

### **Mass intentions for June**

Friday 1 June	Joe and Ned Roche, Togher
Sunday 3 June	Michael Hardiman and deceased members of the Hardiman family, Drumlosh
Sunday 10 June	Michael Greene
Sunday 17 June	Willie Greene
Sunday 24 June	Tim, Mary and Lawrence Geoghegan, Clonown.

### **Altar Servers for June**

Sunday 3 June	Elaine, Aoife
Sunday 10 June	Stephen, Martin, Katie
Sunday 17 June	Hazel, Sarah, Deirdre
Sunday 24 June	Ciara, Fiona

**Reader for June:** Olive Geoghegan

**Altar Society:** Mary Naughton, Claire Naughton

#### **Kieran Scott R.I.P**

**Our sincerest sympathy goes to Kieran and Miriam Nally on the death of Kieran's uncle, Kieran Scott.  
Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam**

#### **Birth of Baby Girl**

**Congratulations to Mark and Laura Gavin, Carrick-naughton, on the birth of their baby daughter, Caitlin.**

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**Our prayers and good wishes go to  
all those who are  
doing exams at this time.**

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to Niamh, Lucy, Sinéad, Aoife, Kevin, Dion, Anthony and Eoin who made their First Holy Communion recently. Congratulations, also to their parents and teachers. In his homily Canon Devine told the children that they would remember their First Holy Communion day for the rest of their lives. Music was provided by the children of Clonown school who played and sang the hymns. To mark the occasion, the hall committee prepared refreshments for relatives and friends of the children and also for the community. It was fitting that this occasion was the first time that the newly refurbished community centre was used.

### **Litter collection in the area**

On Sunday 27 May, a group of people from Clonown spent the afternoon collecting litter that had been discarded in hedges and along the side of the road. Among the items collected were hundreds of bottles, bags of household waste, black wrapping plastic from bales, tins, plastic containers, containers from food outlets such as Supermacs, building waste, a television set, a sofa and a washing machine. Some of the rubbish was dumped in bags used for designer clothes, evidence that some of those doing the dumping were affluent. The group was accompanied by the litter warden, Annette Woods, P.J. Cunniffe and a County Council worker who brought away two truckloads of rubbish. Those who organised the clean-up wish to thank all those who helped, particularly the children who worked very hard. When the work was done the children were treated to sweets, minerals and tarts by Annette.

### **Community Centre**

Phase One of the refurbishment of the community centre is now complete. A grant of €50,000 from Leader was received during the week so that the committee was just about able to pay the final instalment to the builder. It is remarkable that such a small community could carry out so much work on the centre without incurring debt. This, of course, was thanks to the generosity of Clonown people, their friends and relatives and the people of the parish who took part in funding-raising activities, particularly the big draw. The committee also wishes to thank bag-packers, parachute jumpers, those who organised cake sales, wren boys night, socials, barbecues etc. Phase Two will include painting outside and inside, a fitted kitchen, floor-coverings and it is hoped to apply for a further grant for this work.

### **New caretaker**

Mary Shine, Cappamore, has been appointed to replace Michael Gavin to look after the community centre, church and grounds. Already she has done a lot of work in preparing the grounds around the community centre before the First Holy Communion.

We are also grateful to Pat Fallon who continued to look after the grounds and graveyard after Michael's retirement. Clonown is lucky to have two such able people working in the community.

### **The General Election**

The community centre was available as a polling centre for the general election. It was an opportunity for those who had not yet seen the work that had been carried out in the centre to view the place.

Congratulations to all those who were elected, particularly to Denis Naughton and Michael Finneran.