



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

## October update 2022

### Election of Parish Pastoral Council Members

Our Parish Pastoral Council helps the Parish Priest with pastoral initiatives in the parish. Each council has a life of 4 years with half its members changing every two years. We are currently seeking nominations for four new members to represent the following areas of the Parish.

**Town (from the bridge to Shines), Monksland, Drum & Clonown.**

I nominate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 28th 2022**

**Please make your nomination and return it to the parish office Marked PPC Nomination.  
We request you ask any person to be nominated if they are happy before submitting their name.**

### Social Evening for Fr. Glen & Fr Bernard

As you are all aware Fr. Glen moved to Loughlynn in July to take up his new appointment, Fr. Bernard will be returning to his home Diocese on November 27th. With this in mind we will hold a social evening to express our gratitude for their time working in our parish.

- The Social Evening will be held in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Sunday October 30th from 6pm to 9pm.
- As is tradition we will take up an envelope collection to make a presentation on behalf of the parish to both priests. We will shortly make envelopes available at the church doors or you can write Presentation to Priests on any envelope these can be returned in the collection basket or dropped into the offices in town or Drum.
- A light supper will be served. We would appreciate anyone who would like to sponsor a spot prize for the evening.
- Music will be provided by local musicians

### Special Seating in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

We are aware that some of our seniors are finding the seats in the church a little uncomfortable, with this in mind we will provide a number of individual padded chairs near the centre of the church and would ask that they are reserved for seniors.

### Heating In Our Churches

We are all victims of the energy price crisis. This will in the coming months have a huge affect on our churches. Drum and Clonown due to their size should be able to weather the storm, however in Ss. Peter & Paul's with current oil and electricity prices it is estimated that the cost of heating and lighting the church for all Masses will be in the regions of €2,000 per week, yes, per week. We will endeavour to keep as much heat in the church as we can but beg your understanding on the days it might feel cold.

### Clocks on Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

We express our gratitude for the great response to funding the replacement of the clock motors on Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. We hope to have the two clocks in the East Tower up and running again very soon. Thank You.

#### Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2023

**Summerhill NS** Saturday May 6th. at 11am in Drum Church  
**Cloonakilla NS** Saturday May 13th at 11am in Ss Peter & Paul's Church  
**Cornafulla NS** Saturday May 20th at 11am in Drum Church  
**St Peter's & Dean Kelly NS** Saturday May 27th at 11am in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church  
**Ardkeenans NS** Saturday May 27th. at 11am in Drum Church  
**Clonown NS** Sunday May 28th at 11.15am in Clonown Church

#### Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

**Dean Kelly NS/St. Peters NS & Summerhill NS**  
 Wednesday 29th March at 11am in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church  
**Cornafulla NS & Ardkeenans**  
 Wednesday 29th March at 4pm in Drum Church  
**Cloonakilla NS**  
 Thursday March 30th at 11am in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

**Our community working together in unity and love, in a spirit of communion**