Battery Road, 089 4678885
Fr. Michael Hickey CSSp	(Drum / Clonown Areas) 090-6437125
Drum area Office	Catherine Higgins, Secretary 090 6437125 drumparish1@gmail.com
Deacon Tony Larkin	Chaplain Colaiste Chairáin 085 7392473 / deacontony17@gmail.com
Parish Organist;	PJ Stacey 087 2486206
Safeguarding Officer;	Lisa Malone 0871440833
Parish Pastoral Council	Colm Naughton, Chairperson c/o Parish Office
Parish Finance Committee	Marie McEvilly, Chairperson c/o Parish Office
Sacristy Ss. Peter & Paul's Church (attended at Mass times only)	090 -6494150
Sacristans'	Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy

**The Parish Offices in Forthill House & Drum are closed to the public
 for the foreseeable future please correspond by phone or email.**

Dear Parishioners

2020 has been a difficult year for all of us. I personally have found it quite challenging on both a work and at a personal level, with this in mind, I have asked Bishop Kevin for temporary leave of absence from the parish. Bishop Kevin has agreed to my request.

He will assign a temporary priest, as soon as possible, who will take responsibility for pastoral care of the parish until I return.

I would be grateful for your prayers; I thank you for your support over the last 5 years and I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Fr. John

First Holy Communion Dates

Saturday December 12th

Cloonakilla Ms. Finnegan's Class	10.30 am
Summerhill	12.15 pm
Ardkeen & Clonown	2 pm

Saturday December 19th

Cloonakilla Ms. Dowling's Class	10.30 am
St Peters & Dean Kelly	12.15 pm
Cornafulla	2 pm

- All ceremonies will be held in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.
- Numbers are limited to the candidate and three family members.
- We regret imposing the restrictions on numbers above but are guided by and must adhere to the Government's policies during this time of Pandemic.

FoodCloud Charities

Are you a registered charity that uses food or provides food to people in need in the community?

Are you interested in collecting good surplus food from your local retailer?

Get in touch with the FoodCloud support team 01 5313478 or by emailing charities@foodcloud.ie

Community Employment Vacancies with St. Peter's Parish CE Project.

- Caretaker/Cleaner with St. Peters Parish Centre Job Ref:2164506.
- Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns Job Ref:2149005.
- Caretaker/ Cleaner with Drum Community Centre Job Ref:2162020.
- Caretaker with Monksland Community Centre Job Ref: 2164509.

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups.

If you are interested in any of the above positions please ring 09064 93270 or email: petersparishce@gmail.com

Clonown Masses this week

Sun 6th Dec 11.15am	(MH)	Mary and Johnny Flynn. Also, Sonny Egan.
Mon. 7th Dec 8 pm.	(BN)	Johnny Shine, Currnaboll.
Sun 13th Dec 11.15 am	(BN)	Seán Shine, Buggane.

Drum Masses next weekend

Sat Dec. 5th 8pm	(MH)	Mary Macken, Lisdillure.
Sun Dec. 6th 10am	(MH)	Sr. Margaret Lennon, Curryroe.
Mon. 7 th . Dec at 8 p.m.	(MH)	
<i>Vigil mass for the feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>		
Sat. 12 th . Dec. at 8pm.	(BN)	Seán Coyle, Ardkeen. Month's Mind.
		Michael and Mary Glynn, Crannaghmore.
Sun. 13 th . Dec. at 10am.	(BN)	Paddy and Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg.

Area Boxes are ready for distribution and can be collected at the parish office. Could you please contact the parish office to arrange collection.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Christmas Masses in Athlone Area

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish, St. Mary's Parish & the Franciscan Friary are working together to ensure we can accommodate as many people as possible for Mass on Christmas Eve / Christmas Day. In total there will be 31 Masses available between tea time on Christmas Eve and Lunchtime on Christmas Day. There will be one on-line Children's Mass broadcast live from Coosan Church at 5 pm Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30pm	Our Lady, Queen of Peace (Online only Children's Mass)
6:00pm	St. Anthony's Friary / St. Brigid's, Drum / Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown
6:30pm	Ss. Peter & Paul's
7:00pm	Our Lady, Queen of Peace
7:30pm	St. Mary's
8:00pm	St. Anthony's Friary / St. Brigid's, Drum / Our Lady of the Wayside, Drum
9:00pm	Ss. Peter & Paul's
9:30pm	St. Mary's
10:00pm	Our Lady, Queen of Peace / St. Anthony's Friary

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30am	St. Anthony's Friary
8:30am	St. Mary's
9:00am	Our Lady, Queen of Peace
9:30am	St. Anthony's Friary
10:00am	St. Mary's / Ss. Peter & Paul's / St. Brigid's, Drum Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown
10:30am	Our Lady, Queen of Peace
11:00am	St. Anthony's Friary
11:30am	St. Mary's
12:00nn	Our Lady, Queen of Peace / Ss. Peter & Paul's / St. Brigid's, Drum / Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown
12:30pm	St. Anthony's Friary
12:45pm	St. Mary's

Thank you

I would like to thank those in the three parish areas who are working towards preparing the churches for the celebration of Christmas. The Christmas trees and crib are up a little early in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church this year and I hope they enhance the celebration of First Holy Communion over the next two weekends. Thank you to all involved.