

Mass intentions for October

Friday 2 October	Seán Boyle and deceased family members.
Sunday 4 October	John and Nancy Warde, Curnaboll
Sunday 11 October	Jack Warde, Curnaboll.
Saturday 18 October	The Dunning family, Drumlosh
Sunday 25 October	Laurence Shine (Goss), also his wife, Rose, and deceased family members

Altar Servers for October

Sunday 4 October	Niamh and Sinéad
Sunday 11 October	Sinéad, Aoife, Katie
Sunday 18 October	Sarah, Lucy, Íde
Sunday 25 October	Anthony and Eoin

Rota of Altar Servers

As yet the rota of altar servers has not been arranged so last year's rota will continue until further notice.

Reader for October: Kathy Hardiman

Altar Society : Helen Gavin, Margaret Dunning

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The Pope's visit thirty years ago

The people of Clonown, Curnaboll, Drumlosh and other townlands along the Shannon have very special memories of Pope John Paul II's visit to Clonmacnoise thirty years ago this week..

While several travelled by train, bus and car to see him at the various venues, many local people had the privilege of crossing the river by boat, landing at Clonmacnoise and taking part in the ceremonies that took place there. Older people remember standing on the river bank in the early morning mist looking across as his helicopter landed, listening to the music drifting across the river and to the voice of the pope as he addressed the people in the fifteen hundred year old monastery.

Rural Transport Protest Day

On Friday 12 September those who use the Clonown/Drum bus took part in a demonstration, as part of a country-wide protest against the proposed McCarthy cut in spending on rural transport. Several buses met at Joe Lynch's garage and drove slowly through the town to Golden Island shopping centre where they were joined by buses from Westmeath and Offaly. Twenty-six people, including Councillor John Naughton travelled on the Clonown/Drum bus and were met at Golden Island by TDs and local County Council representatives, including Tony Ward, Chairman of Roscommon County Council, Paddy Kilduff and Anthony Geraghty. There were also representatives from Athlone and Westmeath Councils present. It is hoped that this demonstration will have some impact on future decisions by the government.

Classes in Clonown Community Centre

It is hoped, depending on the interest shown, to hold classes in Clonown Community Centre during the winter. Forms have been distributed and are still available at the back of the church. If you are interested in either Art lessons, Cookery Demonstrations or First Aid (or indeed all three) please fill in the forms as soon as possible. If there are enough people interested classes will be arranged. If you have any queries regarding the classes please phone Rosaleen (64 37143)

Monster Draws

Tickets are still available for the Monster Draws in aid of St Peter's Church Restoration Fund. For tickets contact Ann Dunning (Phone 087 2261096)

Pastoral Group News

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be training for Eucharistic Ministers in the community centre and Clonown church during the month of October.

Readers: It is hoped to draw up a new list of readers shortly and also to have training for them in November. Details will be announced later.

Singing during Mass: It is hoped that the congregation will sing the responses during Mass in the near future. In the beginning there will be one or two responses only but gradually over the months as people get used to the responses others will be added.

Church Repairs: At present quotations for work on the repairs to the church are being sought.

Contributions to the Church

People who are PAYE workers and who contribute €260 or more a year to the church collection can have a further €60 added to their contributions to the church by simply filling in a form. The parish can claim back the extra money from tax paid by the PAYE worker so that at no expense to the tax payer it goes to the church. As the planned repairs to Clonown church will be costly, perhaps people would consider this option. For further information you can contact a member of Clonown Pastoral Group.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Laurence Shine, Curnaboll and Kathleen O'Hara who were married recently.

New Baby

Congratulations to Chris and Jackie Malone, Oldtown, on the birth of their baby daughter.

James Shine RIP

The community offers its deepest sympathy to the Shine family, Taylorstown on the death of Peter's brother, James Shine.