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



Sat. 31st - 8 pm (SP) Denise Collins, Rooskey, Bealnamulla
- 1st Anniversary.

Sun. 1st - 10 am (JW) **Feast of St. Brigid** 
Catherine Ward, Clonark.

Tues. 3rd - 7 pm (JW) Mike & Mary Kate Hynes, Drumlosh
and deceased family members.

Thurs. 5th - 7pm (JW) Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown.

Sat. 7th - 8 pm (SP) Michael & Annette Durney and their
daughter Maura. Cornafulla North.
Also, deceased members of the
Durney & Shine families.

Sun. 8th - 10 am (JW) 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

Saturday 31st January 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
No Intention.

6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed
James (Jimmy) Kelly - Month's Mind.
Marlene Wogan - 1st Anniversary.
Tony Mc Hugh.
Deceased members of the Kelly
& Moore families.

Sunday 1st February 9.00am (DO) Feast of St. Brigid
People of the Parish
12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Noel Mannion - 1st Anniversary.
Edward Egan.
John Mc Cormack.
Mary Egan.
Andrew O'Reilly.

Monday 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
Joe & Bridie Brassil.

Tuesday 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
Blessing of Throats after Masses today.

3rd February 9.30am (JD) No Intention.
Tom Henry & deceased family.

7.30pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
Gabriel Corcoran.

Wednesday 9.30am (JW) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
4th February (JD) Also Live Streamed
Alfie Nally.

Thursday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
Mike & Bridget Galvin.
Mike & Winnie Farrell.

Friday 9.30am (SP) Also Live Streamed
Mattie & Una Grehan.
Tommy Freeburne.
Bridget Dolan.
PJ & Kate Murray.

Saturday 9.30am (DO) Also Live Streamed
7th February No Intention.
6.30pm Vigil (DO) Also Live Streamed
Daniel (Danny) O'Neill - Month's Mind.
Kathleen (Kay) Lennon - 1st Anniversary.
John, Eileen & Martin Lennon.
Donal & Eileen Murphy.
Bill Burke - 2nd Anniversary.

Sunday 9.00am (DO) People of the Parish
8th February 12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
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.

February 2nd Upcoming Feast Days
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Blessing of Candles at Mass

Mass at 9.30am in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
February 3rd Feast of St. Blaise 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
February 18th Ash Wednesday
Masses SS. Peter & Paul's 7.20am, 9.30am & 7.30pm
Drum 7pm, Clonown 8pm

Clonown Mass Intentions for
February 1st - February 8th.
Sunday 1st Feb - 11.15am (SP) Feast of St. Brigid
Mary Shine, Currnaboll.
Friday 6th Feb - 8pm (JW) Paddy Joe & Rose Dunning.
Newtown East and deceased family members.
Sunday 8th Feb - 11.15am (SP) 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 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

Community Employment Vacancies

St. Peter's Parish C.E. Project CLG., St. Peter's Parish Centre, Chapel Street, Athlone. N37YX27 Tel: 090 6493270

The Following Community Employment Positions are available on our Project.

| Job Ref: | Position / Project Area |
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| 2425382 | Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall. |
| 2425383 | Caretaker/Grounds-person Clonown Community Project. |
| 2425379 | Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club. |
| 2427818 | Caretaker/Grounds person Drum Church & Parish Hall. |
| 2429879 | Caretaker/Grounds person Monksland Community Centre. |
| 2427815 | Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns. |
| 2429882 | Receptionist/Administrator St. Peter's Project Office |

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.

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.deankellynationalschool.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)

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| 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 |