

Mass intentions for February

Sunday 4 February	John Dunning
Sunday 11 February	Nora and Johnnie Halligan
Sunday 18 February	Ned and Brigid Murray, Curnaboll
Sunday 25 February	Johnnie Hynes, Curnaboll

Reader for February: Ann Dunning

Altar Society: Bridie Shine, Maura Shine

Altar Servers for February

Sunday 4 February	Ciara, Fiona
Sunday 11 February	Elaine, Aoife
Sunday 18 February	Stephen, Martin, Katie
Sunday 25 February	Hazel, Sarah, Deirdre

Recent Bereavements

Our deepest sympathy goes to Canon Murray on the death of his brother, Jimmy.

Also our sincere sympathy to Teresa Lennon on the death of her mother, Mary Killian.

We sympathise also with Carol Mc Gillycuddy, Togher, on the recent death of her husband, Tom.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a nanamacha

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**Feast of St Brigid
1 February**

**Ash Wednesday
21 February**

Feast of St Brigid

Thursday, 1 February, is the Feast of St Brigid. This day marks the beginning of Spring. After the past weeks of storms, heavy rain and high flooding, it will be great to look forward to the brighter days of Spring.

Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday will fall on 21 February. In the past the day before, Shrove Tuesday, marked the end of the marrying season. Long ago in rural areas it was important to be married before Lent as marriage was not allowed during Lent. Another interesting custom surrounded the first Sunday of Lent. This was called Pus Sunday because it was said that those who were in a position to marry and who failed to do so before Lent had a 'pus' (scowl on their faces) on that Sunday.

Wheelie Bins

The placement of wheelie bins before and after emptying came up again for discussion at the last hall committee meeting. People are asked to leave the bins behind the railing in the car park in future. Left at the side of the road they are inclined to topple over. Also some wheelie bins are left for several days without being collected, thus creating an eyesore. The committee has asked that people would collect their bins as soon as possible.

Bottle Bank

Roscommon County Council are willing to provide a bottle bank for the area. No decision has been made yet about where it should be located. Perhaps people would have ideas.

School children's thoughts on the word Clonown

Clonown

Countryside

Long Island

Old Church

New houses

One school

Water

New community centre

Minister's Visit

The Minister for Gaeltacht and Rural Affairs, Eamon Ó Cuiv, may visit Clonown Community Centre on Friday next (2 February). As his department is responsible for some grants that might be obtained for the community centre, it is hoped that the present flooded condition of the area will inspire him to be generous! There are no details about the visit yet.

Condition of Roads in Clonown

As there is an impending election it is probably a good time to press for an improvement in the roads in the Clonown area. Minister Dick Roche has asked Roscommon County Council to give a costing for work on both the main and secondary roads in the area. However, more than filling a few potholes is needed so let us hope that something worthwhile and lasting will be done.