

# **ST. MARY'S PARISH**

## ***First Sunday of Lent***

**21 February, 2021 – *UPDATED MON 22 FEB***

### **RECENT DEATHS**

**Mary Hutchinson (née Shine)**, St. Peter's Terrace and late of Assumption Road

**Margaret Stewart (née Devers)**, Cherryfield Avenue

**Noel Cleary**, Custume Barracks, Late of Nenagh, (*Father of Kieran & Conor Cleary, Athlone*)

**Thomas (Tommie) White**, Clonakilla, Bealnamulla

**Geraldine Mulvey (née Cloono)**, Bealnamulla

**Michael Lennon**, Creggane, Cornafulla (*Brother-in-law of Joan Lennon, Glenwood*)

**Patrick Stapleton**, Ballyfermot, Dublin (*Father of Fr. Christy Stapleton*)

**Sheelagh Keenan**, Kilbeggan and late of Auburn Villas

**Maighréad Hogan**, Caltra, Co. Galway (*Sister of Bríd McCormack, Coosan*)

**UPDATED MON 22 FEB: ST. MARY'S CHURCH will now be fully closed to the public on this Thursday and Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February**, due to essential works on the front façade. To ensure the safety of everyone, this closure is unavoidable. Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church will be open for personal prayer and will be available for funerals during this essential closure. **This had previously been announced for earlier in the week but due to the inclement weather forecast has been postponed to this Thursday and Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

### **LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS:**

During the current Level 5 restrictions, we will continue to offer our usual weekday and Sunday Mass schedule in both churches. All Masses will be available **online only** via our Parish Website [stmarysathlone.ie](http://stmarysathlone.ie) Unfortunately, no congregations can be present. We will also continue to broadcast Mass on Athlone Community Radio 88.4FM live from St. Mary's Church, Monday to Saturday at 9:30am and on Sunday at 11:30am.

Reminder that St. Mary's Church will be closed this Thursday and Friday, but Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church will remain open for personal prayer, outside of Masses, during the week from 9:00am to 6:30pm.

The number permitted to attend funerals is now restricted to **10 mourners**.

### **PARISH OFFICE:**

Until further notice the parish office will **only be contactable by phone** at the normal times; it won't be accessible to the general public and an over-the-counter service can't be provided. The priests of the parish remain available 24/7 for all pastoral emergencies on 09064 72088.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will take place **online** and on Athlone Community Radio, every Friday morning during Lent in St. Mary's Church immediately after our 9:30am Mass.

### **TROCAIRE BOXES:**

Trocaire Boxes are available in both churches. If you know of someone in your neighbourhood or family who is isolating and would like a Trocaire Box, we ask you to take one for them.