

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)
(Saturday, 9th December - Sunday 17th December)**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Shay Naughton
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Larry Watson
	12 noon	Paddy Molly, Brendan & Dermot Lennon
Monday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	"NOVENA" Kathleen Reilly, deceased member of the Cousin family Sean & Maureen Brennan, John Lafferty
Tuesday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Wednesday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
Thursday:	9.30 a.m.	Michael, Sally & Marie Casserly
Friday:	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30 p.m.	"SHARED MASS" Nuala Fenlon, Peter Fallon, Sr. Lourdes Hynes, Agnes Hanley, Jimmy, Maeve & Oliver Craughwell, Dec. members of St. Joseph's Villas, Tony Downey, Sarah & Michael Fahy, Margaret Cuggran, William Curran, Helen Breege & Ronan Duignan, May & Paddy Fallon, Michael Hynes, Frances Marnell & deceased of Walsh family.
Saturday:	9.30 a.m.	David Wheatley
	6.30 p.m.	Karen Harkins
Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Joe Geraghty
	12 noon	Breda Grenham

REST IN PEACE

Noel O'Connor R.I.P. Kilkenny West, The Pidgeons & formerly St. Anne's Tce.
(brother of Marie Rushe, St. Anne's Tce)

May God grant him eternal rest and comfort and console his bereaved family relatives and friends.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, December 3rd €2,195.00

**Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish
Athlone, Clonown & Drum**

Parish Newsletter

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10th DECEMBER 2017**

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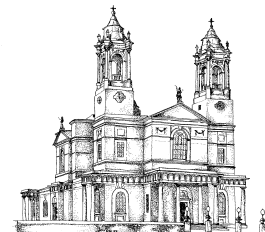
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*As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you:
He will prepare your way"
- Mk 1:2*



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



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



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

REFLECTION

We are to be comforted by the promise that the day will come when valleys, hills, and hiding places that separate and divide humankind will be removed, and we will live in unity with one another and God. We are called to comfort people with this hope, and to help prepare this way for our God even in the midst of the pain and suffering that is still with us.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11)

Comfort, comfort, my people.....speak tenderly.

SECOND READING (2 Peter 3:8-14)

One day and a thousand years are the same with God.

GOSPEL (Mark 1:1-8)

Prepare the way of our God.



CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES & CALENDARS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR LOCAL AREA COLLECTORS/DISTRIBUTORS NEXT WEEK

We wish to thank most sincerely all the area distributors for their help throughout the year and wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.....The December meeting will be held in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel on Tues. night Dec. 12th at 8.15 p.m.

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS (First Holy Communion Programme)

The mass for pupils from Cloonakilla, Dean Kelly and St. Peter's National Schools will take place on Wed. Dec. 13th at 7.30 p.m.

MONKSLAND AREA CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MASS will take place on Thur. next Dec. 14th at 8 p.m. in Monksland Community Centre, Christmas carols, good company and Christmas fare on the night. All are welcome.

ATHLONE METHODIST CHURCH Northgate Street Athlone invite you to their annual **CAROL SERVICE** on Thur. 14th Dec. at 7.30 p.m. Led by Rev. Clodagh Yambasu. In aid of St. Hilda's Services. Refreshments and chat afterwards.

A Choral concert by Cor Comain in Hyde Centre, Roscommon on Fri. 15th Dec. at 8 p.m. Under the direction of choral conductor Derek Mahady. 48 local singers have been working on their inaugural performance. Tickets €10 and are available from the Western Alzheimer's Office 0906627816.

Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre are inviting everyone to **Santa's Grotto** on 19th Dec. 5 - 7 p.m. at 63 Battery heights. All welcome

DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 9th	8 p.m.	Michael & Mary Glynn, Crannaghmore
Sun. 10th	10 a.m.	Paddy & Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg
Mon. 11th - Tues. 12th		No Mass
Wed. 13th	7 p.m.	Private Intentions
Thur. 14th		No Mass
Fri. 15th	7 p.m.	Margaret, John & Tommy Brien, son Sean and deceased Family members, Creggane.
Sat. 16th	8 p.m.	Ned & Eamon Griffin, Ardkeenan
Sun. 17th	10 a.m.	Mary Moore, Meehambee

DRUM REMEMBRANCE CHRISTMAS TREE: Ribbons are on sale at the back of the church cost €2 per ribbon. The Christmas Tree will be lit on Sun. 17th Dec. after the 10am Mass. Proceeds will be donated to Drum Voluntary Graveyard Committee for the upkeep of the graveyard.

Ardkeenan N.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT will take place in Drum Parish Hall on Tues. 12th Dec. at 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

DRUM SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY ON Sun. 10th Dec. in Athlone Spring Hotel commencing with Mass at 3 p.m. Anyone who did not receive an invitation please come along, you are most welcome.

DRUM FOROIGE YOUTH CLUB are holding a Cake Sale in Drum Parish Hall on Sun. 17th Dec at 11 a.m. Proceeds in aid of Club funds. Your support would be much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 4th December:
€200: Margaret Fallon €50: Mary Hunter & Angela Byrne & €30: Tommy & Catherine.

Monthly Mass & meeting of **SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER** will be held on Wed. 13th Dec. at 10 a.m & 7.30 p.m. in Friary. Evening meeting in Friary Hall.

ATHLONE ALZHEIMERS CAFÉ - next memory Café (formerly Athlone Alzheimer's Café) on Fri. Dec. 15th in St. Kieran's Community Centre from 2 -4 p.m. It is a relaxed space for people with memory loss/dementia, their relatives, carers and professionals in a friendly atmosphere over tea and cake. You are very welcome to come along and join us celebrate Christmas with some party food, carol singing, music and dance.

CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 10th	at 11.15 a.m.	Sean Shine, Buggane, Clonown
Dec. 17th	at 11.15 a.m.	Johnny Shine, Curnaboll.