

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 24th December - Sunday 1st January)**

**Saturday:** 10.00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

**Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Maisie & Eimear Grenham  
10.30 a.m. Rosanne & Molly McManus  
12 noon Michael, Sally & Marie Casserly

**Monday:** 9.30 a.m. Tom & Teresa Flynn  
7.30 p.m. "NOVENA"

**Tuesday:** 9.30 a.m. John & Elizabeth Hynes

**Wednesday:** 9.30 a.m. Joe & Winifred O'Meara

**Thursday:** 9.30 a.m. Paddy & May Lenehan

**Friday:** 9.30 a.m. May & Ned Halligan  
7.30 p.m. "SHARED MASS"  
Billy Evans, Declan Dolan,  
Christopher Dempsey,  
Martin Christina Egan,  
Nellie & Paddy Heavey, Mary Ward,  
Ambrose, Bridie & Gabriel Corcoran,  
May & Michael Murray (Connaught St.)

**Saturday:** 9.30 a.m. Gretta Darcy & Eva Margarit  
6.30 p.m. Mary & Caitriona Egan

**Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish  
10.30 a.m. Paddy Sweeney (Remembrance Mass)  
12 noon Joe Duce

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, DECEMBER 18th..... €1985.00**

*Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish*  
**Athlone**

*Drum & Clonown*

**Parish Newsletter**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

25TH DECEMBER 2016

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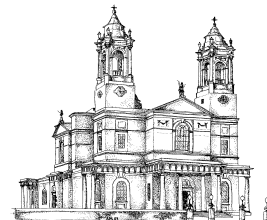
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The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Lk 2:10-12

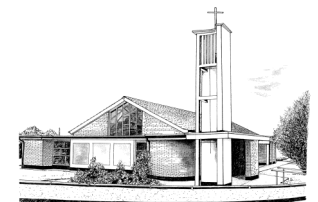
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Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,  
Athlone



St. Brigid's Church,  
Drum



Church of Our Lady of the  
Wayside, Clonown

## REFLECTION

The prophet proclaims a Wonder Person to come! A Counsellor, an Everlasting Holy One, the Bringer of Peace! We are told to live upright and godly lives as we await our blessed hope, the Messiah, our Saviour! How does he arrive? In a golden chariot, upon the clouds with a blast of trumpets? No. he comes as a baby, born in a cave, the newest member of a homeless family. He sleeps in the straw.

## FIRST READING (Isaiah 9:2-7)

A child is born to us: Wonderful, Counsellor, Almighty God!

## SECOND READING (TITUS 2;11-14)

Live sincere, upright, and godly lives, awaiting your blessed hope, Jesus!

## GOSPEL (Luke 2:1-14)

The babe was wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.



**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2016 - Bishop Kevin's Christmas Message for 2016 is available on the Diocesan Website [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Please consider committing to a weekly hour of prayer in chapel of Adoration, Cast St., Athlone. People needed for Tues 12noon, 2pm, 3pm, Wed 10am, 5pm, Sat 8am, 4pm. Please contact Liturgical Centre at 0906492278

An evening of music & dancing with **BRENDAN SHINE & HIS BAND** - Fri. 6th Jan. Gullanes Hotel, Ballinasloe 9 p.m. Tickets €15, available at Gullanes or <https://www.eventbrite.ie> [brendanshineballinasloe.eventbrite.ie](https://www.brendanshineballinasloe.eventbrite.ie) Great night promised.

**PRAYING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE:** One Hour Intercessory Prayer for our young people in SS Peter & Paul' church on Sun. 1st Jan. from 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. Includes Rosary and reflection on the gospel. All welcome to join us.

**HOME FOR WORK EVENT** showcasing various job opportunities in your region on Thurs. 29th Dec. in Sheraton Hotel from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Athlone. Bring along your CV and talk to our recruitment experts about your CV on the day. All welcome.

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	24th	9 p.m.	Christmas Eve - People of the Parish
Sun.	25th	10 a.m.	Christmas Day - People of the Parish
Sun.	25th	11.30 a.m.	Christmas Day - People of the Parish
Mon.	26th		No Mass
Tues.	27th		No Mass
Wed.	28th		No Mass
Thur.	29th	7 p.m.	Tom & Mary Hynes and deceased family Johnstown
Fri.	30th		No mass
Sat.	31st	8 p.m.	Mary & Patrick Lennon and deceased family Ardkeen
Sun.	1st.	10 a.m.	P.J. & Eileen McEvelly, Johnstown

Servers: Sat. 24th 9 p.m. Sun. 25th 10 a.m. Sun. 25th 11.30 a.m

**CLANN NA NGAEL STEPHEN'S DAY FUNDRAISER MATCH** - is in aid of Defibrillator for the Community Men's match 2p.m followed by Ladies/ Gaelic for mothers and others match. Music will follow afterwards in the Clubhouse by Shaney Mc from 4 p.m . With Club Lotto Draw taking place also. Thank you for your support

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 19th Dec.

€200: Noreen Gallagher €50: Mike Pym & €30: Peter Elliott

## WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Saoirse May Harney	Sofia Mia Kutyna	Odhran Luke Kilmartin Quinn
Tegan Rita O'Kane	Emily Theresa Dolan	Leo John Costello
Amelia Maria Doolan	Paddy & Toby Lynch	Daniel Arthur Craughwell
Emily Philomena Daly	Eva Elaine Daly	Isabelle Maureen Browne
Anna Elizabeth Ward	Emily Grace Flynn	Cillian Patrick Sammon
Darragh James Shine	Kieran Patrick Murray	

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THEIR PARENTS.

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Dec.	24th	Christmas Eve - People of the Parish
Dec.	25th	Christmas Day - People of the Parish
Jan	1st	Bridget Hardiman - 1st Anniversary

CANON LIAM. FR. JOHN & FR. KAZIMIR WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR