

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th December to Sunday 26th December

Saturday 18th Dec	6:30 pm	(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Karen Harkins
Sunday 19th Dec	9.00 a.m.	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Larry Watson Leo Turpin & Deceased of Turpin & Byrne Families Brenda Grenham Niall O'Hanlon, Mary Connolly
Monday 20th Dec	9.30 a.m.	(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Thanksgiving Mass Michael & Mary Kelly, their sons Bernard & Michael & daughter Phyllis Macken
Tuesday 21st Dec	9.30 a.m.	(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Mary Maisie McGuire Gertie & Johnny Farrell Bridie, Freddy, William & Tony Warby
Wednesday 22nd Dec	9.30 a.m.	(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Luke Duignan & Son Tom
Thursday 23rd Dec	9.30 a.m.	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed No Intention
Friday 24th Dec	9.30 a.m.	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed No Intention
	9.00pm	Christmas Eve Vigil
Saturday 25th Dec	9.00 a.m.	(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	Christmas Day 10:30 a.m.	(BN) No Intention
	12 noon	(BN) Tom & Teresa Flynn
Sunday 26th Dec	9.00 a.m.	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed Nuala Gordon, Mary & Caitriona Egan Jim Dillon & John Dillon

Car Parking at SS. Peter & Paul's Church

Parking in the Church grounds is reserved for those visiting the church. We ask your co-operation especially at Mass times and on days when we have Funerals or Weddings.



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

Parish Newsletter

December 19th, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

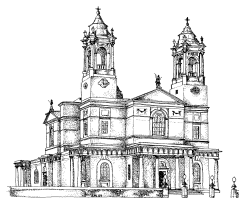


Valuing the Person

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**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy**



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,

Athlone



St. Brigid's Church,

Drum



Church of Our Lady of the

Wayside, Clonown

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 0858705804

God's great intervention...

- The two pregnant women in our Gospel today are different in age and show their concern, generosity and goodness for each other. These two great women understand the miracle of conception and birth. And in each case there was divine intervention in a truly exceptional way. The fact that these two women had this divine intervention is a reminder that our own lives too are a gift of God; what we might call ordinary grace. It is from this understanding that the Church takes its position on all life issues.

- At some moments we may recognise the hand of God in our lives. Maybe at the point when we felt we had a priestly or religious vocation or when we finally decided on our partner in marriage. Maybe it was at the birth of a child, a change in job circumstances, or the death of a parent. Maybe it was a moment in prayer, the grace of a sacrament, advice in the confessional, wise words from a friend or relative at a critical moment. Remember that every now and then, God sends people to be with us in our difficult moments to help us.

Misfortune comes without warning, but miracles do happen unexpectedly.

We must have that faith.

- God continues to work with us and for us. God takes the long view and there are periods of seeming barrenness, seeming aloneness. But these are all part of that gestation which is life on earth. We were born into this world and we will be reborn into eternal life.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS TIMES

St Peters and Paul - Saturday 18th December from 10am until 1pm
Friday 24th December Christmas Eve from 10am until 1pm

Face Masks must be worn.

Priests will be available at the top of the church as using the confession boxes is not recommended at this time.

CHRISTMAS MASSES TIMES

If you have symptoms of Covid-19 or are a close contact you can log on to our webcam for any of the Masses.

Face Masks must be worn at all times when visiting the Church.

St Peters and Pauls - Christmas Eve Vigil 9pm
Christmas Day 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon
Drum Church - Christmas Eve Vigil 8pm
Christmas Day 10am and 12 noon
Clonown Church - Christmas Eve Vigil 8pm
Christmas Day 11.15am

December 26th / Feast of the Holy Family (No vigil Masses)

St Peters and Paul— 9am and 12 noon
Drum 10am and 12 noon
Clonown: 11.15am

Weekly Offertory Collection 12.12.21 €1160

Harvest Collection €1230

Donations towards heating costs €2020

Drum Mass Intentions for Saturday 18th December to Sunday 26th December

Sat. 18th. at 8 p.m. - Mai Glynn, Crannaghmore.
Sun. 19th. at 10 a.m. - John, Bridie and Thomás Harney, Curraghaleen.
Also, Denis and Nora Minogue, St. Peter's Tce.
Thurs. 23rd. at 7 p.m. - Bridie Moore, Meehambee. Daughter Mary and deceased family members.
Fri. 24th. at 8 p.m. - Christmas Eve. People of the Parish.
Sat. 25th. at 10 a.m. - Christmas Day. People of the Parish.
Sat. 25th. at 12noon - Christmas Day. People of the Parish.
Sun. 26th. at 10 a.m. - Maisie and Emer Grenham, Summerhill.
Also, Josephine Murray.
Sun. 26th. at 12 noon - Mass.

Clonown Mass Intentions for Saturday 18th December to Sunday 26th December

Dec. 19th. at 11.15 a.m. - Michael and Bridget Hardiman, Drumlosh.
& dec. members of the Hardiman and Dunning families.
Dec. 24th. at 8 p.m. - Christmas Eve. People of the Parish.
Dec. 25th. at 11.15 a.m. - Christmas Day. People of the Parish.
Dec. 26th. at 11.15 a.m. - John, Delia and Michael Dunning. The Park.

Christmas Collection for the support of the clergy

The 2022 Parish Calendars along with the Christmas Collection Envelope (for the support of the clergy) will be distributed to your homes over the next week.

The theme of this year's Calendar is "Welcome".

We take this opportunity to thank the area distributors for their work throughout the year

Digital Advent Calendar

Now in its eighth year, the popular interactive Advent calendar is available on www.catholicbishops.ie This year's calendar theme focuses on the theme of 'Hope'. Each day during Advent a virtual door can be opened on the calendar containing faith content, including an audio/video reflection.

Carols by Candlelight – Knock Basilica

'Carols By Candlelight' performance from Knock Basilica, Sunday 19th December at 8pm. Featuring the Schola Cantorum Basilicae, the Knock Basilica Choir, together with the Contempo String Quartet and Organist Mark Keane. The carol service will be streamed live to the world on our website www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.

Lough Derg online shop

offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available – Fr La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit www.loughderg.live/shop Telephone 071-9861518 Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.

Short Advent Reflections by Fr. Niall Ahern available to podcast and to listen @ www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections offer a gentle way of entering the forthcoming Advent season. All welcome to use

**Elizabeth recognises the unique child
that Mary carries within her**