

# St. Peter & Pauls Parish

Athlone, Drum, Clonown

## Parish Newsletter

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

January 13th 2019



### Our Parish on-line

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

#### Saturday January 12th

9.30 a.m. Caroline Devine

(MH) 6.30 p.m. Des Moran

Sunday (PN) 9a.m. People of the Parish

(PN) 10.30 a.m. Mary Hannon

(MH) 12 Noon Martin Brennan

Monday: 9.30 a.m. Paddy & Annie Whelan

7.30pm

#### Novena & Benediction

John King; Mary Kate Woods; Irene & Linda Rowlands;  
Eithne & Peter Dunne

Tuesday: 9.30 a.m. John Mc Manus

Wednesday: 9.30 a.m. Esther, Kathleen & John Egan

Thursday: 9.30 a.m. Ferdie & Kit O' Callaghan

Friday: 9.30 a.m. Patrick & Mary Anne Henry; Joe & Peggy O'Toole

7.30 pm

Michael Casserly (1st Anniv); Margaret Coffey; Frances  
Marnell & Dec members of the Walsh Family; Kathleen Gaffey; Michael &  
Hilda Gaffey; Johnny Derwin; Christy Finlass; Jodie & Margaret Derwin;  
Pauline McCormack.

#### Saturday January 19th

9.30 a.m. Brendan Golden

(JD) 6.30 p.m. Nora Mc Grath (1st Anniv)

Sunday (PN) 9a.m. People of the Parish

(PN) 10.30 a.m. Michael Fallon & Dec family members

(JD) 12 Noon Anne Savage (1st Anniv)

### Ar dheis Dé go raib a n-anamacha

Pray for the repose of the souls of John Carty, Late of Baylough, Died in Wales; Maureen O Meara (Nee Larkin) Creggan, Dublin Road; of Mary Lennon, Ardkeenán. May their souls rest in the peace of Christ.

### 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,

### Bell Circle & Parish Bingo

Draw takes place every Monday Evening at the Parish Centre.

Main Prize Winners €200; B Harney; €50: Quains 9 Millcross Rd) €30: Lilly Grennan

Inter Parish Bingo Every Sunday in the Dean Crowe Theatre at 8pm

### Tweet from Pope Francis @Pontifex

"Do not be afraid to weep when you encounter difficult situations: tears are drops that irrigate life.  
Tears of compassion purify hearts and feelings" (9th Jan 2019)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, December 30th € 1,705.**

**Sunday January 6th € 1680.**

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

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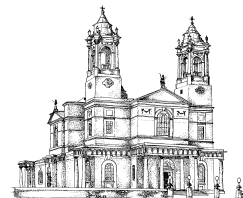
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Parish Pastoral Council;

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

### The Baptism of Our Lord

Today we celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus. It is a good day to reflect on our own baptism and its significance for us. The day of Jesus' baptism was a watershed in his life; it was a day of new beginning. On that day he began his public ministry during which he gave himself fully in the service of God and all of God's people. On that day Jesus launched forth as the one who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. As he set out on that momentous journey for all of us, he was assured of God his Father's favour, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you', and he was empowered by the Holy Spirit, who descended upon him like a dove.

Clonmacnois Prayer Vigil in Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre on Friday 18th of January and every third Friday. Mass at 9pm. Adoration and Prayers follow until 2.10am. All Welcome. Enquiries Dave; 085-7746763.

### An Gardai Siobhana Community policing unit Athlone

will hold their Annual Elder Persons party in the Hudson Bay Hotel on Sunday 27th January 2019 commencing at 3pm until 8pm. Food served. Tickets are available at Athlone Garda Station. All are welcome. Cost €8 per person.

### Monksland Town Team together with Roscommon Sports Partnership

are delighted to announce the Monks on the Move Operation Transformation National walk taking place every Monday night at 8pm 6 weeks. All welcome

### Parish Pilgrimage to Rome / Assisi

Deacon Tony is planning a Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi in September 2019. For Details Call Deacon Tony on 0857392473 or email deacontony17@gmail.com

### Big Brother Big Sister

are recruiting volunteers for its internationally renowned youth mentoring programme. Volunteers are asked to share one to two hours a week with their little brother/sister. Becoming a big brother/sister is an enjoyable way to spend your time and have a positive impact in a young person's life! If you are interested in volunteering contact us today 086 8596879 or [www.foroige.ie/bbbs](http://www.foroige.ie/bbbs)

### Parish Recruitment for Ministries

WE are currently inviting people interested in taking up the following ministries, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Reader or Collector at Mass, Should you wish to put your name forward or enquire please drop you namne into the Sacristy, The Office at Forthill House, or by contacting one of the priests.

Full training will be given before you would commence your new ministry.

### ATHLONE SECULAR FRANCISCANS

The next meeting of the Athlone Fraternity will be held in the Friary on Wednesday 13th February after the 10am Mass and in the evening with Mass at 7.30pm. PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Fraternity meeting in January.

### Clonown Mass Intentions

Sun. 13th. at 11.15 a.m. (JD) Sonny Egan, Callowbeg, Month's Mind.  
Sun. 20th. at 11.15 a.m. (MH) Tom Lennon, Oldtown, Clonown.

### Drum Area Masses for Jan 12 – Jan 20

Sat. 12th. at 8 p.m. (JD) James and Kathleen Greene, Doohan.  
Sun. 13th. at 10 a.m. (MH) Margaret & John McManus, Johnstown. Also, dec. family members.  
Mon. 14th. – Wed. 16th.- No Mass.  
Thurs. 17th. at 7 pm. - Mary & Daniel Harney, Crannagh. Also, deceased family members.  
Fri. 18th. at 7 p.m. - Una Naughton, Clonark.  
Sat. 19th. at 11 a.m. - Anthony O'Neill, Thomastown. Month's Mind.  
Sat. 19th. at 8 p.m. (MH) John, Bridget and Tom Duignan, Clonellan.  
Sun. 20th. at 10 a.m. (JD) Alan Ledwith, formerly of Thomastown.

### Social Dancing

will resume in Drum Parish Hall on Wednesday 23rd. January 2019 from 8 – 10pm. All are welcome especially beginners . Lessons given on the night.

### Ark of Divine Mercy Athlone

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from May 22nd- 29th 2019.  
Cost From €530 flying from Dublin with Aer Lingus including Half board & travel Insurance and Airport transfers from Dubrovnik to Medjugorje €250 payable and the final amount before mid March.

### Day of Prayer - Knock

Day of Prayer given by Fr. Kilian Byrne in St John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock on Saturday 2nd February from 10am – 5pm. Talks, Rosary, Adoration and Mass. To book contact Helen on 086 1678027 / [helly-williams@gmail.com](mailto:helly-williams@gmail.com)

### Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples:

Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 8th – 10th February 2019. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie). COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL

### Parish Youth Ministry Leadership Training Course

The Diocese of Elphin is planning to run a Parish Youth Ministry Leadership Training Course in order to offer parishes the opportunity to have trained parish volunteers who will be in a position to support their priest and parish with youth and young adult ministry. As part of the promotion process there will be two Information Sessions for those interested, as well as Priests and Parish Pastoral Council Members. The details for these sessions are as follows: • Tuesday 29th January 2019 in Summerhill College Sligo at 7:30pm • Thursday 31st January 2019 in Abbey Hotel Roscommon at 7:30pm.

*If you are interested please come along to one of these sessions and also let your parish priest know.*

*For further information please contact:*

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### Camino de Santiago pilgrimage for young adults (18 -35) June 2019:

Dates: 23rd – 30th June 2019, Age Group: 18 – 35, Cost €650. Package includes flights, 7 nights' B&B, 20kg Check-in luggage plus hand luggage, transfers and insurance.

Walking Details: A minimum of 100km walk is required to obtain the "Compostela", the official accreditation of the pilgrimage of St. James.

For more Information:

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