

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 28th November - Sunday, 6th December)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Private Intention
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Jack & Mary Carty
	12 noon	Shay Naughton
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	John & Elizabeth Roche & Mary Crehan
	7 .30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Josephine & Jimmy McGowan & Michael & Hughie Macken
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Seán & May Kavanagh & John Masterson
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Birthday Remembrance Catherine Lennon Moran
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Mary & Joseph O'Connor, Agnes & Margaret Blackweir, Frances & Andy McCarthy, Lena & Thomas McCormack, Charlie Pendry & deceased of Rushe & Quinn families
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Catherine Lyons & Patrick & Mary Maughan
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Patrick & Elizabeth Hynes, Mary Vaughan, Deceased members of the Gibson family, Peggy & Joe Moore & Donal Kelly, Patrick & Rose Kirby, Margaret, Joseph & George Norton & Hubert Carberry
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Paddy Darcy Snr
	6.30 p.m.	Brendan McFadden
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Lynch
	12 noon	Miriam Lenehan

REST IN PEACE

JIMMY DUFFY, R.I.P., Iona Park
SEÁN CAULFIELD, R.I.P., Summerhill
ROSIE GREENE, R.I.P., 26 Auburn Villas
JOHN WADE, R.I.P.,(brother of Joan Kildea, Monksland who died in Newry,Co. Down)

May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

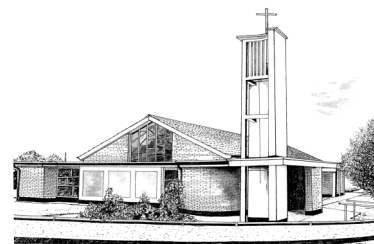
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 22th November..... € 1,825
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: € 685



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Newsletter

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29th
NOVEMBER 2015



"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

— Lk 21:27-28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

REFLECTION - Urgent and Heartfelt Appeals

It's often so encouraging to see the way people respond to disasters. Our refugee crisis is an invitation to put our love into action. So many persons are responding generously to the urgent and heartfelt appeals that cry out to us. This generous response reminds us that something in our nature is stirred to instinctively respond whenever we tune into an appeal to our goodness.



Today, as we begin a brand new Liturgical year, we listen to an appeal to our goodness. Whenever we start something new, whether it is a new job, a new school, or even a new relationship, we are offered an opportunity to extent ourselves in some way. As we enter this first Sunday of Advent our Gospel could be read and prayed about in the following light: Jesus is stirring our nature to generosity. He places before each of us an appeal that is both urgent and heartfelt. This particular appeal is to be **felt** by the heart, Enabling us to experience new life in the privileged dwelling pace of God - the human heart.

We know that excesses of wine or immorality dull our capacity to feel. Few of us would notice and pinpoint the way an excess of worry and cares eat into our peace of heart. Perhaps this Advent, I might surprise myself with my response to the urgent and heartfelt appeal of Jesus. (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 1st at 8 p.m. in Parochial House, Deerpark Rd. All members requested to attend.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING in Sr. Bernard's residence Tearmon Michéal, the Docks every Tuesday morning at 10.15 a.m. all welcome.

BUS TO ALL NIGHT VIGIL TO KNOCK will leave on 7th December from Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 8.30 p.m. Tel Teresa at 0868062253 (after 12 noon) or Caroline at 086-1960256

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR - organised by St. Aloysius College Parents' Association on Sunday, 29th November 12 - 5 p.m. - in **St. Aloysius College Sports Hall**, Parnell Sq. Festive bakes goods, chutneys & jams, patchwork quilts, Christmas Candles etc. For more information contact Caroline 0851406604

First Saturday in Honour of Our Blessed Lady Mass at the Ark Centre, 23 Mitchell Tce. On Saturday, 5th December at 2.30 p.m. Mass at 3 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Turlough Baxter. All welcome. Details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on 087-7828283

CHRISTMAS PARISH BINGO.....Athlone Joint Parishes Bingo are holding 3 special Christmas bingo's on Sunday 6th, 13th & 20th Dec. in the Dean Crowe Theatre and St. Mary's Hall. Over €3,400 in each night with a €1,000 jackpot which must be won on the night. Christmas Sports. Starting at 8 p.m. sharp

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	28th	8 p.m.	Denis & Nora Minogue, St. Peter's Tce
Sun.	29th	10 a.m.	Thomás Naughton, parents Patrick & Mary, Clonark
Mon.	30th		No Mass
Tues.	1st	7 p.m.	Margaret Murray, Creggane
Wed.	2nd	7 p.m.	Dan & Lizzie Hynes, Drumlosh
Thur.	3rd	7 p.m.	Charlie & Annie O'Neill, Mt. Florence & deceased family
Fri.	4th	7 p.m.	Deceased members of the O'Reilly & Grenham families
Sat.	5th	8 p.m.	Francie Watson, late of Ardkeenan
Sun.	6th	10 a.m.	Patrick & Delia Moore, Meehambee.

Presentation of Gifts: Saturday 5th Team 5.

DRUM REMEMBRANCE CHRISTMAS TREE.....A Christmas tree will be put in place in Drum Cemetery to remember all the deceased buried in our local graveyard. A ribbon will be placed on the tree on Sunday 20th December after the 10 a.m. Mass. The cost is €2 per ribbon. The ribbons will be on sale after the masses in Drum Church and in SS. Peter & Pauls Church next weekend and from Drum parish office from 23rd Nov. until the 18th Dec. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to Drum voluntary Graveyard Committee for the upkeep of the graveyard. A family in the parish is responsible for this fundraiser.

DRUM I.C.A. Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, 1st December in Drum Parish Hall. All members are requested to attend. New members most welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 23rd November
€200: Terri & Mary, €50: "Lucky Card" & €30: Emily Barrett

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL will hold its annual flag days and church collection on 4th 5th & 6th December. Demands are still alarmingly high and members in Athlone are concerned about being able to meet the needs in your locality.

THE SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS CONCERT in Franciscan Friary Church on Thursday, 10th December at 8 p.m. It will feature The Army Band, Tenor David Martin, Athlone A Cappella and Athlone Town Pipe Band. Compere; RTE'S Cathal Murray. Tickets € 12: the Castle Gift Shop and the Friary. The Samaritans are available on Freephone 116 123 24hrs. For anyone who is troubled, despairing or just needs to talk to someone in confidence. They can also email jo@samaritans.org.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	29th Nov:	P.J. & Mossey Curley and deceased family members
Friday	4th Dec.	Seán Boyle and deceased family members
Sunday	6th Dec.	Bernadette Molloy and father, Jack Dunning