

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.

Sunday 28th March	
12 Noon	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Pat & Mary Crehan, Peggy McCracken, Kathleen Shine, Mary Ellen and Anthony Whyte. Teresa and Paddy Greene
Monday	
9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction) Kieran Gallagher, Bridie & David Purdy, Thomas & Mary Ann Naughton & Son Tom and Grandson Fergal. John Joe Meares.
	8:00 pm HOLY HOUR (Private, streamed live on Webcam) Lead by Fr Michael McManus
Tuesday	
9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Thanksgiving mass
Wednesday	
9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Sr Carmel McLynn (1 st Anniversary) Lena & James Murray.
Thursday	
9:30 am	Holy Thursday (streamed live on Webcam) Morning prayer
	8:00 pm (BN) Mass of Our Lords Supper
	9:00 pm Night Prayer
Friday 2nd April	
12 Noon	(GA) Good Friday (Streamed live on Webcam) Stations of the Cross
	3:00 pm Passion of the Lord
	6:00 pm Prayer around the Cross
Saturday	
9:30 am	Holy Saturday Morning Prayer
	8:00 pm (RM) Easter Vigil Mass (streamed live on Webcam)
Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday	
12 Noon	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Ellen O'Brien (Months Mind) Michael Hanley Snr, Frank and Nuala Larkin, Nancy McManus, Catherine Higgins. Teddy, Bridie & Mary Simpson



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

Parish Newsletter

28th March 2021
Palm Sunday



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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.**



**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 29th
 MARCH TO MONDAY 12th APRIL**

**Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the high point of the Church Year.
Pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence and pray:**

**Loving Father, with palm branches we recall when
Jesus was welcomed by crowds into the city of Jerusalem.
Bless us with your Spirit as we prepare to journey
through Holy Week.**

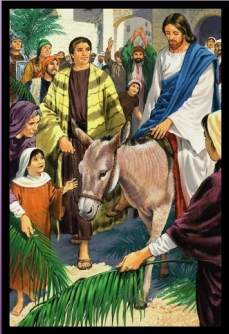
**May we find time to listen again to the story of the
passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.
There, may we discover the love of God,
which knows no bounds.**

**We bring with us our suffering and pain,
our worry and loss and the suffering, pain,
worry and loss of the whole world at this time.**

**May we hear proclaimed this coming
Easter Day that Jesus is risen!**

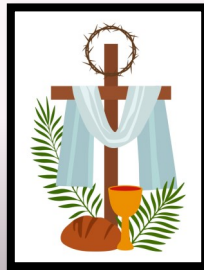
**May we have our hope renewed in God
who brings good out of bad
and even life out of death. Amen.**

Glory be to the Father ...



Holy Week list of live streamed services

Monday 29th March	7:30 p.m.	Holy Hour (Led by Fr. Michael McManus.)
Thursday 1st April	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord Supper
	9:00 p.m.	Night Prayer
Good Friday 2nd April	12:00 Noon	Stations of the Cross
	3:00 p.m.	Passion of the Lord
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer around the Cross
Saturday 3rd April	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th April	12:00 Noon	Easter Mass



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Bringing Holy Week Home – A Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday Companion

Again this year, our celebrations for Holy Week will be very different due to the restrictions in place because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a Christian Community we cannot gather together for our usual religious services. This will not prevent us from uniting spiritually and taking time to pray, to reflect and to make this Holy Week a truly enriching experience of the presence of God in our lives. We are blessed that many of the traditional ceremonies associated with Holy Week will be livestreamed over the internet or broadcast on radio or television. While recognising that this cannot fully substitute for being present at the ceremony, this Holy Week at Home Companion is designed to help deepen your participation in those broadcasts and to assist you in getting the most out of them spiritually. It is available on www.elphindiocese.ie

Clocks Change Saturday Night

Don't forget clocks move forward one hour this weekend.



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.



Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire 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 all Churches

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.

Threshold of Hope

A unique online musical gathering with gifted and creative singer, facilitator and spiritual director Deirdre Ní Chinnéide coming from the Aran Islands into your own home. Deirdre invites us to venture a few steps to cross a threshold of hope. Deirdre's music soothes the soul and stirs the spirit to courageous new beginnings of hope. free event will be live-streamed on Tuesday, March 30th at 8pm at www.churchservices.tv/deirdrenichinneide

Revenue Tax Rebate Scheme

As you are aware our parish, as an approved Charity is eligible to recover some of the tax from the Revenue Commissioners on the contributions made to the church.

Parishioners **whether Self-Employed or PAYE Tax Payers**, who have **contributed €250** or more to the church via weekly Offertory Collection, or Dues Collections (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, November, Stations etc.) and all other donations made to the parish, are eligible to qualify for the Tax Rebate Scheme. If you would like to receive relevant paperwork or further information, please contact Drum Office on 0906437125 or Forthill Office on 0906492171

28th March Palm Sunday

Blessed Palms will be left near the altar's in all churches after 12 Noon Mass on the 28th March.

Please adhere to all HSE guidelines on restrictions when you are in the church. Face masks to be worn at all times when inside the church.

