

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 30th April - Sunday, 8th May)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Mona Bleakley (Month's Mind)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Naylor
	12 noon	Seán Naughton
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Frank & Mary Grehan & son Frankie
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Madeline O'Brien
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Marie Hannon, Jean Scott & Jimmy & Gerry Fitzgerald
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Jimmy O'Brien
	6.30 p.m.	Martin Moore (Month's Mind)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Tommy Butler
	12 noon	Larry Fagan.

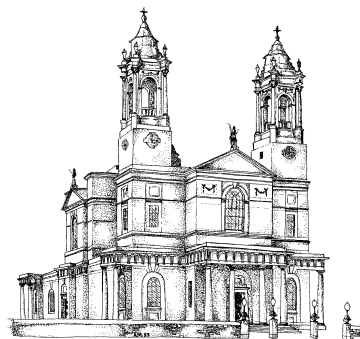
WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
Gerald Patrick Fowler

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS PARENTS

Rest in Peace

TERESA TYNAN, R.I.P., 23 St. Joseph's Villas
May God grant her eternal rest and may He comfort her bereaved husband, family and friends.

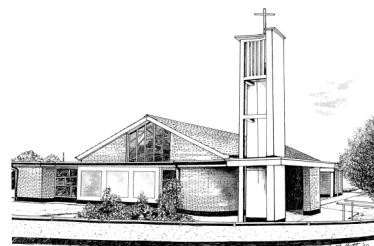
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 24th April..... €1,855.00



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Newsletter

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

1st MAY 2016



Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." — Jn 14:26-27a

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REFLECTION - Our own Annunciation

One of the tricky things about writing a column such as this is that I always think ahead a few weeks ahead of the Church's liturgical journey. For instance, I am writing this column for you in March 2016 and you will be reading it on 1st May 2016. So for this particular column, part of me is living the season of Easter with its dimension of joys and victory, while another part of me has my liturgical eye on the beautiful month we are celebrating, May the Mary month!



On a few occasions however, a particular Gospel passage resonates with the season in which I write - and today's gospel is one of those. In fact, I invite you (at some quiet moment during the day) to reread this gospel through the eyes of Mary, the young girl who was surprised by an angel.

But while an angel announces Jesus' conception to Mary, Jesus announces to his Disciples (that's *us*) that the Father will send the Holy spirit. Jesus tells us not to be troubled,, not to be afraid of anything and to believe all that he says. He promises the gift of peace...and when you sample just a little of this peace, you know there is nothing else quite like it. Now, after hearing all that and knowing who the One is who said it, how can we not believe? (*Kathryn Williams pddm*)

YEAR OF MERCY HOLY HOUR - Chapel of Adoration 8 - 9 p.m. Wednesday, 4th May. Fr. Larry Ebuk will speak on Mercy. All welcome

Join us for our tea party in aid of THE **ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY OF IRELAND**. Come and enjoy tea and treats will live music Thursday, 5th May 2-4 p.m. in **Stella Maris Nursing Home**. All welcome. Please support.

BUS TO KNOCK SUNDAY 8th May. Departs Ss Peter & Paul's Church at 10.30 a.m. To book contact Caroline at 086-1960256

FRIARY PRAYER GROUP invites you to one hour of Intercessory Prayer for Youth on Sunday, 1st May in Chapel of Adoration, from 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. All welcome.

FR. JOHN will do his First Friday calls at the normal time on Fri. 6th May.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.... Please consider committing to a weekly hour of prayer in Chapel of Adoration. People needed for Tues 2pm, Wed. 5pm, Thur 11am, Fri midnight to Sat 1a.m Sat 4p.m. Please contact Liturgical Centre at 0906492278

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

Monthly Meeting of **WIDOWS' ASSOCIATION** on Wednesday, 4th May at 8 p.m. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel. New members welcome.

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 30th	8 p.m.	Angeline & baby Mia Keegan
Sun. 1st	10 a.m.	Mai Henry, Drumlosh
Mon. 2nd - Fri. 6th		No Mass
Sat. 7th	8 p.m.	Frank & Rose Lennon, Curryroe, Drum
Sun. 8th	10 a.m.	Thomas & Josephine Connor & decd. family, Clonark.

Servers: Saturday 7th: Team 1, Sunday 8th: Team 6.

Drum I.C.A. monthly meeting in Drum Parish Hall on Tues. 3rd May at 8.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend. New members welcome.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND is hosting the 9th Roscommon Mini Marathon on Monday, 2nd May at 3 p.m. from Hannon's Hotel, Athlone Rd. Roscommon. Registration fee €20. family four €50. Tel. 0906627698 for further information

THANK YOU..... Midlands branch of CYSTIC FIBROSIS would like to thank all who contributed so generously to last Sunday's church gate collection and in particular to all who assisted with the collection.

Free Computer Course designed for beginners - Irish rural Link is offering a free computer course to those 50 years and over in St. Kieran's Community Centre, Tormey Villas. Over a 4 weeks period with one 2 hour morning class per week. Tel. Anne or Jenny at 090-6450272 for further information

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 25th April.
€200: Paddy Flaherty, €50: Joanne Naughton & €30: Ellen Moran

DRUM HERITAGE GROUP A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, 4th May at 8.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend. New members most welcome.

ATHLONE FLOWER & GARDENT CLUBFlower arranging demonstration by Mary McCormack also short demonstration **on C.P.R.** by Order of Malta on Tuesday, May 3rd in Bounty. All welcome

UNIQUE LIBRARY EVENT: Ever wishes for a glimpse at life on a barge on Ireland's waterways? Giles Byford treats us to just that, with a reading from his book "Reedbound" at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 5th May. Also the book's distinctive illustrations by Jill Parkinson call be viewed at the Library from May 4th - 6th May. All welcome.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	1st May:	Phil Gavin, (Month's Mind)
Friday	6th May	Tuommy & Mai Curley,