

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish

All Masses are streamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone.

There are no Masses in Drum or Clonown Churches due to the Coronavirus restrictions. All booked intentions will be included in the Mass from Ss. Peter & Paul's Church each day.

For the duration of the Coronavirus restrictions the Masses will not be said in public to conform with Government Policy & for the protection of health.

12th April

Easter Sunday	11:00 am	People of the Parish Michael & Patricia O Meara PJ Kearney Masie O' Reilly
Monday	9:30 am	Mass for the sick
Tuesday	9:30 am	Private Intention
Wednesday	9:30 am	No intention booked
Thursday	9:30 am	No intention booked
Friday	9:30 am	Nicole Collison (Months Mind) John Flynn (1st Anniversary) Kitty & John Sloyan Margaret Bell
Saturday	9:30 am	Ada Brennan (Months Mind) Patrick Snr & Elizabeth Darcy

19th April

Sunday	11:00 am	People of the parish Kathleen Lynch Pat & Mary Crehan Joe & Ned Roche, Togher. (Clonown)
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Prayers at Home:

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather for Mass, we would encourage you to download and print out this prayer booklet for use at home. We hope to have printed copies available later in the week.

Perhaps consider printing off some copies to pass on to people who may not have internet access.

While you can pray this at any time, a good time to do so would be at the time Mass is normally celebrated in your local parish.

www.elphindiocese.ie/prayers-at-home-when-gathering-for-mass-is-not-possible/

The Irish Catholic Bishops Conference have gathered all prayer resources that have been prepared in recent days and these can be viewed on

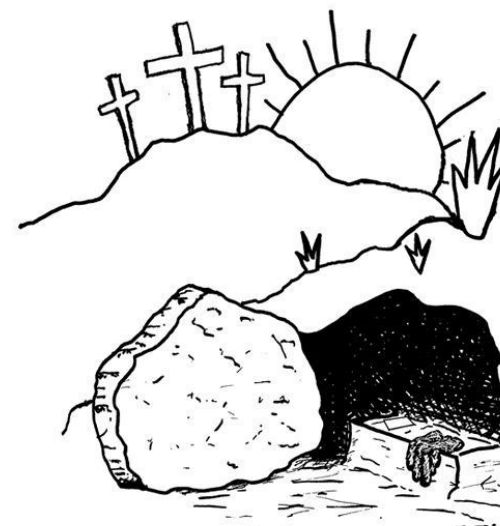
www.catholicbishops.ie



PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Parish Newsletter

*April 12th, 2020
Easter Sunday*



**He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6**

Our Parish on-line

Email: stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com

www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com

Facebook.com/Sspeterandpaulsparish -

Twitter ; @stpetersathlone

Live Camera Feed

www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter

From the PP's desk

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure another three weeks of lockdown are not what we had hoped to hear on Friday Last.

As difficult as it is to see beyond the next three weeks they will come, and they will go. This silent killer the Covid-19 Virus needs to be controlled and in the absence of a drug to eliminate it we must all play our part in ensuring we reduce the possibilities of its spread. We are told by health authorities that it is NOT airborne and therefore is passed on by contact only. Social distancing and good hygiene practices are the key to stopping its spread.

When in contact with others maintain the suggested 2-meter distance. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a disposable tissue, Wash hands often and well. If unable to wash hands use sanitizer.

During the lockdown many will find it difficult, lonely or even depressing. Now more than ever we need our neighbours, to check in daily with each other, to ensure we are ok. It is easy to identify if someone needs food but harder to identify loneliness or anxiety. By making daily contact with those living alone we can, and will, make a difference in people's lives get through the next three weeks, and during that time play our part in building a stronger community in which nobody is left behind.

This Easter, we are all experiencing the passion of Christ through the restrictions on movement, through the sadness of not being able to embrace children and grandchildren through our families not being able to gather for Easter, through helplessly watching a sick family member or friend, though not being able to attend Church.

Easter vigil Mass will be live streamed Saturday evening at 8pm with Easter Sunday Mass at 11am. Monday to Saturday Mass will be streamed at 9.30am and on Sundays at 11am on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

May our faith in the Resurrected Christ bring us through this challenging time and continue to shape us all into better, kinder people in the months ahead.

The parish office in town and Drum are both closed but emails are being monitored. The churches in the parish will remain open during the day as a refuge for those who would like to stop in for a prayer to light a candle or for some silent space.

(Social distancing should be observed if visiting and we ask you to use the sanitizer at the doors as you come and go.)

I cannot express enough gratitude to the members of the St. Peter's Parish Covid-19 Community Response Group for the great work they are doing.

I will communicate new First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

Stay safe, stay well and be assured of prayers. Wishing you all a Blessed Easter.

If I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me 0906490874
Fr. John

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

Ss. Peter & Pauls, Church, 8 pm

Celebrant Very Rev. John Deignan

Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish



Easter Sunday



Ss. Peter & Paul's, Church 11.am

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Ongoing Pastoral Care in our Parish

We remain available to respond to sick calls, pastoral needs or if you want a chat during this period of restrictions. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help.

For Sick / House Call requests please call Fr. John

Fr. John Deignan P.P.	090-6490874	frjohndeignan@gmail.com
Fr. Bernard Ngaleme C.C.	090 -6492171	bernardngalame@gmail.com
Fr. Michael Hickey CSSp	090-6437125	michaelhickeycssp@gmail.com

The Parish Offices in Forthill House & Drum are closed for the foreseeable future

St Peters Parish Covid-19 Community Response Group

A voluntary community response group has been established in the Parish of Ss Peter and Paul's Athlone *(Including Drum & Clonown Areas)* to assist those who may be self isolating or lonely at this time.

We have volunteers with cars ready to respond and a number of volunteer co-ordinators manning a dedicated number 24/7.

This service is available 24 hours a day to ALL those living in the Geographical area of Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish.

Please note the role of the group is to assist with getting supplies / prescriptions etc to those who cannot get out. We are also available to those who are feeling lonely, we can organise someone from their own area to telephone them for a friendly chat

The group **DO NOT** give advice on Covid-19.

For Assistance 24 / 7 call 087 7195022

Living in St. Mary's Parish area and need help Call 1800805816

He is Risen, Alleluia