



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

Parish Newsletter

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 21st March to Sunday 28th March

Sunday 21st March	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Nell, Ned & William Anthony McManus Seamus McCann, Kathleen & Willie Ward Tommy, May, Frances & Mary Curley, Eileen McConnell (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday 9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction) Mike & Bridie Nolan, John & Hetty Goode, Sean & Mary Goode, Paddy, Mary & Mike Goode
Tuesday 9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Dennis & John Kearney, Maureen & Paddy Joyce, John Joyce, Paddy & Tony Joyce, Danny McConnell (Birthday Remembrance)
Wednesday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Christy & Molly Willis and deceased family members
Thursday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Jackie & Molly Keane, James, Kathleen, Marion, Jimmy, & Michael Drumm, Tom McGuire and his daughter Dymphna.
Friday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) (Holy Hour & stations of the cross directly after mass) Jason Fenlon (1 st Anniversary) Thomas, Maura & Niall Fitzgerald & dec. fam. Members. John Lafferty, John Duffy
Saturday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) PJ Gordon, Philomena Duignan
Sunday 28th March	
12 Noon	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Pat & Mary Crehan, Peggy McCracken, Kathleen Shine, Mary Ellen and Anthony Whyte. Teresa and Paddy Greene

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 of the office. Thank you.

21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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.



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



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



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

Springtime: A Prayer Guide for the Season of Lent



The restrictions in place because of Covid-19 mean that as a Christian Community we cannot gather for our usual religious services. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes as the "Domestic Church". It is hoped that this guide, prepared by the Diocese of Clonfert and the Diocese of Elphin, will assist you in doing just that. When we gather again in Church, let us not forget to enrich our spiritual lives by continuing to pray at home.

Download the Lenten Prayer Guide at www.elphindiocese.ie

Diocese online events for Easter

Holy Hour Online

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: <https://www.facebook.com/elphindiocese/live> Instagram: [Instagram.com/elphinnetteam](https://www.instagram.com/elphinnetteam)

Weaving the Tapestry of Death and New Life - Lenten and Easter Scripture Based Opportunity. Details available @ www.elphindiocese.ie/lent-easter All welcome.

Lenten Reflection Podcasts for Busy People. See Fr. Niall Ahern's reflections @ www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections

Lenten Way of Gentleness, Mondays 8 - 9 pm, www.churchservices.tv/strandhill All welcome.

Holy Week list of live streamed services

Monday 29th March	7:30 p.m.	Holy Hour (Led by Fr. Michael McManus.)
Thursday 1st April	8:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord
Good Friday 2nd April	12:00 Noon	Stations of the cross
	3:00 p.m.	Passion of the Lord
Saturday 3rd April	8:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th April	12:00 Noon	Easter Mass

Log on to www.churchservices.tv/athlone



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



28th March Palm Sunday

There will be blessed palms left on alters in all churches after 12 O'clock Mass on the 28th March. Please adhere to all HSE guidelines on restrictions when you are in the church .

Masks to be worn at all times when inside the church.

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 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.

Legion of Mary Online Youth Conference

The Legion of Mary Catholic Young Adult Conference via Zoom on March 27th from 5:30 - 7:30pm for young adults (18 - 40) The theme "Hope Springs Eternal" will be discussed in a great line up of short talks and testimonies mixed together with music and prayer. The Conference is free log in to Zoom: ID 847 1984 5205 Passcode: 771328 . Join with others and get a powerful injection of hope! Newcomers especially welcome.

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 You Tube Channel CANA Journey. This fortnightly retreat began on 29th January and continues until 9th April. www.canaireland.org