

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 1st April - Sunday, 9th April)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Martin Moore (1st Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Joe Moran
	12 noon	Edward & Margaret Mulligan
Monday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	Michael Hanley Snr.,
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA"
Tuesday:	7.30 a.m.	John & Nancy Lennon
	9.30 a.m.	John Shine
Wednesday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	Bill, Angela & Little William Tormey Colette Fitzgerald & Eugene McCarton
Thursday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Friday:	7.30 a.m.	- -
	9.30 a.m.	Thomas Campbell
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" James & Jane Connaughton, Anne Moran, Paul Gibson, Margaret Berrigan (1st Anniversary) Kitty & John Sloyan, Jim Crowe, Mary & James Sherlock .
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	Elizabeth Darcy
	6.30 p.m.	Joe Callinan
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Ellen Dunning
	12 noon	Margaret (Peg) & Joe Cunniffe

REST IN PEACE

MICHAEL DOWLING R.I.P., Sarsfield Sq., & formerly Parnell Sq.,
TOMMY CONNAUGHTON R.I.P., Boston & late of Clonark brother of Willie & Owen
REBECCA (BECKY) COLEMAN R.I.P., Monksland
ELLEN KENNY (Nee McMANUS) R.I.P., Thomastown, Ballydangan
 May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, March 26th: € 1,920.00

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF
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2nd APRIL 2017

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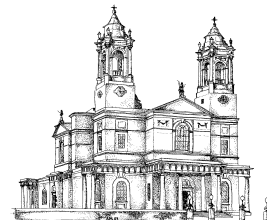
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Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
 She said to him, "Yes Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world - (Jn 11:25-27)



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



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



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

REFLECTION

Death is a natural part of life. It can be frightening and painful to think about death. We may be afraid to die. We may fear being left alone when a loved one dies. But there is still good news - we will be raised up. Ezekiel told us that was how we would know God. Jesus raised up Lazarus; Jesus himself was raised up.

FIRST READING (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

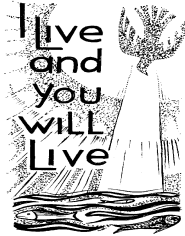
God will open our tomb and raise us from the dead.

SECOND READING (Romans 8:8-11)

God who raised Jesus will raise us also.

GOSPEL (John 11:1-45)

Martha believes Jesus is the Messiah: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.



MONKSALND AREA MASS will be held on Thursday, 6th April at 8 p.m. in Monksland Community Centre. Tea, coffee and chat. All welcome.

Interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon in the diocese of Elphin?

The Diocese of Elphin is now accepting applications from married and single men who may feel called to ministry as Permanent Deacons. The four year part-time training programme will begin in Autumn 2017. For further information or a conversation around the topic please contact the director of the Permanent Diaconate by email to: mgduignan@gmail.com. For further information visit <http://www.elphindiocese.ie/permanent-diaconate/> The next intake of candidates after 2017 will be in 2021.

HOUR OF PRAYER FOR YOUTH.....the Friary Prayer Group invites you to one hour of Intercessory Prayer for Youth on Sun. 2nd April 2017 in the Chapel of Adoration, Castle Street from 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. All welcome.

ST PAUL'S N.S. Lyster St. is hosting an **INFORMATION EVENING** for children who wish to enrol and their parents on Thurs. April 6th from 6.30 - 8p.m. If you require more information contact the school on 0906494315 or www.stpaulsns.com

SAMARITAN CHURCH GATE COLLECTION - Sat. 8th & Sunday, 9th April in Athlone, Drum & Clonown. Your support would be gratefully appreciated. The Samaritans available on Freecall 116 123 24hrs in total confidence.

ARK OF DIVINE MERCY will hold a special day of Healing in the power Holy Spirit with Fr. Brendan Walsh (Palatine Fathers, Thurles) at Cluain Ciaran Clonmacnois on Sat. April 8th starting at 1.30 p.m. Details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on 087-7828283

Ss. Peter & Paul's Branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society conducted Holy Hour from 3 -4 p.m. in Liturgical Centre Tues. 4th April. New members most welcome.

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 1st	8 p.m.	John Joe Meares, Curryroe
Sun. 2nd	10 a.m.	Catherine Higgins, Curryroe
Mon. 3rd		No Mass
Tues. 4th		No Mass
Wed. 5th	4 p.m.	Confirmation for Ardkeenan & Cornafulla candidates
Thur. 6th	7 p.m.	Eileen Connaughton, Clonark
Fri. 7th	7 p.m.	Joe Lennon, Ardkeenan
Sat. 8th	8 p.m.	Maisie O'Reilly Monksland
Sun. 9th	10a.m.	Teresa & Paddy Greene, Monksland.

DRUM I.C.A. Monthly meeting in Drum Parish Hall on Tuesday, 4th April at 8 p.m. All members requested to attend. New members are most welcome.

PROGRESSIVE 25 CARD GAME- in Clann na nGael Clubhouse, Johnstown on Mon. 10th April at 9 p.m. Organised by Drum Apostolic Work. Proceeds to our Irish Missionaries. Numerous food hampers to be raffled. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

SOCIAL DANCING will take place in Drum Parish Hall every Wednesday from 8 - 10 p.m. All are welcome especially beginners. Lessons given on the night. Cost €8.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP - VINCENT'S on Church Street would like to invite you all to our Re-launch on the 8th April. Join us from 1 p.m. for a fun-filled family day, face painting, live music, raffle and much more. The first 100 customers through the door from 12 pm also receive a free €5 voucher to spend on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 27th March:
€200: Pauline Donovan, €50: Triona O'Flaherty & €30: Mary & Kathleen Lennon

KNIGHTS OF S. COLUMBANUS - Council meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday 4th April in St. Ciarain's House.

ATHLONE FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB - Easter Floral Demonstration by Syra Reid on Tues. April 4th at 8 p.m. in the Bounty. All welcome.

ATHLONE ARTS GROUP are now taking new members. Call to the Knights of Columbanus Hall any Tuesday night from 7 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 2nd	11.15 a.m.	Phil Gavin, Clonown 1st Anniversary
Fri. 7th		Mass
Sun. 9th	11.15 a.m.	John & Ellen Shine & deceased family, Buggane.