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<b>PRIEST ON CALL 0858705840</b>	

**Drum Mass Intentions for  
January 31st - February 8th.**


<b>Sat. 31st - 8 pm (SP)</b>	Denise Collins, Rooskey, Bealnamulla - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary.
<b>Sun. 1st - 10 am (JW)</b>	<b>Feast of St. Brigid</b> Catherine Ward, Clonark.
<b>Tues. 3rd - 7 pm (JW)</b>	Mike & Mary Kate Hynes, Drumlosh and deceased family members.
<b>Thurs. 5th - 7pm (JW)</b>	Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown.
<b>Sat. 7th - 8 pm (SP)</b>	Michael & Annette Durney and their daughter Maura. Cornafulla North. Also, deceased members of the Durney & Shine families.
<b>Sun. 8th - 10 am (JW)</b>	Joseph and Mary Duignan, Clonellan.

**SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions**
**Saturday 31st January to Sunday 8th February 2026**

 ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on [www.churchservices.tv/athlone](http://www.churchservices.tv/athlone)

<b>Saturday 31st January</b>	<b>9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed</b> James (Jimmy) Kelly - Month's Mind. Marlene Wogan - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary. Tony Mc Hugh. Deceased members of the Kelly & Moore families.
<b>Sunday 1st February</b>	<b>9.00am (DO) Feast of St. Brigid People of the Parish</b> <b>12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Noel Mannion - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary. Edward Egan. John Mc Cormack. Mary Egan. Andrew O'Reilly.
	<b>Monday 2nd February</b> <b>9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Joe & Bridie Brassil.
<b>Tuesday 3rd February</b>	<b>9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Blessing of Throats after Masses today.
<b>St. Blaise</b>	<b>7.30pm (JD) No Intention.</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th February</b>	<b>9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Gabriel Corcoran.
	<b>6.00pm (JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.</b>
<b>Thursday 5th February</b>	<b>9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Alfie Nally.
<b>Friday 6th February</b>	<b>9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed</b> Mike & Bridget Galvin. Mike & Winnie Farrell.
	<b>7.30pm (SP) Also Live Streamed</b> Mattie & Una Grehan. Tommy Freeburne. Bridget Dolan. PJ & Kate Murray.
<b>Saturday 7th February</b>	<b>9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention.
	<b>6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed</b> Daniel (Danny) O'Neill - Month's Mind. Kathleen (Kay) Lennon - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary. John, Eileen & Martin Lennon. Donal & Eileen Murphy. Bill Burke - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.
<b>Sunday 8th February</b>	<b>9.00am (DO) People of the Parish</b> <b>12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed</b> Michael Daly.
	Laurence & Pat O'Connell and dec. family. James, Kathleen & Michael Mulligan and dec. family. Bridie, Annie, Joe & Edward Connolly. Thomas O'Donoghue, Tommy Keogh.

**Upcoming Feast Days**

<b>February 2nd</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> Blessing of Candles at Mass
	<b>Mass at 9.30am in Ss. Peter &amp; Paul's Church</b>
<b>February 3rd</b>	<b>Feast of St. Blaise</b> Blessing of Throats
	Masses at 9.30am & 7.30pm in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church & 7pm in Drum Church on Feb. 3rd.
	Blessing of throats in Clonown after Mass on Sunday next Feb 8th
<b>February 18th</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	Masses Ss. Peter & Paul's 7.20am, 9.30am & 7.30pm Drum 7pm, Clonown 8pm

**Clonown Mass Intentions for  
February 1st - February 8th.**

<b>Sunday 1st Feb - 11.15am (SP) Feast of St. Brigid</b>	Mary Shine, Curnaboll.
<b>Friday 6th Feb - 8pm (JW)</b>	Paddy Joe & Rose Dunning. Newtown East and deceased family members.
<b>Sunday 8th Feb - 11.15am (SP)</b>	Hugh Roche formerly The Togher.

## Feast of St. Brigid

In ancient Ireland, a beacon of kindness, compassion, and spirituality shone brightly in the form of Saint Brigid, a legendary figure whose legacy continues to captivate hearts to this day. Born around 451 AD in the province of Leinster, Brigid's life was a testament to the transformative power of faith, generosity, and determination. As a child, Brigid was exposed to the harsh realities of poverty and hardship, yet her innate empathy and strong sense of justice drove her to care for the marginalised and the outcast. Her selflessness and devotion to the poor, the sick, and the downtrodden earned her the admiration and respect of the community, and her reputation as a healer, teacher, and leader soon spread far and wide.

According to legend, Brigid's piety and miracle-working abilities were evident from an early age. She was said to have possessed the power to heal the sick, to bring prosperity to the land, and to protect the vulnerable from harm. Her extraordinary gifts were matched only by her humility and kindness, as she travelled the countryside, establishing monasteries, schools, and hospitals, and providing comfort and solace to those in need.

One of the most enduring symbols of Saint Brigid's legacy is the iconic cross that bears her name. According to tradition, Brigid created the cross from rushes she found on the ground, using it to explain the teachings of Christianity to a dying pagan chieftain. The Saint Brigid's Cross, with its intricate woven design, has become an enduring emblem of Irish heritage and a powerful reminder of the saint's boundless love and compassion.

Throughout her long and storied life, Saint Brigid remained a steadfast champion of the poor, the oppressed, and the environment. Her commitment to social justice, education, and the arts continues to inspire generations of artists, activists, and spiritual seekers. As we reflect on the remarkable life and legacy of Saint Brigid, we are reminded of the profound impact one person can have on the world, and the enduring power of kindness, compassion, and faith to transform lives and shape the course of history.

### A Call to Sacred Service: Ministers of Holy Communion

We invite members of our Parish community who feel called to deepen their dedication to the Church by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Minister).

This is a vital and deeply special ministry. As a Eucharistic Minister, you will join our dedicated existing team to assist in distributing the Body of Christ to the faithful during Mass. Furthermore, this calling extends beyond the sanctuary. Ministers have the profound opportunity to bring Holy Communion to our homebound, elderly, or sick parishioners, ensuring the comfort and grace of the Sacrament reaches all members of our community.

**If you discern a call to commit to this rewarding ministry, please register your interest.**

There are two easy methods for signing up:

- **Digital Sign-Up:** Scan the dedicated QR Code located to the right of this notice.
- **Parish Office:** Contact the Parish Office directly during regular business hours.



All new applicants will participate in a **mandatory, short training and formation course**. This preparation ensures that all ministers are properly instructed in the reverence and procedure required for distributing the Eucharist.

We look forward to welcoming you to this truly fulfilling and special ministry.

### February Monksland Community Mass

Will be held on Thursday February 12th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre, on the Old Tuam Road. In our Mass we will pray for all who are sick and the anointing of the sick will be available for anyone wishing to receive it. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**Tea, Scones and friendly chat afterwards.**

PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

HOLY HOUR

**Join Fr. Michael for Holy Hour**

**In St. Brigid's Church, Curraghboy**

Thursday 5th February

at 8.00pm

#### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
Frances O'Hara (née Dooley), Glasson.  
**May she rest in the peace of Christ.**

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our local branch would like to thank all those who contributed so kindly to their annual fundraising collections during the month of December.  
We are deeply grateful for your support.

#### Taizé Holy Hour - Prayer & Meditation

In the chapel of Coláiste Chiaráin, Tuesday evenings from 7pm, led by Deacon Tony Larkin. All are welcome.

#### St. Peter's N.S. Enrolment

Is now open for 2nd - 6th Class and MGLD Special Classes.  
Please see our website for more details.

[www.stpetersschool.ie](http://www.stpetersschool.ie)

#### The Samaritans confidential support

If you are feeling lonely, depressed, isolated or need to talk to someone about something that is bothering you.

**Call the Samaritans on 116 123, 24 / 7 It's good to talk!**

#### Dean Kelly N.S. Enrolment

Is now accepting new enrolments for school year 26/27.  
Please see our website for more details.

[www.deankellynationschool.com](http://www.deankellynationschool.com)

#### Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

#### Offertory Collection

**Sunday January 25th € 1,725.**

**Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.**

**If you wish to set up a weekly / monthly standing order for your contribution**

*(Please ensure you include your envelope number in the narrative section)*

**Ss Peter & Pauls Church** **IBAN** IE68 AIBK 9322 6436 857014 **BIC** AIBKIE2D

**St. Brigid's Church** **IBAN** IE92 AIBK 9322 6411 809048 **BIC** AIBKIE2D

**Clonown Church** **IBAN** IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063 **BIC** AIBKIE2D

**Support of the Priests** **IBAN** IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 **BIC** AIBKIE2D

Please note that you must be eligible for Community Employment in order to apply for the above positions. A person that is between the ages of 50 - 61 and signing for credits for more than one year may also be eligible to participate on a CE programme. For more information please contact the above number Monday to Friday between 9am To 1pm. A video on CE can be seen in the "What's Going On" section of the Jobsireland website, at end of the homepage.