

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

All Masses are streamed on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone).

All booked intentions from all our Parish churches 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 Private

### Mass Intentions Sunday 31st January to Sunday February 7th

<b>Jan 31st</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)</b> Paddy Kenny, Mary Kate and Mike Hynes, Drumlosh. Joe and Mary Duignan, Clonellan.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>(GA) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers &amp; Benediction)</b>  <b>Feast of St. Brigid</b>  Fr Tommy Moran, Danny McCracken, Aaron, Esme & Frank Fernandez
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)</b> <b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)</b> Patrick & Kathleen Malone & Deceased family members
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)</b> <b>Feast of St. Blaise (Prayer of Blessing of throat's will be said during Mass)</b> Tom Henry & Deceased family members
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)</b> Roy Smith & deceased Family members
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)</b> Margaret Harte, Mary O'Brien, Jimmy Redmond, Bridget Dolan, Tommy Freebourne, Alfie Nally, Rose Dunning, Clonark & deceased family members.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)</b> William & Margaret Macken, Creggane.
<b>Sunday 7th February</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)</b> Harry Meehan, (Months Mind), Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown. Breda Caulfield, Kieran & Rita Gavin, Ellen Buegling, Tommy, Patrick & Annie Dunning. Buggane & dec. family members.

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Tuesday February 2nd

Traditionally on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord we bless candles for use both in the church and in our homes. We will continue the tradition despite Masses being said in private. If you have candles you would like blessed please **put your name on them and leave them on the altar rails any time on Monday** and they will be blessed during Mass on Tuesday morning.

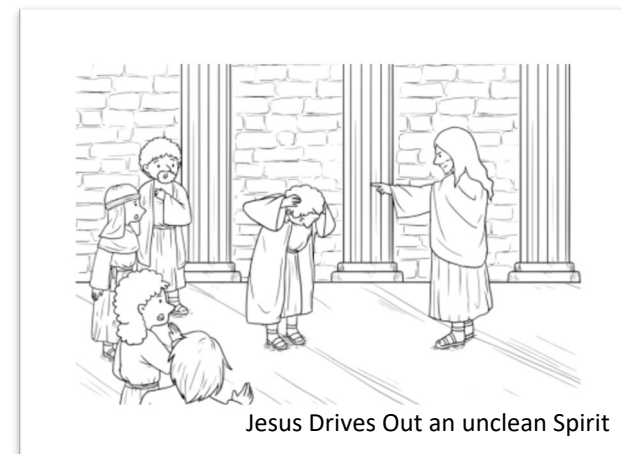
**You can collect them any time after Mass on Tuesday February 2nd.**



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

# Parish Newsletter

## January 31st 2021



Jesus Drives Out an unclean Spirit

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**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.**

- For Christians, Jesus remains the ultimate authority. Like the people of Capernaum, we recognise his authority, the authority of his teaching and his deeds, the authority of his life, death and resurrection. That is why we confess Jesus not just as our teacher but as our Lord.
- We are happy to submit to his authority, to his lordship, because we recognise that in doing so we will have life to the full, and, like the man in the gospel, be freed of those spirits that prevent us from becoming the person God intends us to be.
- There can be great reluctance today to submit to anyone. The value of personal autonomy is highly prized and sought after.
- Yet, it is not possible to live without submitting to some authority even if it is the authority of the self.
- What matters is to submit to the right authority and today's gospel suggests that such authority is to be found in the person of Jesus.

### 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.**

### Opening times of Churches:

All three churches in the parish are open daily if you wish to visit for private prayer. When in attendance please wear facemasks and adhere to all government rules. In all churches doors will be closed in advance of a funeral due to preparations required. They will re open once cleaning has been completed after mass.

**Ss Peter and Pauls 10am—5pm Mon to Sat , Sunday 1pm—5pm**

The Crib will remain in place until the end of the month.

**Our Lady of Wayside, Clonown 9:30am—4:30pm**

**St. Brigid Church, Drum 10am—5pm**

### Feast of St. Blaise Wednesday February 3rd

The act of Blessing of throats will not be possible this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

The prayer of blessing of throats will be prayed during Mass on Wednesday Morning.

### World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Bishop Kevin will celebrate Mass for World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life on Tuesday 2nd February at 10.30am in the Cathedral.

**You are invited to join online at [www.sligocathedral.ie](http://www.sligocathedral.ie)**

### Virtual Holy Hour for Young People

Elphin Youth Ministry with Elphin NET Team will host a Holy Hour every Tuesday evening which will be broadcast on Facebook live and Instagram. It can be accessed via any of the links below. Music, Prayer, Reflection, Healing and Blessing.

**Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/elphindiocese/live](http://www.facebook.com/elphindiocese/live)**

**Instagram: [Instagram.com/elphinneteam](https://www.instagram.com/elphinneteam)**

### Collection to support the Parish Clergy

The Parish clergy appreciate very much all those who have contributed to the Christmas Collection. This is one of four collections in the year that goes to support the parish clergy. I invite anyone who has not already done so, to please return their contribution as soon as possible. Míle buíochas.

We are also very grateful to the area distributors for their service in distributing the envelopes and the boxes of envelopes for the weekly offerings. Again our thanks to all of you who are returning your weekly offerings for the upkeep of our Parish churches, office and facilities.

If you have not received a box and would like to contribute, please contact the office at 090 6492171. Thanks.

### Options for payment

Online on parish website <https://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com/>

After 9:30 a.m. daily mass, sacristan will be available, call to back door of church.

### Parish Secretaries will be available in

**Forthill House Mon - Fri 10:00 — 2:00, Drum Mon to Thur 9:30 — 1:30 .**

Envelopes can given to any of the parish churches and we will deliver them to their specific church

### Booking of Masses

Masses which have been booked in any parish church are included in 9:30am daily mass in Ss Peter and Pauls on their booked dates.

If you would like to book a mass please contact our sacristan who are available daily morning only 8:30 am—10:30 am . Contact number 09064 94150

### 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.**

### Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity

Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity beginning Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021. [www.continuousrosary.com](http://www.continuousrosary.com)

### Accord – Relationship Counselling

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at 087-6765425 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.

### Community Employment Vacancies (CE Scheme)

Caretaker / Grounds person Drum Community Centre Job Ref: 2168143

Caretaker / Grounds person Monksland Community Centre Job Ref: 2168150

Cleaner / Caretaker St. Peter's Church Job Ref: 2168154.

To qualify you must be in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment for a minimum of 1 year.

For further information contact Annette at 0906493270 or 0861020278 between 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday & 9am to 1pm Friday.

**Jesus heals the man in Capernaum,  
people recognise the power of his message**