

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 16th April - Sunday, 24th April)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Seán Egan
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	John & Mary Hurley
	12 noon	P.J. Kearney
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	John Halligan & deceased family members
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA"</b> Martina & Peter Grehan & Lily Earl
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Tommy & Celia Heraty
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Frank, Delia & Tony Brooks
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b> Paddy, Maureen & Ultan Hegarty & deceased family, Edward Devlin, Vincent & Catherine Treacy, Norman & Anne Johnston & Pat & Baby Treacy.
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Eileen O'Shea (Month's Mind)
	6.30 p.m.	Margaret (Peg) Cunniffe (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Peggy & Colette Clynes
	12 noon	Michael & Bridie Garrick Angela Coyle (1st Anniversary)

**REST IN PEACE**

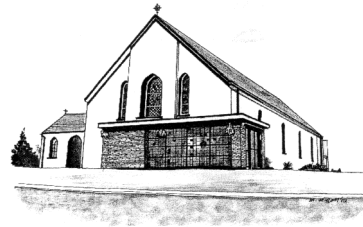
**MARGARET (MAGGIE) BERRIGAN R.I.P.,** St. Ruth's Park  
**CATRIONA QUIRKE R.I.P.,** The One-Mile, Arcadia, Athlone.

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

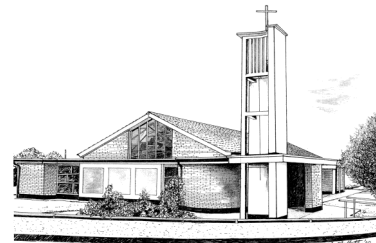
**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 10th April ..... €2,090**



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**Newsletter**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

**17th APRIL 2016**



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." — Jn 10:27-28a

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### REFLECTION - On Sheep and Shepherds

Sheep, lambs and shepherds are part of my Kiwi psyche. My childhood memories are of hundreds of sheep dotted on hills, slow moving cars winding through slower moving sheep and even slower moving shepherds. And then there was the orphan lamb that became my pet. The remarkable thing about this creature was the way that he knew my voice above all the other voices, he knew my steps, he knew the hands that fed him.... and he absolutely refused to follow anyone else.



Jesus noticed these sorts of things about sheep. Sheep and shepherds were a big part of his psyche too. From the day of his birth until his death (and even afterwards) images of lambs, sheep and shepherds pop up frequently. Mary would have pointed out to the small child on her knee all the biblical passages about sheep and shepherds.... From the shepherd psalm to the lamb which was led to slaughter. Jesus would have watched the shepherds tending their flocks, noticing the way they had favourite names for each one and he would have stored it all in his memory.

As we listen to today's Gospel, we might learn anew about the way each of us is a favourite of Jesus; he knows our voice and he knows our steps. We are destined to be with him forever. *(Kathryn Williams pdm)*

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Pope Francis requests all catholic churches in Europe to take up a special collection for the people of Ukraine on weekend 23rd / 24th April. According to UN figures of 9,000 have died since conflict began there in late 2013. *"This gesture of charity, in addition to relieving material suffering, is intended to express my personal closeness and solidarity, and that of the entire Church, for Ukraine."* - Pope Francis.

**Envelopes are available at the back of the Church**

**TAX RELIEF SCHEME FOR DONATIONS TO ELIGIBLE CHARITIES.....**Once again letters are being posted during the coming week to everyone who contributed €250 or more during 2015 in the hope that you will be able to participate in this scheme. If you do not receive the relevant documentation and feel that you qualify please contact the Parish Office at 090-6492171. Meanwhile we offer sincere thanks to all those who participated last year in helping us to benefit from this important source of funding.

**PARISH ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG on Saturday, 7th May.**  
**Bus leaving Ss Peter & Paul's Church at 6 a.m. To book Tel. Parish Office on 090-6492171.**

**Westmeath connections with the 1916 Easter Rising : A talk by Gearóid O'Brien in Lower Keep at Athlone Castle on Wed. 20th April at 6 p.m. Pre-booking is essential to guarantee a space. Tel. 0906442130 or email [info@athlonecastle.ie](mailto:info@athlonecastle.ie)**

### DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 16th	8 p.m.	Maureen Griffin & Sarah Kelly, Rooskey, also
Sun. 17th	10 a.m.	Deceased members of the Harney family
Mon. 18th		Tommy Harney, Creggane, Cornafulla
Tues. 19th	7 p.m.	No Mass
Wed. 20th	7 p.m.	Ned & Lily McManus, Rooskey
Thur. 21st	7 p.m.	Donal & Eileen Murphy
Fri. 22nd	7 p.m.	Tommy Lennon, parents Tom & Kate, Ardkeen
Sat. 23rd	7 p.m.	Thomas Nicholson, Cornafulla South
Sun. 24th	10 a.m.	Peter & Maureen Killian & deceased family, Crancam
		Mary Ellen Whyte, Thomastown also Mattie Redmond

*Presentation of Gifts: Saturday 23rd: Team 1.*

**Fr. Gianmaria, Capuchin Friar, Italy,** will celebrate Mass and bless those in attendance with Saint Pio's Glove. All welcome to listen to Fr Gianmaria speak on Padre Pio, a modern day saint. Venues: Mon. 18th April. Bower Prayer group 8.15p.m. Tues. 19th April Friary Hall 8.15 p.m. & Thursday, 21st April. Chapel of Adoration 8.15 p.m.

**Taughmaconnell Community Care presents Brendan Shine in Gullanes Hotel, Ballinasloe on Fri. 29th April. Dancing from 10 p.m. Tickets €12.50**

Guided Holy Hour for Year of Mercy, Adoration Chapel, 8 Castle St. on Wednesday, 20th April 8 p.m.- 9 p.m. Fr. Seán O'Dowd will speak on Mercy. All welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 11th APRIL**  
€200: Tricia O'Meara; €50: John Galvin & €30: Carol Studdert.

**ATHLONE JOINT PARISH BINGO** are holding a **SPECIAL BINGO** this Sunday 17th April in Dean Crowe Theatre and St. Mary's Hall. Over €3,400 with a €1,000 jackpot which must be won.

**MARIST COLLEGE MONSTER AUCTION** - This Sunday 17th April at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1 p.m.) at the Marist College. Lots on offer including antiques, housewares, electronics, good bikes etc. Come along for a great day out, join us for a cuppa and some homemade goodies at our pop up coffee shop. Tel. 0876201532 for further details.

**New Courses Pilates** for Back Pain, Postural problems and injury, pregnancy & Postnatal Pilates commencing April 18th. Contact Alison 0860603986.

### CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 24th April: Joe & Ned Roche, Togher