



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

Parish Newsletter

14th February 2021 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **St. Valentines Day**

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

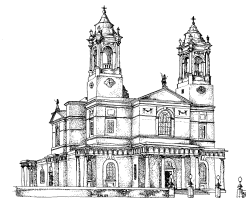
Mass Intentions Sunday 14th February to Sunday 21st February

Sunday 14th February	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Kitty McCann (Months Mind) Pat Ward, Cathal O'Kelly, Hugh Roche. Willie & Eileen Connaughton and dec. family members.
Monday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction) Mary Mannion, Ann Carty, Annie & Pat Fallon,
Tuesday 9:30	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) John & Gerry Ward
Wednesday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Ash Wednesday (First day of Lent)	Mary Murray (1 st Anniversary) James O'Neill and deceased family members
Thursday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Kathleen & Paddy Lawlor
Friday 9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Ann Ganly, Jimmy Lynch
Saturday 9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Morgan Keena (1 st Anniversary) William O'Connor, Thomas, Elizabeth and Frank Lennon Kitty & Patrick Seery and deceased members of the Seery & McManus families,
Sunday 21st February	
12 Noon	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Paul Egan (Months Mind) Bernie Ward, Michael Redmond, Michael (Mike) O'Reilly Adrian, Denis and Mary Dolan, John Egan

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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.



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,
Athlone



St. Brigid's Church,



Church of Our Lady of the

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Prayers at Home when gathering for mass is not Possible

There is an online booklet available for you to download on the diocese of Elphin website.

This prayer booklet has been prepared by the Diocese of Clonfert and the Diocese of Elphin specifically for this time we find ourselves in.

We continue to keep each other in prayer during this time. Please remember to take care of yourself, your family and loved ones and follow the advice of the HSE. Link details are:

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

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.

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 be open once cleaning has been completed after mass.

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

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

St. Brigid Church, Drum 10am—5pm

Ash Wednesday - 17th February

- Due to the current restrictions in place we will not be able to distribute ashes after Mass this year. We will instead provide you with little sachets of blessed ashes.
- Ashes will be blessed at the morning mass in Ss Peter & Pauls and will be available after Mass for collection. We will bring Blessed ashes to Clonown and Drum churches after morning Mass. The churches will be open from 11am - 6pm.
- We will leave the sachets in boxes near the altar of each church.
- **Each sachet will have enough for a household not a single person Please be considerate of others and only take what your household needs.**

Virtual Holy Hour for Young People

Elphin Youth Ministry with Elphin NET Team will host a Holy Hour every Tuesday evening which will be broadcast on Facebook live and Instagram. It can be accessed via any of the links below. Music, Prayer, Reflection, Healing and Blessing.

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/elphindiocese/live

Instagram: [Instagram.com/elphinnetteam](https://www.instagram.com/elphinnetteam)

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire's Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Awut and Ajak are shining examples of resilience, friendship and solidarity. This Lent we hear not only about the enormous challenges they have faced, but also about how they support each other through these challenges. Please support the work of Trócaire this Lent by picking up a Trócaire box or donating online at www.trocaire.org **Boxes are available at the Churches**

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

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

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.

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 atmospheres. Please contact Ann at 087-6765425 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.

Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity

Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity beginning Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021. www.continuousrosary.com

Community Employment Vacancies (CE Scheme)

Caretaker / Grounds person Monksland Community Centre Job Ref: 2168150

Receptionist administrator based at Monksland Community Centre Ref: 2170195

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

For further information contact Annette at 0906493270 or 0861020278

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

Clonown National School

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For an Enrolment form, please email: clonownns@gmail.com