

Mass intentions from May 2nd to 9th May 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 2nd May 12 Noon (GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Elizabeth Studdert (1st Anniversary)
 Betty Cuniffe, Newtown East (1st. Anniversary)
 Tommy & Frank Ward (Clonown)
 Larry Fagan, Mary and John Dunning, Drumlosh.
 Margaret McManus, Manchester.
 Maura McCormack, Palmerstown and Formerly of Crannaghmore.
 Frank and Mary McManus, Ardhanure.

Monday 9:30 am (MH) (Private Mass streamed live on Webcam Novena Prayers & Benediction)
 No Intention

Tuesday 9:30 am (MH) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Private Intention

Wednesday 9:30 am (BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Paul Sheehy

Thursday 9:30 am (BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Thomas & Josephine O'Connor, Clonark. Also, sons Paddy Joe, Harry and Tom. Daughter Martha and husband Michael.

Friday 9:30 am (GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 No Intention

Saturday 9:30 am (GA) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Kevin Gilligan Months Mind

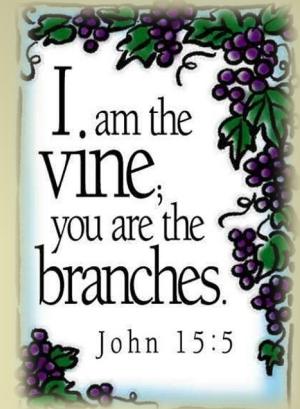
Sunday 9th May 12 Noon (BN) (Private Mass, streamed live on Webcam)
 Willie Shine, Curnaboll. 1st. Anniversary.
 Michael & Margaret Fallon and deceased family members.
 Mary Maisie McGuire & Pat McGuire,
 Eileen Nolan, Kate & John Fitzmaurice, Hannah and Thomas Lennon,
 Tommy Grenham and deceased family members, Buggane.



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

Parish Newsletter

2nd May 2021
5th Sunday of Easter



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Sacristans' Christine Kenny & Tom O'Neill

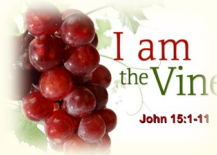
Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates are issued from the Sacristy

The Parish Offices in Forthill House & Drum are closed to the public for the foreseeable future please correspond by phone or email.



"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me **you** can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a **branch** that is thrown away and withers; such **branches** are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.



THE RETURN TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS

We were delighted to hear the news last night, we can return to the public celebration of Mass from May 10th.

There will be restrictions on numbers that can attend and as before strict social distancing, hand Hygiene and wearing of masks will still apply.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank all of our volunteers who enabled us to open for Mass last summer and in December and who will play an important role in us reopening on Monday May 10th.

Once we have a chance to look over the full details, (the small print) we will publish a full list of what we can do under this phase of reopening the country.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to the public celebration of Mass. Brighter days are coming...

Worldwide Rosary in the Month of May

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to praying for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The initiative involves

30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world, including Knock Shrine. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1st May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 5pm Irish time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative. The Pope will also close the initiative on 31st May with another specially-broadcast Rosary. www.vaticannews.va/en

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

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

Accord Counsellors

Accord is recruiting experienced practitioners to train in the specialism of Couples and Relationships Counselling. Successful applicants will have an opportunity to follow a 16 day Level 6/Level 8 Certificate programme in Couples Counselling (in-person/blended learning) and a further 105 hours training in online and telephone counselling with individuals and couples with an external provider commissioned by Accord. Do you have: Minimum Level 5 (UK)/Level 7 (RoI) qualification in Counselling/Psychotherapy? Substantial experience of working in the Person-Centred style? Minimum 100 counselling hours post-graduation? A current supervised caseload? If you can answer yes to all four questions above, please contact www.accord.ie for further information about this unique Couples Counselling training package. Final date for receipt of applications 07/06/2021

Irish Hospice Bereavement Support Line

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, our Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, is there to provide connection, comfort and support for anyone grieving in these exceptional times. It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

Galilee Spirituality Centre

In the Age of the Spirit: An Easteride Series, Tuesdays 4th and 11th May, 7.30-9.00pm, Galilee Spirituality Centre. All Welcome. Booking and link: info@galilee.ie €5 donation.

Holy Hour Online

Elphin Youth Ministry with Elphin NET Team will host a Holy Hour every Tuesday evening until the end of May 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 <https://www.facebook.com/elphindiocese/live> Instagram: [Instagram.com/elphinnetteam](https://www.instagram.com/elphinnetteam)