

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 5TH March - Sunday, 13th March)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Gerry Lynch
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Nell, Ned & William Anthony McManus
	12 noon	Thomas Grenham
Monday:	7.30 a.m.	Dolores Nolan
	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Seamus McCann (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday:	7.30 a.m.	Annie Shine (int.)
	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Wednesday:	7.30 a.m.	Joan Ennis R.I.P.
	9.30 a.m.	Eileen & Paddy Gallagher
Thursday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	- -
Friday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Mary Ellen O'Neill & deceased family members, May & Larry Collins, Peadar Kearney, John Keyes, Tony Keyes (Month's Mind)
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Patrick & Angela Lennon & Jack & Teresa Keegan
	6.30 p.m.	Jimmy & Mark West
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	- -
	12 noon	Susan Kelly

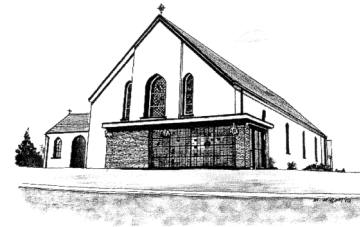
REST IN PEACE

PADDY ROHAN, R.I.P., Danesfort, Old Galway Rd.,
EILEEN O'SHEA, R.I.P., Sceilig, Bealnamulla
MÁIRTÍN Ó MATHÚIN, R.I.P., 7 Lakeview, Roscommon Road.
 May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

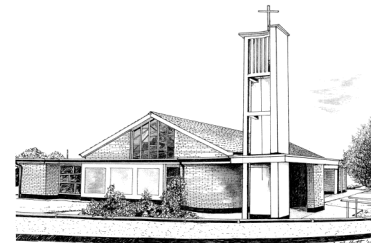
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 28th February€1,650.00



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Newsletter

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT**

6th MARCH 2016



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" — Lk 15: 21-22a, 23b-24a

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REFLECTION - On Seeking Faces and Facelifts

Pope Francis in his Prayer for the Year of Mercy mentioned the word **face** three times. We seek God's **face**, Jesus is the invisible **face** of the Father: the church desires to be the visible **face** of Jesus. We come to the Eucharist because we are seeking the **face** of God. We also seek in our often very ordinary lives to reveal this loving **face**.



During Lent, we could say that the spiritual journey we are continuing at higher tension is geared to this one very thing. It may be articulated in different words and we may not even have thought about it very much, but Lent is very much about getting a face-lift. We are in the beauty business, desiring that God's features shape our own.

Jesus speaks about these Godlike features in today's gospel. In fact, we might feel an affinity with, or a resemblance to, the three persons we meet there. Simply by making allowance for gender differences, it's fairly easy to place any family or community into such circumstances.

When I look closely at this father and his sons, I see my own face reflected in each of them. Do you see your features there also? There are times when, like either of these two sons, I fluctuate between different degrees of selfishness and consequently, others around me suffer. But there are also other times, when like this prodigal father, I am capable of a great and generous love, one that knows no limits.

Let us pray during this Eucharist that such love may flourish in our hearts and restore the beautiful features of God's face in our world (**Kathryn Williams pddm**)

MASS IN MONKSLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE on Thursday, 10th March at 8 p.m. Theme "Giving thanks for Women". All welcome.

CHAPEL OF ADORATION, YEAR OF MERCY HOLY HOUR - 9th March Wed. 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Fr. Kevin Reynolds MHM will speak at the holy hour. All welcome

Ark of Divine Mercy Healing Mass for the Year of Mercy on Friday, 11th March at Dun Mhuire, Lyster St. at 7.30 p.m. Celebrant Fr. Robert McNamara. All Welcome.

ATHLONE JOINT PARISHES BINGO are holding a **SPECIAL BINGO** on Sun. 13th March in Dean Crowe Theatre and St. Mary's Hall. Over €3,400 in prizes with a €1,000 jackpot which must be won on the night, starting at 8 p.m. sharp. Owing to the Athlone Musical Society production of Rock of Ages in the Dean Crowe Theatre on this Sunday night, 6th March the Bingo will take place in St. Mary's Hall only

Indoor Bowls is for everyone, if you are interested in becoming a member come along to our club on Tuesday or Friday at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Hall, Escise St. and speak to any member of the committee

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	5th	8 p.m.	James & Kathleen Greene, Doohan
Sun.	6th	10 a.m.	Thomas & Mary Ann Harney, Doohan
Mon.	7th		No Mass
Tues.	8th	7 p.m.	Trisha Moore, Meehambee
Wed.	9th	7 p.m.	John McManus, Nure followed by Stations of the Cross
Wed.	9th	8 p.m.	First Confessions for Ardkeenán & Cornafulla N.S.
Thur.	10th	7 p.m.	Special Intentions
Fri.	11th	7 p.m.	Tommy & Winnie Higgins, Ardkeenán
Fri.	11th	8 p.m.	Drumlosh Station Mass: Tom & Paula Melville
Sat.	12th	10.30 a.m.	Sr. Peter Canisius Duffy formerly Clonark (Month's Mind)
Sat.	12th	8 p.m.	Phoebe & John Duignan & deceased family, Doohan Also Tim Duignan, Dublin
Sun.	13th	10 a.m.	Bridie Harney (nee McManus) Curraghaleen

Presentation of Gifts: Sat. 12th Team 4. Servers: Sat. 12th Team 4, Sun. 13th Team 6

Ardkeenán NS St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Breakfast Morning - in Drum Parish Hall after Mass from 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Full Irish breakfast. Adults €10 Kids €3. Face painting etc. for the kids.

Confirmation Programme on Tuesday, 8th March from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. in Drum Parish hall for Ardkeenán, Cornafulla & Summerhill N.S.

Clann na nGael Holiday from 8th - 15th Oct 2016 to Lanzarote. Limited places available. Further information contact Breda at 0868971409 or Mary at 087-7838966

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 29th FEBRUARY
€200: Kathleen McCarth, €50: Sadie Byrne & €30: Mary Hogan.

Roscommon Women's Network is hosting an event to celebrate International Women's Day on Tuesday, 8th March in Monksland Community Centre at 11 a.m. Guest Speakers, together with art, music and entertainment. Call Maria on 0874073321 or 0949621690. Light refreshments provided.

"Oil painting/watercolour/drawing classes for younger kids youths and adults with artist Rob Quinn. Weekday courses in some schools for kids. Youth class on Sat. mornings followed by an Adult class Tel. Rob 0860521357 or e-mail robpaulquinn@gmail.com

LINE DANCE CLASSES - Athlone GAA Club on Tuesdays. Beginners 7 - 8 p.m. Int/Adv 8-11 p.m. Adm. €8. Fun night guaranteed. For more info Tel. Brendan on 086-1099388

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	6th March:	Bridie & Martin Shine, Drumlosh
Sunday	13th March:	Johnny & Annie Egan & deceased family, Curnaboll.