

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

Sunday 15th November to Sunday 22nd November

Saturday 9:30 am (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Thomas Keogh 1st Anniversary
 Sean Dillon, John, Mai and Pake McManus

Sunday 15th November 12 Noon (JC) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 People of the parish.
 Sr Bernard (Months Mind) Sr. Mercy & Sr. Máiread Watson,
 Martin, Mary, Liam & Rita O'Connor, Gemma Henry,
 Margaret & John Dunning & daughter Rose Rogers,
 And sons Michael, & Fr. Brendan Dunning.

Monday 9:30 am (MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction)
 Kathleen, Michael, Marie & Barbara McGrath, Michael Kelly, John & Mary Carty

Tuesday 9:30 am (MH) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Christy & Molly Willis and deceased members of family

Wednesday 9:30 am (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Private Intention,
 Pat Keena (Months Mind), Morgan Keena

Thursday 9:30 am (JD) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Frontline workers, Seán Caulfield

Friday 9:30 am (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 MJ Stewart (1st Anniversary)
 William & Mary Kate Wallace & deceased family members
 Paddy & Mary Molloy, Thomas & Bridie Mulligan,
 Liam Naughton

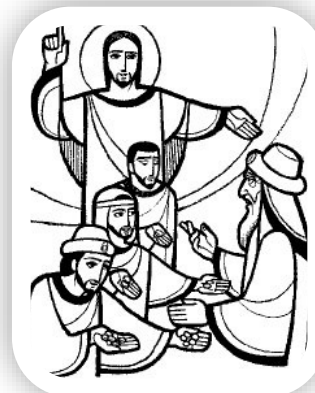
Saturday 9:30 am (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Kenny & Gately Families

Sunday 22nd November 12 Noon (BN) (Mass in Private, streamed live on Webcam)
 Noel, Mary & James Maher, Elaine McLoughlin,
 Thomas Hynes, James, Mary and Tommy Egan,

Parish Finances

Weekly contributions

I thank those who have dropped contributions in over the past weeks.
 During the period of lockdown you can drop contributions into any of the Priests Houses or to the Sacristy at Ss. Peter & Paul's. There is an on-line facility to donate for the upkeep of the Parish this can be accessed through the Parish website.



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

Parish Newsletter

November 15th 2020
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for the Poor

The names on your November Soul's Lists will be placed on the Altar and remembered in every Mass During November. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ongoing Pastoral Care in our Parish During Covid-19 Level 5

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 0906 6490874

Fr. John Deignan P.P.	090-6490874	frjohndeignan@gmail.com
Fr. Bernard Ngalame 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 to the public for the foreseeable future

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling

0818 222 024.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present in the
 Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there
 and unite me wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Covid-19 Level 5

From Thursday morning October 22nd the Government have placed the entire Country on Level 5 Lock-down until December 1st.

What does this mean to us in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish?

Masses must once again be celebrated in private.

- ◆ We will continue to celebrate Mass in private Monday – Saturday at 9.30am and at 12 noon on Sunday.
These Masses will be livestreamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone
- ◆ There will be no Mass in Drum or Clonown until the lockdown is over.
Masses booked in either church will be celebrated on that day in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church.
- ◆ The Churches **do** remain open for private prayer every day until 6pm
- ◆ Funeral Masses are allowed but limited to 25 persons.
- ◆ Weddings are allowed but limited to 25 persons.
- ◆ Baptisms are not allowed at the moment.
- ◆ No other public ceremonies are allowed during this time.

Clergy

The Priests in the Parish remain on duty and will respond to any sick or pastoral calls while observing the recommendations laid down for the safety of themselves and those they are ministering to.

Fr. John Deignan PP	0906490874
Fr. Bernard Ngalame CC	0906492171
Fr. Michael Hickey	0906437125

**Due to the changing nature of Covid-19 the above may change at any time.
Please stay safe and stay well. Please look out for those who are elderly or living alone.**

Keeping you all in Prayers

I know there is a lot of worry and concern about the continuing situation with Covid-19. It is easy for people to feel down and even trapped. Fear can paralyse us. The priests of the parish will continue to pray for you and offer mass that God will free us from fear and rid us of this virus.

May those who are tasked with the health and governance of our country, make wise and prudent decisions, so that we may all enjoy again the company of family and friends.

May we be able to gather as a Christian community to worship and care for one another.

Take heart today from the words of the prophet Isaiah.

***Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming'***

November Souls Lists

The November Souls Envelopes are available in the Church Porches. Once completed please return to any of the Priests, The Sacristy or Parish Office. All Names will be placed on the Altar in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church and remembered in all Masses during the month of November.

November Memory Tree

Those wishing to place the names of deceased family or friends on the Memorial Tree can do so any day by visiting the Church. The Tags are available in front of the tree in the church.

Dates for your Diary.

During the Lockdown we will live stream the following religious ceremonies on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

**Mass for our Frontline Workers
Thursday November 19th
Livestreamed at 9.30 am**

**Annual November Mass for those who have died in the Last Year
Wednesday November 25th from 8 to 9 pm**

We remember in this Mass all who have died in the last year. During the Mass we will light a candle in memory of each one of them.

Please let people know about these ceremonies and where possible you might assist anyone with internet difficulties to get on line for them.

Accord – Relationship Counselling

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times.

Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmosphere. Please contact Ann at 071-9145641 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.

Elphin Diocese's Faith in Action Conversation Series

continues Tuesday 17th Nov. 8 - 9 pm with Dermot Mansfield SJ introducing the life and legacy of Hans Urs Von Balthasar.

More details available at: www.elphindiocese.ie/von-balthasar All welcome.

Discovering Your Call

Every vocational decision involves trying to understand what God wants, not just what you might want yourself. God wants your happiness as much if not more than you want it yourself. So what I would suggest to any young person is that you develop the habit of sitting in the presence of God in some quiet place. Ask him to give you the wisdom to recognise the gifts that he has given you and to show you how he wants you to use them. Look at what is in your heart; not just on the surface but deep down. Don't be afraid to share your questions and your hopes with some wise person of faith whom you trust. Take your time. God has all the time in the world.

Bishop Kevin Doran – Discipleship and Mission in Changing Times (Pastoral Letter 2020)

Congratulations

To Sr's Louise & Geraldine from the Mercy Community who both celebrate their Diamond Jubilee of First Profession.

May God continue to bless you both with good health and happiness.

FoodCloud Charities

Are you a registered charity that uses food or provides food to people in need in the community?

Are you interested in collecting good surplus food from your local retailer?

Get in touch with the FoodCloud support team 01 5313478 or

by emailing charities@foodcloud.ie

**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.**