

### **Mass intentions for January**

Sunday 7 January	Johney and Nora Halligan
Sunday 14 January	Tom Lennon
Sunday 21 January	Mary Shine, Curnaboll
Sunday 28 January	P.J. Killian

**Reader for January: Michael Fallon**

**Altar Society: Bernie Dunning, Teresa Lennon**

### **Altar Servers for January**

Sunday 7 January	Ciara, Fiona
Sunday 14 January	Elaine, Aoife
Sunday 21 January	Stephen, Martin, Katie
Sunday 28 January	Hazel, Sarah, Deirdre

### **Bernie McLaughlin RIP**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jackie Malone, Oldtown, on the recent death of her mother, Bernie McLaughlin.

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*We wish everybody  
a happy and prosperous  
New Year*

### **Competition Winner**

Congratulations to Aoife Duncan, Ballinaculla, who won the Birdwatch Ireland Art and Poetry Competition 2006. Dave Watson, Corncrake Officer with Birdwatch Ireland, presented Aoife with her prize. The intention of the competition was to raise awareness about the potential extinction of the corncrake. Aoife's poem, entitled *Save the Corncrake*, which she wrote while in Clonown National School, is printed below.

*Flying 6000 miles across the sea  
Looking for where its nest should be,  
Hiding down, down so low,  
Where lush grass seems to grow,  
Corncrakes lay 8-10 eggs  
Crack! Out come tiny legs.  
They leave in September, flying at night,  
Hiding away, away from your sight,  
Only 163 corncrakes in Ireland,  
Not a lot for so much farmland.*

### **The Community Centre**

Work is still continuing at the Community Centre. The interior has been completely dri-lined, central heating has been installed, doors and windows have been replaced and toilets built. When finished it should look like a new building.

### **Flooding**

Recent heavy rain and high winds have resulted in flooding in several places. The road between Drumlosh and Athlone, along by the Shannon has been flooded in several places. In some areas the water was so high that people had difficulty getting in and out and several detours had to be made.

### **Clonown Social**

The Clonown Social which was held in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel was a great success. Our thanks to Sean Crehan who provided the music and to all the committee members who donated raffle and spot prizes for the occasion. We wish to thank also to the staff of the hotel.

### **Presentation to David Flynn**

To mark his achievement as captain of the All-Ireland Minor Football Final winning team, a presentation of a watch was made to David Flynn at the Clonown Social, by Canon Liam Devine, on behalf of the Clonown Community. PJ O'Connor also made a presentation. To mark the occasion also, Pat Watson presented a picture of David receiving the cup, that he had painted, to David's parents Pdraig and Bernie. David brought along the Connacht and All-Ireland trophies which were on display.

### **Christmas Concert**

The children of Clonown National School put on a Christmas Show in the Sonas Nursing Home for all the people there. They performed a Nativity play and sang Christmas carols. Before they left they were treated to drinks, Taytos and sweets by the staff of the Nursing Home.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Fiona Ducke and Brian O'Neill who married recently. Fiona teaches in Clonown School.

Congratulations to Gerry and Patricia Farrell on the birth of their baby girl, Therese.

Congratulations also to Keith and Patricia O'Brien on the birth of their new baby boy.