

# St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

## Parish Newsletter

**Second Sunday of Advent**

December 9th 2018



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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)

#### Second Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday (JD)</b>	6.30 p.m.	Bill & Peggy (Browne) Tone
<b>Sunday (JD)</b>	9a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>(JD)</b>	10.30 a.m.	Paddy, Molly, Brendan & Dermot Lennon
<b>(PN)</b>	12 Noon	Larry Watson
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	7.30pm	<b>Novena &amp; Benediction</b> Eithne Barclay
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Donoghue Family (Corofin Co. Clare)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Seamus Rourke & Dec. Family members.
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass
	7.30 pm	John Fitzmaurice (1st Anniv); Bridie Corcoran; Michael Bertles; Helen, Breege & Ronan Duignan; Paddy & Mary Mc Caul; Sarah & Michael Fahy; Margaret Cuggran; Tony Downey; Peggy & Joe Moore; Donal Kelly; William Curran; Joe Irwin; Gerry Walsh; Kathleen & Paddy Reilly; Jimmy, Maeve & Oliver Craughwell; Peter Fallon; Michael Hynes.
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Leo Turpin & Dec. of the Turpin & Byrne Families
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>		
<b>(PN)</b>	6.30 p.m.	Karen Harkins
<b>Sunday (MH)</b>	9a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>(MH)</b>	10.30 a.m.	Joe Geraghty
<b>(PN)</b>	12 Noon	Breda Grenham

### Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha

Pray for the repose of the souls of Fr. Eamon Kelly SMA, Died in Cork; Michael Walsh- Late of St Joseph's Villas who Died in the USA, Brother of Sean and Shay Walsh, Drum ; Eithne Higgins Tubber, Cora Curley, Monaghan Sister of Louis McNally; Mother of Aidan Higgins Mitchell's Terrace. Mary Ann (Mollie) Harrington, Culfatha. Mother of Margaret Gavin, Crancam. Mary Ann Fensom (nee Henry) formerly Clonellan who died in Coventry. Sister of Jimmy, Paddy, Francis and Teresa Who died in the last week. May their souls rest in the peace of Christ.

### Recent Baptisms

We welcome in the community of Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish Roisin Teresa Brennan. was baptised recently in our Parish.

### Bell Circle Main Winners December 3rd 2018

€ 200. S Brennan; € 50. Anthony & Emma Gallagher; € 30 Blaithean Mullally  
**Congratulations to all winners.** Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre.

### Legion of Mary;

Anyone interested in the work of the Legion of Mary can contact Bernadette Higgins on 086 8839424. Next local meeting will be held in January, Date to be confirmed,

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, December 2nd € 1,820.00**

**Donations towards Heating upgrade € 180.00**

**Thank you for your on-going support and generosity**

### Contact Details

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**Safeguarding Officer;**

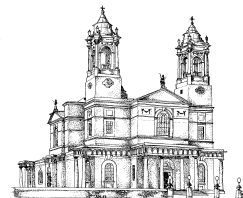
Jean Larkin 087 9958583

**Parish Pastoral Council;**

Colm Naughton, *Chairperson*

**Sacristy Ss. Peter & Paul's Church** (attended at Mass times only) 090 -6494150

Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,  
Athlone



St. Brigid's Church,  
Drum



Church of Our Lady of the  
Wayside, Clonown

### A thought on the Gospel

◆ We need to look at ourselves and at others with hopeful eyes. God's good work has only begun in us. We are a work in progress, and, in spite of our failings, God will keep on working to bring the good work he has been doing in ourselves to completion. We just need to co-operate with the working of grace in our lives. Our salvation is in God's hands and we can be confident that it will be brought to completion. By the end of our life this work will be complete, and we will have reached what St Paul calls, 'the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us'.

**Deacon Tony is planning a Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi in September 2019.  
For Details Call Deacon Tony on 0857392473 or email deaconTony17@gmail.com**

### Monksland community Mass

The Christmas Monksland Community Mass will take place on Thursday next December 13th at 8pm in Monksland Community Centre. All are welcome as we celebrate Christmas & Community with prayer, friends and hospitality.

### Christmas Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

The Sacrament of reconciliation will be available after all Masses this Saturday evening / Sunday in the three churches in the parish.  
School Confessions will be heard during this coming week.  
Confessions will be heard in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church on Christmas Eve from 10am—2pm.

### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday next December 11th at 8.15 pm in Forthill House, Battery Road. All Members are requested to attend this important meeting.

### Parish Bereavement Support Group

Our Parish Bereavement Support Group will start its monthly meeting on Wednesday evenings beginning this Wednesday December 12th at 7.30 pm in Forthill House.  
Anyone who has experienced a loss (no matter how long ago) is very welcome to join the group. The Group will be facilitated by Sr. Ursula & Teresa Bell.

### Vacancy Parish Secretary:

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish are seeking to appoint a part time parish secretary based at Forthill house,

Candidates must have experience of

- Working in a public office environment
  - Working with accounts, Pay Roll, ROS and Surf Accounts.
  - Updating WordPress based website and social media.
  - Working with Microsoft Office; i.e. Word, Access, Excel and PowerPoint.
- The position will be initially for 17.5 hours a week (Morning work).

**Please send cv with references to Fr John Deignan P.P, Forthill House, Battery Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath by mid-day Friday December 14th.**

### Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 9th. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) Sean Shine, Buggane.  
Sun. 16th. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) Johnny Shine, Curmaboll.

### Drum Area Notes and Masses for Dec 8 – Dec 16

Sat. 8th. at 8 p.m. (MH) Edward and Eamon Griffin, Ardkeenan.  
Sun. 9th. at 10 a.m. (MH) John, Bridie & Thomas Harney, Curraghaleen. Also dec. family.  
Mon. 10th – Thurs. 13th. No Mass.  
Fri. 14th. at 7 p.m. Michael Naughton, Sussex. Late of Culfatha.  
Sat. 15th. at 8 p.m. (JD) Michael and Mary Glynn, Crannaghmore.  
Sun. 16th. at 10 a.m. (PN) Patrick and Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg.  
**Followed by blessing of Christmas Tree in the cemetery.**

### Christmas Fair at Drum Parish Hall

Sunday 16th December from 10.30am to 2pm. Cake sale includes Homemade Cakes, Puddings, Brown bread, Apple tarts. Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate and mince pies. Face Painting for children and Colouring competition. Santa visits the Hall at 12 o'clock. Sale of Books and bric a brac. Raffle on the day.  
Proceeds to Drum Heritage in association with St. Hilda's services, Athlone.

**PROGRESSIVE 25 CARD GAME- in Clann na nGael Clubhouse**, Johnstown on Monday 10th. December at 9pm organised by Drum Pioneer Association. Numerous food hampers to be raffled. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### SECULAR FRANCISCAN ELECTIONS

will be held on Wednesday night, the 12th December, at 7.30pm, in the Old Franciscan Choir beside Our Lady's altar. Refreshments will be served after the Elections.

### Charity Concert in aid of South Westmeath Hospice

Frankie McDonald & The Midland Big Band will host their Christmas Charity Concert in aid of South Westmeath Hospice on Monday 10th December at 8pm in the Price of Wales Hotel in Athlone.

### Curraghboy NS fundraiser

Roscommon Solstice Choir are performing a Christmas concert in St Brigid's Church, Curraghboy on 9th December at 8.30pm, doors open at 8pm. Tickets at the door

### Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre

A Special Mass for Healing will take place at Curraghboy on Thursday 13th December commencing at 8 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. John Walsh Contact: 086 4054489

### Ardkeenan N.S. Christmas Concert

will take place in Drum Parish Hall on Thursday 13th. December commencing at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

### Monksland Town Team

are hosting the annual Christmas Market and turning on of the Christmas lights today Sunday the 9th from 2-6 pm. Santa will arrive at 4pm Athlone Youth Orchestra will play from 4-5.30 Face painter from 3pm. Then the official turning on of the Christmas lights by the Christmas card competition winners Lola Faye Cannon and Kayla at 5.30 pm  
Cards are being sold locally in SuperValu, Kelly's cafe, Athlone springs hotel and Summer Hill and Cloonakilla NS at a cost of 5 euro per pack  
All proceeds will go back to the two schools.