

Parish Newsletter

September 13th 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy

WE RECOMMEND THE WEARING OF FACEMASKS WHEN ATTENDING MASS

Please note, the parish office on Battery Road is now open each weekday morning

Drum office will reopen on Monday September 7th.

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 on 0906494150 Monday—Saturday 8.30am—10.15am

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

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 13th September to Sunday 20th September

Saturday	9:30 pm	(JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) Jack, Bridget & Joe Brazil
Saturday	6.30pm	(BN) (Public Mass) Gerry Doherty (1st Anniv), Pawel Kos (Months Mind)
Sunday 13th September	12 Noon	(BN) (Public Mass) People of the Parish Marion & John Naughton; Jack Rigney
Monday	9:30 am	(MH) (Public Mass followed by Novena Prayers & Benediction) Denis Westman, Tommy & Pauline Butler, Joe & Mary Jane Donoghue, Parnell Keegan
Tuesday	9:30 am	(MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No Intention Booked
Wednesday	9:30 am	(JD) (Public Mass) Private Intention
Thursday	9:30 am	(JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No Intention Booked
	11 am	Sacrament of Confirmation, Cornafulla NS
	3 pm	Sacrament of Confirmation, Summerhill NS
Friday	9:30 am	(BN) (Public Mass) James & Mary Finneran, James & Gerry Glynn, Trevor McCormack & deceased members of McCormack & Barclay families, Paddy, Peg & Michael Moran, John & Bessie Harrington & Deceased members of Barlow family, Philomena Daly
	11 am	Sacrament of Confirmation, Ardkeen & Dean Kelly NS
	3 pm	Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Peters & Clonown NS
Saturday	9:30 pm	(BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam) No Intention Booked
	11 am	Sacrament of Confirmation, Cloonakilla NS
	3 pm	Sacrament of Confirmation, Cloonakilla NS
Saturday	6.30pm	(JD) (Public Mass) Jackie McLoughlin (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 20th September	12 Noon	(JD) (Public Mass) People of the Parish. Thomas Ward, Paddy & Lily Farrell, Michael & Maura Durney & Dec family members; Paddy Farrell Jnr, Dan & Lizzie Hynes,

"See your vocation as a God given path to holiness" – Hubert Von Zeller

Mass Times This Week
Ss. Peter & Paul's Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm
 Sunday Mass 12 noon
Drum Saturday Vigil Mass 8pm; **Clonown** Sunday 11.15am
Weekday Masses 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.
Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are limited in the numbers we can allow into the churches for Masses. We apologise to anyone who arrives after the limits have been met and ask for your patience and understanding.

The Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish.

We will have six ceremonies this year all of which will take place in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church on Thursday Friday & Saturday September 17th, 18th and 19th. We look forward to the celebration with those to be Confirmed, their Parents and Teachers. **It is important that candidates are in their places in the Church 30 minutes before the ceremony.**

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 Miss Kiely's Class Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at **11am**
 Cloonakilla National School Miss Connaughton's Class Ss. Peter & Paul's Church at **3pm**
Unfortunately because of the restricted numbers, due to Government protocols it is only possible for the parents and the candidate to attend the ceremony (3 people in total including the candidate).

If you have not returned the form sent out to you in the last week confirming the sponsors name, Please return it to the Parish Office, Battery Road immediately.

First Confessions

First Confessions will be heard during school time in preparation for First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion
(All will be held in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church this year.)

Ardkeen & Clonown	Friday October 9th, 2pm
Cornafulla	Friday October 9th, 4pm
St Peters & Dean Kelly	Saturday October 10th, 2pm
Summerhill	Saturday October 10th, 4pm
Cloonakilla Group 1	Friday October 16th, 2pm
Cloonakilla Group 2	Friday October 16th, 4pm

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Our Lady of the Wayside Chapel, Clonown

Sun 13th 11.15 a.m. **(MH)** Paddy Dunning, Ballinaculla..
 Sun. 13th 11.15 a.m. **(BN)** Joe Fahey, Cappamore. 1st. Anniversary.

St. Brigid's Church Drum

Sat. Sept 12th 8 p.m. **(MH)** Maura McCormack, Palmerstown, Dublin and formerly of Crannaghmore. 1st. Anniversary. .
 Sat. Sept 19th 8 p.m. **(MH)** Teresa & Frank Naughton, Doohan Annie Brennan, Crannaghbeg

Volunteers & Masses

I wish to thank the Volunteers who have come forward for Stewarding & Sanitising the Churches. Without their help we would not be able to open the doors for Public Masses. In the coming weeks we will be looking at reintroducing Masses in St. Peter and Paul's and in St. Brigid's, Drum however the reintroduction of Masses is dependent on the Government relaxing some of its requirements and can only be possible if we have enough volunteers to fulfil the requirements as laid down by the Government.
Volunteer application forms are available at the churches or parish offices.

Face Coverings:

Along with other Christian church leaders all over this island, Bishop Kevin has formally recommended the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing. Some people, for good reasons, are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, even in contexts where it is normally mandatory. Those same reasons apply when people come to Mass and should, of course, be respected.

Fundraiser for South Westmeath Hospice

TAKE AWAY COFFEE MORNING on the 24th September from 10am to 2pm in McNeill's Bar , Connaught Street, Take away due to restrictions in place for Covid 19

Community Employment Vacancies (CE Scheme)

- Caretaker with St. Peters Parish Centre Job Ref: 2149006
- Caretaker with Drum Church/Parish Hall Job Ref: 2153724
- Caretaker with Drum Community Centre Job Ref :2149038
- Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns Job Ref: 2149005
- Cleaner/Caretaker Monksland CC Job Ref:2156828.

Anyone who would like to apply for the above positions must be eligible to participate in Community Employment.
 For more information contact Parish Centre on 090 6493270 or 0861020278 Mon to Fri.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk – Virtual Event

During World Alzheimer's month on Sunday, September 20th we are asking you to join us for our first virtual Alzheimer's Memory Walk event. There are over 500,000 families affected by dementia in Ireland and we wanted to hold an event that was accessible to everyone, from granny and grandchildren to our four legged friends. All details at www.alzheimer.ie

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 13 September at 3pm from Knock Basilica. This year due to covid-19 restrictions, the grandparents pilgrimage will be streamed online. We invite grandparents and their families everywhere to join us online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch Further details are available at www.knockshrine.ie

Our desire for revenge can block us from receiving God's mercy