

## SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th December to Sunday 12th December

<b>Saturday 6:30 pm 4th Dec</b>		<b>(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> (Month's Mind) Elizabeth (Betty) Gallagher (1st Anniversary) Colm Shine
<b>Sunday 5th Dec</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Marie & Ultan Shanahan, Noel & Ann Lackey Paddy & Elizabeth, P.J. & Brendan Cannon Bill, Agnes & Michael Stacey Chrissie, James & Tom Byrne Carmel Monaghan
<b>Monday 6th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Patrick & Rose Kirby Maureen, Sean, Michael Brennan, John Lafferty
<b>Tuesday 7th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Private Intention
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th Dec</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Jack & May Laffan & Kathy Brennan
	<b>12.00 noon.</b>	<b>(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b>
<b>Thursday 9th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Tommy, Rose, Seamus & Mary Reynolds
<b>Friday 10th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Agnes Hanley & Sr Lourdes Hynes
<b>Saturday 11th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>(BN) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> No Intention
	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>(MH) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> (Month's Mind) Michael Kelly (Month's Mind) Margaret (Peg) Hassett
<b>Sunday 12th Dec</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> People of the Parish
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>(GA) Public Mass Also Live Streamed</b> Gerald Holohan Snr & Jnr Michael, Sally, Marie, Basil & Nuala Casserly Michael Casserly



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

# Parish Newsletter

**December 5th, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

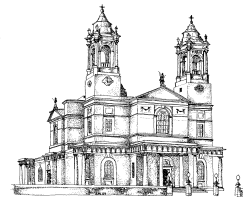


## Prepare the Way of the Lord...

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**Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates  
are issued from the Sacristy**



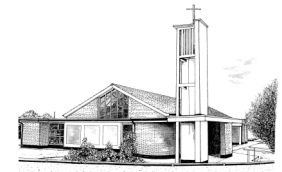
Ss. Peter & Paul's Church,

Athlone



St. Brigid's Church,

Drum



Church of Our Lady of the

Wayside, Clonown

**To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 0858705804**

## Make his Paths Straight

- During Advent we are meant, like the Baptist, to prepare the way for Jesus as our Saviour. We need to see what in our lives needs straightening out. The imagery of filling in the valleys and levelling hills is a call to care about justice for all God's people. One could say that the Baptist called for a level playing field for all, so that everybody has fair access to the amenities of this world. He was against hoarding, dominance and aggression. Isaiah offers hope that **"all people will see the salvation sent to us from our God."** God's word has a message for me. I am to turn from my sins, and to prepare the way for him. I am to help ensure fair play and justice for others.

- Filling valleys, levelling mountains, straightening the crooked road, preparing a path-way for the Lord. All this is our preparation for Christmas. Of course, **it involves decisions, and these decisions from of the realities of my life.** God is always calling for a response. Responding to him is to become responsible.

- Many parishes have a Penance Service during Advent. It may be called "Confession of sins without listing them" To some people, this seems too simple, too easy. But let's not forget the purpose of the Penance Service. **Sin has a community dimension.** When I do wrong, I fail other people by failing to live up to my Christian vocation. The community is diminished by my sin, so there should be a community aspect to my repentance. So, it's right to make a public acknowledgement of my sinfulness and my need for the grace of God as part of my preparation for Christmas. In the season of peaceful good-will, we need to restate our good-will, and act on it. We try to do our part in making his paths

### CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

There will be an opportunity for individual Confessions after the 9.30am Mass each Saturday during Advent season.

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Christmas Confession on Saturday 18th December from 10.am to 1pm. There will be two priests available for each hour.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES TIMES WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEKS NEWSLETTER.

### Special Envelope to help with heating costs in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church

Parish finances are quite stretched due to the pandemic and the recent hike in Oil prices. This puts extreme pressure on us in attempting to keep Ss. Peter & Paul's Church warm for Masses. Should you wish to contribute to the heating special envelopes are available at the back of the church and they can be returned in the collection basket or dropped into the office or sacristy.

### Car Parking at SS. Peter & Paul's Church

Parking in the Church grounds is reserved for those visiting the church. We ask your co-operation especially at Mass times and on days when we have Funerals or Weddings.

### Drum Mass Intentions for Dec 4th—Dec 12th

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. - Eugene Nolan, Doohan. Month's Mind.  
Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. - Bridie and Pat Caulfield, Summerhill.  
Also, deceased family members.  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m.-  
Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.- Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.- John and Anne O'Neill, Clonellan.  
Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. - Eamon, Ned and Annie Griffin, Ardkeenan.  
Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.- Paddy and Elizabeth Halligan, Crannaghbeg.

### Clonown Mass Intentions for Dec 5th – Dec 12th

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 a.m. - Mary and Johnny Flynn, Clonown.  
Also, Sonny Egan  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. - Johnny Shine, Currnaboll.  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 a.m. - Seán Shine, Buggane.

### Advent Talks – Knock Shrine and Online

With Fr Eamonn Conway, Head of Theology & Religious Studies, MIC, University of Limerick and Julie Kavanagh, member of the National Synodal Steering Committee, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. As the initial phase of the Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland is now underway, these talks will offer the opportunity for discussion and reflection to help deepen our understanding of this important subject. Thursday Evenings: 2nd, 9th & 16th December at 8.15pm Location: St John's Rest & Care Centre and live on [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live)

### 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.

**Short Advent Reflections** by Fr. Niall Ahern available to podcast and to listen @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections) offer a gentle way of entering the forthcoming Advent season. All welcome to use.

### Digital Advent Calendar

Now in its eighth year, the popular interactive Advent calendar is available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) This year's calendar theme focuses on the theme of 'Hope'. Each day during Advent a virtual door can be opened on the calendar containing faith content, including an audio/video reflection.

### Carols by Candlelight – Knock Basilica

We are delighted to bring you our 'Carols By Candlelight' performance from Knock Basilica, taking place on Sunday 19th December at 8pm. Lift your spirits and spark the joy of Christmas with loved ones with 'Carols by Candlelight', performed against the soft glow of candlelight in the breath-taking surrounds of Knock Basilica. Featuring the Schola Cantorum Basilicae, the Knock Basilica Choir, together with the ConTempo String Quartet and Organist Mark Keane. The carol service will be streamed live to the world on our website [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) It is not necessary to book in order to attend the Carol Service, attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis with ushers present to assist.

**Lough Derg online shop** offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available – Fr La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit [www.loughderg.live/shop](http://www.loughderg.live/shop) Telephone 071-9861518 *Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.*