

Mass intentions this Week in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
 All Masses are streamed on www.churchservices.tv/athlone.
 All booked intentions from all our Parish churches will be included in the
 Mass from Ss. Peter & Paul's Church each day.

**For the duration of the current Covid-19 restrictions Masses
 will be said in Private**

Mass Intentions Sunday 24th January to Sunday 31st January

Sunday 24th Jan 12 Noon (BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)

Una Naughton, Denis & Mai Kilfeather,
 Daniel & Mary Harney, Willie Harney,
 Helen Viland nee Savage, Michael Hanley
 Mary Shine and deceased family members, Currnaboll.

**Monday 9:30 am (BN) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam
 Novena Prayers & Benediction)**
 John & Nora McGrath and deceased members
 of the McGrath, Dunleavy and Brilly Families
 Willie Harney and deceased family members. Doohan.

Tuesday 9:30 (BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Amanda Craughwell (Months Mind)
 Bridie West (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday 9:30 am (GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Stephen Quain, Mary Ganley

Thursday 9:30 am (GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Thanksgiving Mass, Sr. Peter Canisius Duffy, Clonark.

Friday 9:30 am (MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Mattie Grehan, Una Grehan, Brian Johnson,
 Dessie Conway, Packie & Angela Lennon,
 Nora and Michael McManus, Ardnanure.

Saturday 9:30 am (MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Mary McManus, Michael & Margaret McManus,
 Michael and Mary Shine, Creggane.

Sunday 31st January 12 Noon (BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Paddy Kenny, Mary Kate and Mike Hynes, Drumlosh.
 Joe and Mary Duignan, Clonellan.



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

Parish Newsletter

24th January 2021



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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy
The Parish Offices in Forthill House & Drum are closed to the public
for the foreseeable future please correspond by phone or email.

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.

Sunday of the Word of God

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians. For more see www.catholicbishops.ie

Online Prayer and Talks for Young People

Join the Youth 2000 Lockdown sessions at 7.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Monday – Youth 2000 bring you ‘workshops’. These are talks and lectures with a time for Q&A on the topics you request. Come along, listen in, join in, it is your chance to join a group of other young people interested in learning more about Catholicism and Jesus. Wednesday – Join our online prayer group. It is led by young people from around Ireland each week and has music, lead prayer and most importantly live Adoration of Our Lord! Friday – Join the Youth 2000 Quiz – General knowledge, music, picture rounds, join for the fun, the craic and banter, also good to bring tea/coffee! To join any of these events send an email to Emma at office@youth2000.ie with the tagline ‘I’d like to join!’. www.youth2000.ie

Opening times of Churches:

All three churches in the parish are open daily if you wish to visit for private prayer. When in attendance please wear facemasks and adhere to all government rules. In all churches doors will be closed in advance of a funeral due to preparations required. They will re open once cleaning has been completed after mass.

Ss Peter and Pauls 10am—5pm Mon to Sat , Sunday 1pm—5pm

The Crib will remain in place until the end of the month.

Our Lady of Wayside, Clonown 9:30am—4:30pm

St. Brigid Church, Drum 10am—5pm

Daily Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings for daily & Sunday Masses are available each day on the Parish Website. If you look to the right of the homepage you will see the tab to click. The readings automatically update each day. It is nice to read and reflect on these readings during the day. It is through the readings that God speaks to us.

The word of God is alive and active



Collection to support the Parish Clergy

The Parish clergy appreciate very much all those who have contributed to the Christmas Collection. This is one of four collections in the year that goes to support the parish clergy. I invite anyone who has not already done so, to please return their contribution as soon as possible. Míle buíochas.

We are also very grateful to the area distributors for their service in distributing the envelopes and the boxes of envelopes for the weekly offerings. Again our thanks to all of you who are returning your weekly offerings for the upkeep of our Parish churches, office and facilities.

If you have not received a box and would like to contribute, please contact the office at 090 6492171. Thanks.

Options for payment

Online on parish website <https://www.sspeterandpaulsparishathlone.com/>

After 9:30 a.m. daily mass, sacristan will be available, call to back door of church.

Parish Secretaries will be available in Forthill House Mon - Fri 10:00 — 2:00,

Drum Mon to Thur 9:30 — 1:30 .

Envelopes can given to any of the parish churches and we will deliver them to their specific church

Community Employment Vacancies (CE Scheme)

Caretaker / Grounds person Drum Community Centre Job Ref: 2168143

Caretaker / Grounds person Monksland Community Centre Job Ref: 2168150

Cleaner / Caretaker St. Peter's Church Job Ref: 2168154.

To qualify you must be in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment for a minimum of 1year.

For further information contact Annette at 0906493270 or 0861020278

between 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday & 9am to 1pm Friday.

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.**

Christmas Memory Cards from Drum Graveyard

Anyone who wishes to keep the Memory Card of their recently deceased family member that was on the Christmas tree in Drum graveyard please contact Aidan O'Reilly on (086) 347 9040 to arrange same.

Booking of Masses

Masses which have been booked in any parish church are included in 9:30am daily mass in Ss Peter and Pauls on their booked dates.

If you would like to book a mass please contact our sacristan who are available daily morning only 8:30 am—10:30 am . Contact number 09064 94150