

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 13th February - Sunday, 21st February)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Mary Kelly (1st Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Mannion
	12 noon	Laurence & Pat O'Connell & deceased of the O'Connell & Mulligan families.
Monday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" John King (Month's Mind), Warren Hynes, Bill, Agnes & Michael Stacey.
Tuesday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Thursday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	Annie & Paddy Fallon
Friday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	William O'Connor
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Ann Ganly, Michael O'Reilly, Mattie Grehan, Pauline Flynn & Derry & Violet O'Neill
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Stella Devine
	6.30 p.m.	Teddy & Bridie Simpson
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Kathleen & Paddy Curley
	12 noon	John, Eileen & Martin Lennon

REST IN PEACE

JOHN O'CONNOR, R.I.P., Carndonagh, Co. Donegal
(father of Susan Connolly, Annsfield Woods, Baylough)
May God grant him eternal rest and comfort and console his bereaved family relatives and friends.

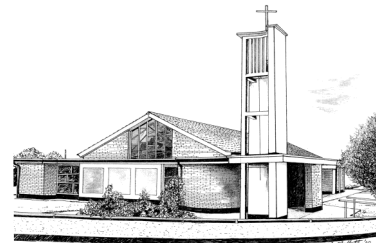
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 7th February.....€1,937.00



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Newsletter

**FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT**

14th FEBRUARY 2016



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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REFLECTION - Making Room to Comfort

Think of a time when you felt tired or hungry. Were you obsessed with images of warm beds or plates of food? Would you have been grateful for any corner to sleep in or anything to eat? Or again, recall a time of toothache. Did your mild character dramatically change? These moments remind us that a protesting child dwells in us who want sudden changes - right away!

What had this to do with our Lenten season? It began last Wednesday when we patiently and humbly lined up, waiting for someone's thumb to smudge an ash cross on our foreheads. Among other explanations, here is one we could focus on today. Lent is a time when we willingly (we don't **have** to) choose to renounce some comfort (**fasting**), to share things that will comfort others (**almsgiving**) and to focus on God more than usual (to comfort God in **prayer**)

By going into the desert with Jesus, we learn that choosing God's way is an extremely serious matter. Jesus encountered obstacles and so shall we. We might expose areas that need more attention, or relearn the value of patient waiting, or respond to the cries we meet on our TV screen, or something else. Most importantly we will definitely have another opportunity to make extra room in our hearts for the God of Mercy to dwell and, simultaneously, make extra room for others (Kathryn Williams pdm)

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE SICK AND ANOINTING will be celebrated on Saturday next, 20th February at 11.00 a.m. in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. You are invited to bring the sick and house bound to this Mass and Sacrament of Anointing. Last Thursday, 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, was World Day of Prayer for the Sick. It was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 29th JUNE - 6th JULY

Spiritual Director Canon Liam Devine. Cost €599 (single supplement €140) Early booking discount. Book before Feb. 17th and receive €50 reduction per person. Contact Gerry Kinneavy 087-2249621 or Mary Mulligan 090-6492045 or 087-2936933

CHAPEL OF ADORATION, YEAR OF MERCY HOLY HOUR. - Wed. 17th Feb. 8p.m. - 9 p.m. Fr. Turlough Baxter will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing. All welcome. Further enquiries Sr. Kathryn 0873170964.

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Prayer Centre, Curraghboy, Athlone on Fri. 19th Feb. at 8 p.m. The Seminars will continue every Friday for seven weeks and will have difference speakers each night. All are most welcome. Details 0864054489

SECURITY AT HOME. SECURITY ON THE INTERNET AND ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS. DRUG AWARENESS

A Public Talk by an Garda Síochána in St. Aloysius College, Athlone, on Monday, 22nd February 2016 at 8 p.m. This Talk is of particular interest to parents.

DANCING FOR PLEASURE - Sunday, 14th February at Athlone G.A. Centre, from 9.30 p.m. - midnight. Music by Solitaire. Finger food served on the night.

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	13th	8 p.m.	Paddy & Margaret Mulvey, also Jim Hynes, Johnstown
Sun.	14th	10 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass for the People of the Parish
Mon.	15th		No Mass
Tues.	16th	7 p.m.	John, Bridie & Pat Halligan, Collogorriss
Wed.	17th	7 p.m.	Johnny Naughton, Clonellan
Followed by Stations of the Cross for Lent			
Thur.	18th	7 p.m.	John (Cal) McManus, Mary McManus, Nure
Fri.	19th	7 p.m.	Martin McManus, Drumlosh
Sat.	20th	8 p.m.	Bridie Murray, Thomastown
Sun.	21st	10 a.m.	John Brien, Creggane

Servers: Saturday 20th: Team 1, Sunday 21st.: Team 3.

Do without and get out - in Aid of Roscommon Palliative Care Unit. Come join us for a 5K walk this Sunday, 14th Feb. from Cornafulla N.S. at 5 p.m. €2 per person and children free

Holy Hour: the next Holy Hour will take place on Wed. 24th Feb. at 8 p.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Drum.

Clann na nGael Dinner Dance on Saturday, 20th Feb. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel. Tickets available from the committee and the usual outlets.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 27th Oct.

€200: Eileen & Joe Noone; €50: Stella Devine & €30: Una Kelly

ENCOUNTER - YOUTH WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. 22nd - Sun. 24th April 2016. Why not join us for an amazing weekend in Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal. Come and meet other young people and get away from it all in this idyllic setting. Activities include talks, games, sketches, drama, music free-time etc. Oh and learn to surf! (boards, wet suits provided) Bring overnight bag for 2 nights, towel and swim gear. Cot €60 PPS. All meals provided., as well as free transport from Roscommon. Registration and Parental Consent essential. Contact: Frank McGuinness, Director of Youth Ministry on 087-9880690 or frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie website: www.welphinyouthministry.ie

NATIONAL STOP THE FLOODING RALLY IN ATHLONE - 20th Feb. at Diskin Centre, Golden Island, Athlone. Assemble at 12 noon and please show your support by attending on the day.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	14th Feb.	Deceased of the Shine family, Curnaboll
Sunday	21st Feb.	Kathleen Ward (1st Anniversary)