

## Mass intentions for August

Friday 3 August	James Dunning
Sunday 5 August	Kieran Dunning and his grand-daughter, Hannah Rose Martin
Friday 10 August	Patrick Dunning, Ballinaculla (month's mind)
Sunday 12 August	Willie and Nellie Shine
Wednesday 15 August	Ned and Mary Egan, Callowbeg
Sunday 19 August	John, Bridget and Patrick Halligan
Sunday 26 August	Margaret Dunning

## Altar Servers for August

Sunday 5 August	Stephen, Martin, Katie
Sunday 12 August	Hazel, Sarah, Deirdre
Sunday 19 August	Ciara, Fiona
Sunday 26 August	Elaine, Aoife

**Reader for August:** Dermot Fogerty

**Altar Society:** Kathleen Shine, Anne Shanahan.

# CLOWN NEWSLETTER

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**AUGUST 2007**

**Feast of the Assumption  
15 August**

### **Mass in Cemetery**

The annual Mass in Clonown Cemetery will take place on Wednesday 15 August at 8 pm. Please tell family, friends and people with Clonown connections about the Mass.

### **Happy Birthday**

Belated birthday greetings to Maggie Hynes who celebrated her 99th. birthday recently. Maggie, who is in great spirit, is now in a Nursing Home in Brideswell. She can now look forward to her hundredth birthday in 2008.

### **Seat in Clonown Cemetery**

The cemetery committee wish to thank the family of the late Louise Gavin. They recently donated a beautiful seat to the cemetery in her memory.

### **Summer Flooding**

Last month's newsletter had a photograph of winter flooding on the Garavinch. Little did we think that the Garavinch would be inaccessible within a few weeks. It is depressing to see the land covered with water and no hay cut.

### **Danger on the Roads**

Children are asked to be careful while playing and cycling on the roads, at this time of year, because of the traffic. Those driving tractors etc. are asked to watch out for children and to slow down, particularly at the crossroads in Clonown.

The following poem was written about a hundred years ago by a person calling himself 'The Poet of Clonown' and was published in the *Westmeath Independent*. It refers to a pump that was erected in Clonown to provide water for the people, but unfortunately, the pump didn't produce any water. If anyone knows the name of the poet please let me know.

### **The pump of Clonown**

The people there had needed  
A pump for many years  
Their calls fell long unheeded  
On unattentive ears;  
At length those clever sages  
The Guardians of Ath-luain,  
Would 'ope to flow for ages  
The fountain of Clonown

The Guardians wise erected  
At ratepayers' expense;  
The pump so long expected  
Now stands besides the fence;  
But pump from morning early  
Until the sun goes down,  
One drop of water clearly  
Ne'er flows from Fount Clonown

A ghost like shadow wearing  
This pump stands weird and lone  
Mute witness ever bearing  
'Gainst the Guardians of Athlone  
Of folly full and ample,  
In country or in town  
In vain you'll see a sample  
Like folly in Clonown.