

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 4th February - Sunday, 12th February)**

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| Saturday: | 6.30 p.m. | David Wheatley (Month's Mind) |
| Sunday: | 9.00 a.m. | Mass for the People of the Parish |
| | 10.30 a.m. | T. P. Kelly |
| | 12 noon | Rita & Kieran Gavin |
| Monday: | 9.30 a.m. | - - |
| | 7.30 p.m. | "NOVENA" James & Lena Lennon |
| Tuesday: | 9.30 a.m. | Patrick, Mary Anne Henry & Peggy & Joe O'Toole |
| Wednesday: | 9.30 a.m. | Patrick, Bridget & William Anthony Elliott |
| Thursday: | 9.30 a.m. | Jack Devine |
| Friday: | 9.30 a.m. | Pat Ward |
| | 7.30 p.m. | "SHARED MASS" Kathleen Killian, Andrew & Bridget Cousins, Maureen Flynn Olive, Bert & Andy Cousins, Frances Greener, Paddy, Elizabeth, Brendan & P.J. Cannon, Mary O'Hara, Bridie Connolly, Tommy Keogh, Esther Fallon, Tommy Freeburne, Paddy Casey, Kathleen & George Newman, Bill, Agnes & Michael Stacey, Chrissie, James & Tom Byrne. |
| Saturday: | 9.30 a.m. | Caroline Devine |
| | 11.00 a.m. | Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick |
| | 6.30 p.m. | Eddie Cooke (Month's Mind) |
| 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 O'Connell & Mulligan families. |

REST IN PEACE

TOMMY DERWIN R.I.P., College Park
MARY McMANUS R.I.P., St. Coman's Park
MARTY HYNES R.I.P., Hudson Bay
ROSIE DUNNING R.I.P., Clonark
 May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, January 29th..... € 1,945.00

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish
Athlone
Drum & Clonown
Parish Newsletter

**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME**

5TH FEBRUARY 2017

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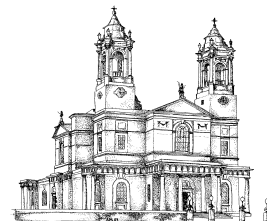
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Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?
You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain
cannot be hidden." — Mt 5:13a, 14

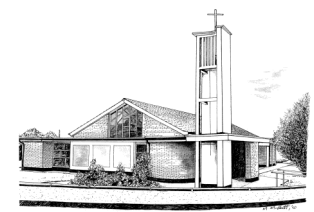
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**Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,
Athlone**



**St. Brigid's Church,
Drum**



**Church of Our Lady of the
Wayside, Clonown**

REFLECTION

Five of the last six Sundays since Epiphany have had readings from Isaiah, and all of those five have used light as a symbol and image. Two of the gospels have used it as well. In today's Gospel we are told directly that we are light for the world and salt for the earth. The power of light comes from God, and though we can see its effect, our limited human mind cannot comprehend it.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 58:7-10)

If we share our food and home and clothing with the poor, then our light will break forth like the dawn and God will help us.



SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

The power of God cannot be understood with the wisdom of human beings.

GOSPEL (Matthew 5:13)

We are salt and light for the world.

MASS OF HEALING WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

To mark the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes a special Mass of Healing with the Anointing of the Sick will be held in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on **Saturday, February 11th at 11 a.m.** All are welcome.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARISHIONERS - on Wednesday, February 8th at 7.30 p.m.

We invite all those who have experienced a bereavement to join us for this very special Mass when we gather to pray for ourselves at a time of great loss in our lives. We take this opportunity to launch our new Bereavement Support Group in the Parish. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, whether it be a family members or friend you are grieving for., no matter how long it has been since you were bereaved

MONKSLAND COMMUNITY MASS.....The February Monksland community Mass will take place on Thursday, Feb. 9th at 8 p.m. in Monksland Community Centre. On the Old Tuam road. The Mass will be the Mass of our Lady of Lourdes and those wishing to receive the anointing of the sick will have the opportunity to receive it. A cup of tea, scones and friendly chat afterwards. All are welcome.

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION Church Gate collection on Saturday 11th & Sunday, 12th January 2017. Your support would be much appreciated.

TABLE QUIZ in aid of ATHLONE GYMNASIAC CLUB on Thursday, 9th February at 8.30 p.m. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel. Please support. Lots of Spot Prizes on the night

Ss. PETER & PAULS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - June 28th - July 5th 2017. Spiritual Director: Canon Liam Devine. Group Leader: Gerry Kinneavy. Cost €679 (single room supplement €140 extra) Contact Gerry Kinneavy - 087-2249621 or Mary Mulligan 090-6492045 / 087-2936933

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 4th | 8 p.m. | Mary & Joe Duignan, Clonellan |
| Sun. | 5th | 10 a.m. | Mike & Mary Kate Hynes, Drumlosh |
| Mon. | 6th | | No Mass |
| Tues. | 7th | 7 p.m. | Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown |
| Wed. | 8th | 7 p.m. | Special Intentions |
| Thur. | 9th | 7 p.m. | Bridget Donohue & Johnny Seery |
| Fri. | 10th | 7 p.m. | Frank & Bridie Murray, Thomastown |
| Sat. | 11th | 10.30 a.m. | Eileen Lennon, Gorrynagowna (Month's Mind) |
| Sat. | 11th | 8 p.m. | The Kilroy family, Clonbulia |
| Sun. | 12th | 10 a.m. | Michael Berrigan & deceased family, Clonark |

DRUM I.C.A. monthly meeting in Drum Parish Hall on Tuesday, 7th Feb. at j8 p.m. All members requested to attend. New members are most welcome.

ROSCOMMON/ATHLONE REGIONAL P.T.A.A. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will be held on Sat. 11th Feb. 2017 in Hodson Bay Hotel at 8.30 p.m. Tickets €35 each. For tickets contact Colette Harney and Julie Naughton.

MASS FROM RTE with Fr. Raymond Browne - ON Sun. 12th Feb. will be broadcast from the RTE Studios in Dublin and will be celebrated by Fr. Raymond Browne of Kilbride parish, Roscommon. Solstice Choir will perform the music, under the direction of Andrew & Eimear Reynolds. The Mass will be broadcast on RTE 1 TV, RTE Radio 1 and online at <http://www.rte.ie/player/ie/live/8> and <http://www.rte.ie/radio/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 30th JANUARY:

€200: Liam O'Brien, €50: Miriam & Antoinette & €30: Niall Conway

STATION MASSES IN MONKSLAND

Station Mass for Monksland Village will be hosted in the home of Mrs. Josie Curley on Friday, February 10th at 8 p.m.

Station Mass for Ashford will be hosted in the home of Jim & Margaret Connaughton on Thursday, February 16th at 8 p.m.

If you would like to host a station Mass in your home in the Monksland/Bealnamulla areas please contact Fr. John on 64-90874

FORGET ME NOT COMMUNITY CHOIR continues on Tues. 7th Feb. at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Shamrock Lodge Hotel. It is open to all members of the community and we especially welcome those living with dementia and special needs. €2 to cover Tea/coffee/biscuits. Come and join us share the love of music. Call John 0857845893 .

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday, 5th | Hugh Roche, Virginia & Togher, Clonown |
| Sunday, 12th | Deceased members of the Shine family, Curnaboll |