



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

Parish Newsletter

14th March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mother's Day



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.
Mass Intentions Sunday 14th March to Sunday 21st March

Sunday 14th March (BN)	(Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
12 Noon	Ann Geoghegan 1 st Anniversary Michael Kenny & deceased family members, Susan Reilly, Thomas Grenham, Pat Burns, Kathleen & Dinny Owen McManus, Tony & Mary Duignan and dec. family members. Tommy & Eithne Barclay & Dec. Fam. members of Barclay Sloyan & Kearney
Monday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction) Frances Vaughan, Tom & Masie Byrne, Ellen Kenny
Tuesday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Edward, Delia, Ted & Paddy Leonard, JJ Carr
Wednesday 12 noon	17th March St Patricks Day (RM) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Mary Henry, P.J. Lawless
Thursday 9:30 am (MH)	(Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Private Intention
Friday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) (Holy Hour & stations of the cross directly after mass) Harry, Cissie & Noel Ballinger, Mary Thynne
Saturday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) No Intentions
Sunday 21st March 12 Noon	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Nell, Ned & William Anthony McManus Seamus McCann, Kathleen & Willie Ward Tommy, May, Frances & Mary Curley, Tony White Jnr

Weekly Envelopes

We take this opportunity to thank all who continue to return their weekly envelopes and for giving so generously. We appreciate your continued support and help

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 be dropped into any of the parish churches and we will deliver them to their specific church. If you have not received a box of envelopes and would like to receive one, please contact the office at 090 6492171. Thank you.

To Contact the Priest on call at any time please call

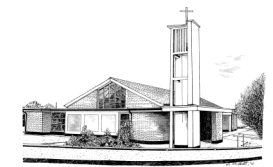
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**Ss. Peter & Paul's
Church, Athlone**



**St. Brigid's Church,
Drum**



**Church of Our Lady of the
Wayside, Clonown**



A Prayer for Mothers on Mothers Day

Dear Lord, today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures.

I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

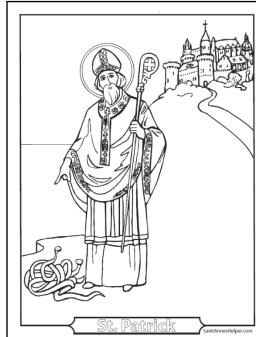
Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. For our mother's whom you have called home to be with you I ask that you always keep them in your care. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour forever and ever.

St. Patrick's Day

On Wednesday next we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick. In doing so we celebrate him bringing the Christian faith to our shores.

Mass on St. Patrick's day will be live streamed at 12 noon. Sadly this will be our second St. Patrick's day in lockdown. It has been a difficult and challenging year. We have missed having you join us for the public celebration of Mass but are always so conscious of your presence as you join us from your homes. Today we pray that the progress made to stop the spread of the Corona Virus will continue and we sincerely look forward to the return of Public Masses at the earliest possible date. Wishing you all a very happy St. Patricks Day and may God continue to both bless and protect you and your families.



Masses during lockdown

Masses are live streamed every day from Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. On Weekdays Mass will be Live-streamed at 9.30 with the Rosary recited beforehand starting at 9.10am. Sunday and Holy Day Masses are Livestreamed at 12 noon. You can stream to any device connected to the internet from anywhere in the World by following this link. www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Holy Hour on Friday mornings after Mass during Lent

On Friday mornings during Lent we will have a holy hour of prayer with station of the cross and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament directly after 9:30 mass.

The Holy Hour will be live streamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Special intention Candle

You can now light a white 7 day candle at our lady's altar in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church for any special intention. This can be organised through the sacristy at a cost of €10. each. Contact number 0906494150

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.



Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire's Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Awut and Ajak are shining examples of resilience, friendship and solidarity. This Lent we hear not only about the enormous challenges they have faced, but also about how they support each other through these challenges. Please support the work of Trócaire this Lent by picking up a Trócaire box or donating online at www.trocaire.org

Boxes are available at all Churches

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.

Community Employment Vacancies (CE Scheme)

Caretaker / Grounds person Monksland Community Centre Job Ref: 2168150
Receptionist administrator based at Monksland Community Centre Ref: 2170195
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.

Revenue Tax Rebate Scheme

As you are aware our parish, as an approved Charity is eligible to recover some of the tax from the Revenue Commissioners on the contributions made to the church.

Parishioners **whether Self-Employed or PAYE Tax Payers**, who have **contributed €250** or more to the church via weekly Offertory Collection, or Dues Collections (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, November, Stations etc.) and all other donations made to the parish, are eligible to qualify for the Tax Rebate Scheme. If you would like to receive relevant paperwork or further information, please contact Drum Office on 0906437125 or Forthill Office on 0906492171

CANA At Home

Free on-line couple retreat hosted by CANA Ireland. CANA Ireland has been serving couples and marriage in Ireland since 2012. In order to continue to serve couples during this challenging time we are providing a free online retreat via our YouTube Channel CANA Journey. This fortnightly retreat began on 29th January and continues until 9th April. www.canaireland.org