

Mass intentions for March

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| Friday 2 March | Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning |
| Sunday 4 March | The Hardiman Family, Drumlosh |
| Sunday 11 March | Sonny Shine and deceased members of the Shine family |
| Saturday 17 March | Michael and Delia Dunning, The Park. |
| Sunday 18 March | Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh |
| Sunday 25 March | James and Mary Egan and deceased members of the Egan Family |

Altar Servers for March

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

Reader for March: Peadar Molloy

Altar Society: Rose and Caitriona Harney

Frank (Francey) Hughes RIP

Our deepest sympathy goes to members of the Hughes family, Lisanode, Moate, on the recent death of Francey.

Michael Hynes RIP

Our sympathy also to the relatives of Michael (Mike) Hynes, Drumlosh on his death which occurred recently

Oliver Cunningham RIP

We extend our sympathy also to Margaret Dunning, Newtown, on the death of her brother, Oliver.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a nanamacha

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Death of local teacher

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs Marguerite Moriarty. Marguerite, a dedicated teacher, taught in Clonown National School for several years and was much loved by her pupils. She will be sorely missed by pupils, parents, members of the school staff and the Clonown community. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

Visit of Minister Ó Cuiv to Clonown

The Minister for Gaeltacht and Rural Affairs, Eamon Ó Cuiv, visited Clonown on 2 February and spent some time talking to the people. He was quite impressed by the work that is being done on the community centre. It was explained to him that the grant aid from Leader only covered Phase One of the project which did not include painting, tiling, floor covering, equipment, fitting the kitchen, or the provision of storage space. This extra work will be carried out under Phase Two. The hall committee is seeking further grant aid for this phase. Minister O Cuiv said to apply to *Pobal* for a grant. The application has been submitted and the committee will know by the end of March or the beginning of April if the application is successful. You will be informed through the newsletter when we hear from *Pobal*.

Roads in Clonown

As part of his visit to Clonown the Minister was given a tour of the flooded area and was shown the condition of the roads in the Clonown. Coincidentally, or perhaps in conjunction with the visit an announcement has been made that a sum of €500, 000 has been allocated towards the improvement of roads in flooded areas in Roscommon. How much of that money will go to Clonown remains to be seen. It might be a good idea, at this time, to put pressure on the County Council, by phoning or writing, to do a proper job on the roads in Clonown.

Road Markings

The roads at the crossroads in Clonown have been marked by Roscommon County Council. At long last it is possible for motorists to know that the road from Athlone to Curnaboll is the main road and that those travelling from the Togher and Newtown roads must yield right of way.

Library Exhibition

During the month of February there has been an exhibition of art and poetry in the Aidan Heavey Library in Athlone. The work on display represents the thoughts of children living near the Shannon Callows on the wild life in the area. Besides the winning poem by Aoife Duncan, work by other Clonown children were also chosen for the exhibition. The children whose pictures and poems were on display are Edel Flynn, Ciara Costello, Fiona Craughwell, Louise Menton and Una Faller.

Rural Transport

The bus that has been going to Athlone for the past few months has proved to be very successful. Each week around twenty people travel. During school holidays over thirty travelled as some of the children and their parents also went. Enquiries were made to Westmeath RTI, the group responsible for the bus, and an assurance was given that the service will continue.

Sports Star of the Year

Congratulations to David Flynn who won the Westmeath Independent Sports Star of the year. David who captained the Roscommon Minor Football team to All Ireland victory in 2006, won this honour despite having strong competition from other sports stars in the Athlone area. The award was presented to him at a Gala Night in the Hodson Bay Hotel.

Baby Girl

Congratulations to Jason and Cliona Shine, Buggane, on the birth of their baby daughter, Juliette..