

Mass intentions for October

Sunday 1 October	Tim, Mary, Lawrence Geoghegan
Friday 6 October	Seán Boyle
Sunday 8 October	John Warde (3rd Anniversary)
Sunday 15 October	Jack Warde
Sunday 22 October	Rose Shine and deceased members of the Shine family
Sunday 29 October	Fr Michael Dunning (1st Anniversary)

Altar Servers for October

Sunday 1 October	Stephen, Martin, Katie
Sunday 8 October	Hazel, Sarah, Deirdre
Sunday 15 October	Ciara, Fiona
Sunday 22 October	Elaine, Aoife
Sunday 29 October	Stephen, Martin, Katie

If you are unable to attend, please ask someone else to stand in for you.

Reader for October: Kathy Hardiman

Altar Society: Helen Gavin, Margaret Dunning

Rota of Readers

A new rota of readers will be drawn up shortly. If you are willing to do the readings please contact Maura at

CLOWN NEWSLETTER

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**Congratulations David
and the
Roscommon team**

David Flynn would like to thank people for their support of the Roscommon Minor Team. He hopes to bring the cup to the area in the coming weeks.

All Ireland Champions

Congratulations to the Roscommon Minor Football Team, who won the All Ireland Final after a thrilling final and replay. It was lovely to see the whole Clonown area festooned with the blue and gold bunting, flags and banners. The local heroes, David Flynn and Donie Shine did us proud. It is a great honour for Clonown that one of our own, David, who captained the team, accepted the cup on behalf of the team.

Community Centre

At last the builders have moved into the community centre and work has begun. After many months of planning, fundraising and hard work it is great to see something happening. Michael Hasset, the contractor, has asked that no unauthorised person should be in the site while work is in progress. There will be no meetings or activities in the building itself or in the grounds until the work is completed. Even the hall committee has to find another venue for its meetings.

Fire Hydrant

The recent fires have highlighted the fact that there is no fire hydrant in the area. The hall committee has asked Roscommon County Council that one should be provided without delay.

The September Draw.

The Rathcairn draw took place on Friday 29 September and the local draw takes place today (1 October). The results will be published in this week's Westmeath Independent.

Work on the Graveyard

A pipe has been brought from the gates of the graveyard to the graveyard itself and a tap has been installed. Also Pat and Michael have been busy planting daffodil bulbs along the avenue leading to the graveyard. It is hoped also to improve the condition of the paths.

New Book

A group of people have been busy during the past year, researching and writing articles for a book about the history, traditions and culture of Clonown and surrounding townlands. The publication is now at an advanced stage and it is hoped that it will be launched in early November. A book was published in 1989 but the new book consists of entirely new material. It is amazing how much information is available in official records and from oral sources about the area. Many photographs have come to light of people who lived in the past, of farming and community activities and these will be included in the book. Some of the topics in the book are emigration, evictions, folklore, fairs and markets, weather lore, the Garavinch, flora, the 1954 flood, the old National School, the RIC Barracks, the vernacular house, wedding customs and other people's impressions of Clonown. There will be more information about the launch of the book in the next newsletter.

Wedding Photograph

The editorial committee of the new book would like to include a photograph of a rural wedding that took place in the early part of the twentieth century (before 1940). It can be of a bride and groom or a wedding group. If you have one please contact me at ****_**** within the next few days.