

Mass intentions from April 25th to May 2nd 2021 in Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish

All Masses are live-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. www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Sunday 25th April	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Robert Naughton, 1st Anniversary. England and f formerly from Thomastown. Lorraine Degg, Marie Farrell. Pat & Babs Treacy, Donal Shine, Drum, Tom Egan Dan & Mary O'Connor, Kilty. Daughters Maureen & Anne, Son Pat and daughter in law Mary. Fr. Brendan Dunning, Creggane, Clonown.
Monday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction) Mary Ann Duignan & Son Tom Delia Leonard & deceased family members
Tuesday 9:30 am	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Richard Bertles
Wednesday 9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 9:30 am	(MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) John Halligan and deceased family members Tom Connor and deceased family members, Clonark. Michael and Mary Allen.
Friday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Tim Connolly (Kiltoom)
Saturday 9:30 am	(BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Terry Byrne
Sunday 2nd May	
12 Noon	(GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam) Elizabeth Studdert (1 st Anniversary) Betty Cunniffe, Newtown East (1st. Anniversary) Tommy & Frank Ward (Clonown), Larry Fagan , Mary & John Dunning, Drumlosh. Margaret McManus, Manchester. Maura McCormack, Palmerstown and formerly of Crannaghmore. Frank and Mary McManus, Ardnanure.



Parish Newsletter

April 25th 2021
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Good Shepherd Sunday



Priest on Call
085-8705840



Today is Word Day of Prayer for Vocations, Good Shepherd Sunday.

Please join with us in praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, especially for our diocese.

If you are considering such a vocation, we encourage you to speak to your local priest or contact our Diocesan Vocations Directors,

Frank McGuinness 087 9880690 or

Fr. John Gannon 071 9639005 or email vocations@elphindiocese.ie

Reflection for Vocations Sunday

Every single person has a vocation, a calling, a dream held for us by God as to who God would have us be and what God would have us do with our lives.

When we speak of "praying for vocations" it is somewhat inaccurate. Vocations are freely given by God. What we are really praying for is God's help to find and follow our own particular call. Currently in our part of the world, the call to a life of service and ministry in the Church is not very popular, for a variety of reasons. It's not so much that God is not calling, so much as people might not be tuned in too well to listening! Another element is that whilst God does the calling, it is up to us to do the informing and inviting; that is telling people about religious life, diaconate and priesthood – the fulfilment and joy it can bring – and actively inviting/encouraging them to think about it as a possible choice.

Imagine if, in every parish and faith community, people were encouraged to spend a few minutes discerning who in their midst might be a possible candidate for religious life/priesthood? Then, if they gently and sensitively shared the fruit of their reflection with that person, saying what they saw in the person and then left it for him/her to think and pray about it? What would happen? Only God knows!

As well as full time ministry, every community has a need for willing people to serve as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, Mass servers, catechists or members of various committees.

God's Kingdom needs people willing to say yes and give their hands, feet and hearts Jesus the Good Shepherd is saying, "Whom shall I send?"

What are you saying in reply?

Understanding Pentecost

Pentecost comes soon. Would you like to learn about the Holy Spirit- the spirit of love between Jesus and God the Father? Life in the Spirit seminar led by Fr Pat Collins on ZOOM. Course Starts 05 May 2021 on WEDNESDAY evenings for 7 weeks — FREE to attend. Donations welcome. register on www.newspringtime.ie/shop

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.



Financial support of the Clergy

We express our gratitude to those who have already returned their Easter Dues Envelopes. The Easter Dues are one of four collections that pay the salary of the three priests in the parish. Easter Dues envelopes can be returned to the Parish offices or the Ss. Peter & Paul's Church. We express our thanks to the area distributors for their help in distributing the envelopes.

We thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

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 The Parish office at Forthill House on 0906492171

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

You can return your Trócaire Boxes to any of the Churches in the Parish or drop them to the Priests Houses. Thank you for your support of the mission works of the Irish Church.

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.

Confirmation Booking Forms

We wish to thank all those that have sent in their registration forms to date. This registration was a form with the Title Registration for the sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 and a second form with the Title Recommendation and commitment of parents before confirmation. Can all applicants for confirmation 2021 please get their forms submitted.

Drum/Clonown Community Games

have gone online for some virtual events. Check out our Facebook page for information. Closing date for entries is 5th May"

We are hoping that restrictions will be reduced in the very near future and that we will be able to return to the Public celebration of Mass so that we can meet up and re-connect with family and friends. Wishing you all blessings of safety and health.