

Mass intentions from April 18th to April 25th 2021 in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish

All Masses are live-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. www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Sunday 18th April	(BN)	(Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Kathleen Kenny (1 st Anniversary) Pauline Nolan, (1 st Anniversary) Bridie & Michael Garrick, PJ Kearney Old Tuam Rd, Kathleen Lynch Baylough, Joe & Ned Roche, Togher. Ned, Lily and Eamon McManus, Rooskey.
Monday	9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction) Martha & Peter Grehan & Peter Jnr
Tuesday	9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Tommy Katie & Tom Lennon
Wednesday	9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Private Intention
Thursday	9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Francis Henry, 1st Anniversary. Formerly of Clonellan.
Friday	9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Michael Cruise (1 st Anniversary) John Shine
Saturday	9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Tommy Moran (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 25th April	12 Noon	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Robert Naughton, 1st Anniversary. England and formerly from Thomastown. Tom Egan Connaught Street, Lorraine Degg, Marie Farrell. Pat & Babs Treacy Dan & Mary O'Connor, Kielty. Daughters Maureen & Anne, Son Pat and daughter in law Mary. Fr. Brendan Dunning, Creggane, Clonown.

Prayer for Vocations

The Word Day of Prayer for Vocations 2021 falls on Sunday 25th April, Good Shepherd Sunday. Please join with us in praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, especially for our diocese.

If you are considering such a vocation, we encourage you to speak to your local priest or contact our Diocesan Vocations Directors, Frank McGuinness 087 9880690 or Fr. John Gannon 071 9639005 or email vocations@elphindiocese.ie



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

Parish Newsletter

April 18th 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call
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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.**



Lord, we seek You and wish to see Your face:
one day when the veil will be removed,
we shall be able to contemplate You.

We seek You in the Scriptures that speak of You:
under the veil of wisdom we welcome the cross, Your gift to all.
We seek You in the radiant faces of our brothers and sisters:
we see You in the marks of Your passion on their suffering bodies.
It is not our eyes, but our heart that sees You:
in the light of hope we hope to meet You and speak to You.

The Synodal Pathway

The Irish Bishops' Conference has announced it has proposed to embark on a synodal pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. The initial two-year phase of embarking on the synodal pathway and leading, in time, to a National Synod, helpfully coincides with preparation for the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in Rome entitled, For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission. Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences. For more information about the Synodal Pathway and how to submit your response, see www.catholicbishops.ie/synod

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.



MEDJUGORJE Young Adult Pilgrimage 18 – 35 Age

Now Taking Place in July 2021 Rescheduled from July 2020 due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Young Adult Pilgrimage 14/15 – 21/22 July 2021

Bishop Kevin Doran will lead a young adult pilgrimage to Medjugorje in July 2021.

All details and registration information below and available on: www.elphindiocese.ie/medjugorje2021/RegistrationForm

OPEN TO ADULTS AGES 18 to 35 MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS BY 14th July 2021

National Garda Youth Awards – Roscommon/Longford

Do you know a young person(s) aged between 13 – 21 years who, by their attitude and activities, make their community a better place to live or who has shown great strength & determination in their own life? An Garda Síochána wish to recognise and reward the exceptional young people in the diocese and are seeking the assistance of our communities to nominate people, either on an individual or group basis, from your family, parish and/or community as part of the National Garda Youth Awards 2021. Details of the initiative and nomination forms are available at your local Garda station or at www.garda.ie. If you know some young person(s) who you think deserves to be included in these awards please nominate them today. The closing date for submission of the nominations is Friday 30th of April 2021.

Financial support of the Clergy

We express our gratitude to those who have already returned their Easter Dues Envelopes. The Easter Dues are one of four collections that pay the salary of the three priests in the parish. Easter Dues envelopes can be returned to the Parish offices or the Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. We express our thanks to the area distributors for their help in distributing the envelopes.

We thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

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 The Parish office at Forthill House on 0906492171

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

You can return your Trócaire Boxes to any of the Churches in the Parish or drop them to the Priests Houses. Thank you for your support of the mission works of the Irish Church.

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.

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.

Athlone IT Research – Irish Centenarians

Are you or someone you know aged 100 years or older? Athlone Institute of Technology is currently researching the lives lived by Irish centenarians and is actively looking for participants. Contact Alison via email at a.fagan@research.ait.ie for more information on this project.

Understanding Pentecost

Pentecost comes soon. Would you like to learn about the Holy Spirit- the spirit of love between Jesus and God the Father? Life in the Spirit seminar led by Fr Pat Collins on ZOOM. Course Starts 05 May 2021 on WEDNESDAY evenings for 7 weeks — FREE to attend. Donations welcome. register on www.newspringtime.ie/shop

Lord, let your face shine on us