

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish
 There are NO daily Masses in Drum or Clonown Churches for the time being.
 All booked intentions on weekdays will be included in the Mass from
 Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at the 9.30am Mass each day.

Please note that Public Masses on weekdays will be celebrated on Monday,
 Wednesday & Friday. Masses on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday will be said in private.

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

Sunday 19th July

11:00 am (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Paddy & Annie Fallon, Dan & Nell Egan
 Joe, Delia Curley and Della Sheridan; Teresa Whyte (Thomastown)
 Mary & Tom Hynes, Johnstown. & Dec. family members.

Monday 9:30 am (JD) (Public Mass Followed by Novena & Benediction)
 Private Intention

Tuesday 9:30 am (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Private Intention

Wednesday 9:30 am (BN) (Public Mass)
 No intention

Thursday 9:30 am (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 No Intention

Friday 9:30 am (MH) (Public Mass)
 John & Mary Fitzpatrick; Fintan Lynch
 John, Mary & Tommy Keogh; Sèan Goode

Saturday 9:30 am (MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Joe Kelly;

6.30 pm (JD) (Public Mass)

Sunday 26th July

12:00 noon (JD) (Public Mass)
 Norah Walsh; Esther Egan;

St. Brigid's Church Drum

Saturday July 25th

8 pm Vigil (MH) (Public Mass)
 Owen Mc Manus & his partner Leonie Kirwin;
 Patrick Higgins, Curryroe

Our Lady of the Wayside Chapel, Clonown

Sunday July 26th

11.15am (BN) (Public Mass)
 No Intention booked

Thanks for your on-going support

Once again thank you for your continued generosity in dropping in your offerings through
 out the week. I also thank those of you who have made your donation through the online
 "Donation" button on our website.

These contributions are vitally important in these challenging financial times for our parish.
 We are grateful for all your support.

Please remember to check in on your neighbours especially those who live alone or are
 elderly, a phone call or a kind gesture can make a huge difference to many.



Parish Newsletter

July 19th 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish on-line

Email: stpetersparishathlone@gmail.com
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Live Camera Feed

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Parish Pastoral Council; Colm Naughton, Chairperson c/o Parish Office

Parish Finance Committee Marie McEvilly, Chairperson c/o Parish Office

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Sacristans' Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy

THE PARISH OFFICES IN TOWN & DRUM REMAIN CLOSED AT THIS TIME

Please note, the parish offices in Town & Drum remain closed at this time.
 emails are being monitored and responded to. To book a Baptism or for a general
 enquiry please email if you can. To book a Mass in ss. Peter & Pauls Church Please call
 the Sacristy at Monday—Saturday 8.30am—10.15am

Return to Public Masses

Dear Parishioner's

I am happy to be able to announce that after discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council and with an increase of numbers allowed at religious gatherings we will return to Public Masses in a phased way from **Monday July 20th** in the Parish.

Mass Times This Week

Ss. Peter & Pauls Church

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Public Mass at 9.30

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Mass at 9.30am in Private broadcast live on Webcam.

Saturday 25th Vigil Mass 6.30pm Public Mass

Sunday 26th Mass at 12 noon

St. Brigid's Church Drum

Saturday 25th Vigil Mass 8pm

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonown

Sunday 26th at 11.15am

Revised Confirmation Dates 2020

Due to Social Distancing regulations all Confirmation Ceremonies will take place in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church this year.

Thursday September 17th

Cornafulla National School Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 11am

Summerhill National School Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 3pm

Friday September 18th

Ardkeen & Dean Kelly National Schools Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 11am

St Peter's National School & Clonown Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 3pm

Saturday September 19th

Cloonakilla National School Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 11am

Cloonakilla National School Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at 3pm

We will make contact directly with candidates families shortly to give full details.

Please note that these dates will be provisional as we will still be subject to Government restrictions, which can change at very short notice.

First Holy Communion

Dates will be announced nearer to when the schools reopen as we need to hear First Confessions before the children can receive their First Holy Communion.

We already have all the contact details for candidates so there is no need to make contact with us regarding them.

Baptisms

Most of the Baptisms have now been rescheduled,

We have had difficulty contacting a couple of families, If you had planned a Baptism and have not heard from us to confirm the date please contact one of the Priests.

The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19? Are you finding it more difficult to cope with a pre-Covid bereavement at this time? Would it help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77 which is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. The line aims to provide comfort and emotional support.

The following is a guideline for re-opening of our churches.

The Sunday / Holyday obligation has been suspended for the time being and those who cannot come to Mass are invited to participate on webcam or the parish radio link.

Please note, those who are concerned about their Sunday obligations any weekday mass fulfils all obligations for the foreseeable future.

- Those who are sick or have any symptoms of, or, confirmed COVID-19 should stay at home for the time being.
- Close contacts of a person who has a confirmed or suspected case of the virus should stay at home.
- It is suggested that those in the vulnerable category or with an underlying illness should also stay at home.

Practicalities When Public Masses Return

Entry to the churches will be through the main door only and all doors will be used to exit the church.

- Currently, with social distancing 100 parishioners can be accommodated at any one mass in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, (approx. 45 in Drum & 35 Clonown) this number will change as and when social distancing is relaxed.
- People will sit apart in seats to fulfil social distancing requirements.
- To ensure Social Distancing seats will be marked out by an Orange Sticker
However, one household can be seated together.

Please follow the instructions of the volunteers

- For the reception of Holy Communion in each church. Please follow the instructions of the Stewards.
- Holy Communion can only be distributed in your hand.
- We encourage all members of the congregation to wash and sanitise their hands before leaving home and perhaps bring their own pocket hand-sanitiser with them. If you are more comfortable wearing a face mask you may do so.
- People are encouraged not to bring unnecessary items into the church for mass. i.e handbags.

Parishioners attending Masses must adhere to the instruction of the Stewards when entering and leaving the church.

Everyone **MUST** use the sanitiser provided inside the Church and sanitise when entering the Church.

The contribution for the upkeep of the parish will not be taken up at mass. A basket will be placed on a table as you enter the church and you may place your offering/ contribution into it, you will be escorted to your seat. While we will try to accommodate you to sit as near to the place you normally sit please be aware that we cannot guarantee or reserve a seat for anyone.

Under the current guidelines we cannot allow any more than the safe recommended numbers into Masses, We apologise in advance if you are unable to get into the church for Mass and hope that you understand that this beyond our control.

- Without the help of volunteers and cleaners we cannot proceed to have all the Mass times as before.
- We must be able to show in advance that we have all the required people in place.
- Please see the video guide to returning to Mass on the Parish Website & on Facebook.

Thought:

“For each one of us, there is only one thing necessary: to fulfil our own destiny, according to God's will, to be what God wants us to be.” — Thomas Merton