MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church) (Saturday, 31st October - Sunday 8th November)

Patrick McCann (Month's Mind) Saturday: 6.30 p.m.

Mass for the People of the Parish Sunday: 9.00 a.m.

> 10.30 a.m. Thomas & Phoebe Milton

12 noon Paul Grogan

Holy Souls Monday: 9.30 a.m.

> 7 .30 p.m. "NOVENA"

> > Joe & Elizabeth Hussey, Mary Vaughan, &

Catherine & Jim Ward

Tuesday: 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday: 9.30 a.m. Josephine & Phelim McManamon

Thursday: 9.30 a.m. Elizabeth (Lil) Ward

Friday: 9.30 a.m. Anne Shine

> 7.30 p.m. "SHARED MASS"

> > Billy Cassidy, Mary Oliver, Eric & Ollie Waters,

Owen Shine (snr), Johnny & Mary Harney,

Baby Treacy, Enda McLoughlin,

Kit & Christine Keogh, Kitty & Jim Higgins

Norman & Annie Johnson & Robert Bourke Snr & Jnr.

Saturday: 9.30 a.m. Jimmy & Kitty Browne

> 6.30 p.m. William & Mary Clarke

Sunday: Mass for the People of the Parish 9.00 a.m.

> 10.30 a.m. Frank & Maureen Sherlock

12 noon Eamon Egan

# **REST IN PEACE**

# SR. AGNES O'REILLY R.I.P.

May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved family relatives and friends.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 25th October...... € 1,930 MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: ..... € 670



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# **ALL SAINTS**

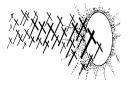
# **1ST NOVEMBER 2015**



Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." \_ Mt 5:11-122

## **REFLECTION - Your Finest Moment**

Can you recall doing something so noble that even you were surprised? It may not have been something really big - it may have been something quiet small, but whatever it was, when you look back on it you feel a deep-down goodness. Jesus knew all about the value of these moments and the way in which they help us to stand full-stature. His life was full of them.



In today's gospel Matthew outlines some key ways in which our lives will overflow with such moments. He gives us a blue print of the sort of attitudes that we need to acquire so as to become saints - in fact, this is our real calling! Jesus is persistent about these attitudes - he lived them fully at each and every moment of his life. When we try to live them we get glimpses of our own deep down goodness and nobility. Seeking to live the spirt of the beatitudes is *the* shortcut to sanctity.....and it takes a lifetime!

However, we don't do it alone. Jesus is there to encourage us, to walk with us and even to carry us when the going gets difficult. He loves us so much - in the manner of lovers, he wants to be our first and last love. He doesn't desire we live on this earth forever.... He wants us to be with him until death (his and ours) - and well beyond. Jesus, in the manner of *real* lovers links himself so closely to each of us that we could say he bears our unique fingerprints - our DNA is a perfect match!

P.Š. It's OK to expect a reward that far surpasses the feeling of deep-down goodness. Later on in his gospel Matthew spells out quite clearly what's in store for those who bear, recognise and love Jesus' fingerprints (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

Pope Francis invites us to renew our vocation and let ourselves be marked with joy and compassion, since the culmination of love "is a journey, which grows, grows, and grows."

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES ...... are available at the back of the Church for those who wish to have their deceased relatives and friends prayed for during the month of November.

SS. PETER & PAUL'S PARISH, ATHLONE , CHURCH RESTORATION FUND is holding a

NEVEN MAGUIRE CHRISTMAS COOKERY DEMONSTRATION on Wednesday, 9th December in Radisson Blu Hotel at 8 p.m. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Tickets €25. Tickets available at Hotel Reception, Tel. 090-6442600 Sacristy, Parish Office Tel. 090-6492171 and Arcade Interiors, Pearse St. Tel. 090-6494131

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will take place in Parochial House, Deerpark, Rd, on Tuesday, 3rd November At 8 p.m. All members requested to attend.

**PARISH BINGO......**Athlone Joint Parishes Bingo, a special bingo on Sun. 8th Nov. in Dean Crowe theatre and St. Mary's Hall. Over €3,400 in prizes. €1,000 jackpot must be won on the night. Starting at 8 p.m. sharp

# **DRUM MASS INTENTIONS**

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Sat	31st	8 p.m.	Eamon Griffin, Ardkeenan	
Sun.	1st.	10 a.m.	Margaret Brien, Creggane followed by Rosary in Cemetery	
Mon.	2nd	7 p.m.	Mass for the Faithful departed	
Tues.3rd 8 p.m.		8 p.m.	Holy Hour	
Wed.	4th	7.30 p.m.	First Holy Communion Commitment Ceremony	
Thur.	5th	7 p.m.	Pat & Anne Cunniffe, Thomastown	
Fri.	6th	7 p.m.	Jim Nugent, Summerhill	
Sat.	7th	8 p.m.	Bridget (Bea) McManus Ardnanure (Month's Mind)	
Sun.	8th	10 a.m.	Oliver Nicholson, Cornafulla South	

**DRUM I.C.A.** Monthly meeting on Wednesday, 4th November at 8 p.m. sharp in Drum Parish Hall. (Note change of date and time). All members requested to attend. New members welcome.

ARDKEENAN N.S. TABLE QUIZ to help raise funds for Ardkeenan Nation School on Thursday, 5th November at 8 p.m. in Athlone Springs Hotel. Table of four €40. Your support would be greatly appreciated

I would like to thank all who supported the weekly collection and made donations towards the repair of the Stain Glass Windows.

**MAYO.ROSCOMMON HOSPICE** church Gate Collection on Saturday, 7th & Sunday, 8th November. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 27th October** €200: Josie Harney; €50:Hilda & Emer & €30: Kathleen Martin.

**Commitment Ceremony** for Ardkeenan, Cornafulla & Summerhill N,.S. at 7.30 p.m. in St. Brigid's Church Drum on Wednesday, 4th November.

**ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY** Conducted Holy Hour from 3-4 p.m. followed by meeting in Liturgical Centre on Tuesday, 3rd November

**PRAY & PLAY** for children aged 5 - 8 yrs. in Friary Hall on Sun. mornings at 11 a.m. Children will learn stories from the bible and about the Catholic Faith through fun and games using art, drama and music. Booking essential. Tel Friary Office at 64-72095 or 086-0783994

**Monthly meeting of Widow's Association** on Wednesday, 4th November at 8 p.m. in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. New members welcome

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Friday 6th Nov. Stephen, Annie & Patrick Fallon and deceased family

Sunday 8th Nov. Patsy Dunning, Ballinaculla (Month's Mind)