

## Mass intentions for December

Friday 4 December	Tom Dunning, Ballinaculla
Sunday 6 December	Fr Michael Dunning, 4 th anniversary
Tuesday 8 December (Church Holiday)	Jimmy Dunning
Sunday 13 December	Ned and Catherine Shine
Sunday 20 December	Johney Shine, Curnaboll
Sunday 27	John Dunning, The Park, 1st anniversary.

## Altar Servers for December

Sunday 6 December	Sinéad, Aoife, Katie
Tuesday 8 December	Sarah and Lucy
Sunday 13 December	Anthony and Eoin
Sunday 20 December	Niamh and Íde
Christmas Eve	Sinéad, Aoife, Katie
Christmas Day	Sarah and Lucy
Sunday 27 December	Anthony and Eoin

**Reader for December:** Ann Dunning

**Altar Society :** Mary Dunning, Rosemary Roche.

# CLONOWN NEWSLETTER

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**DECEMBER 2009**

## Masses for Christmas

**Vigil Mass Christmas Eve: 9 p.m.**

**Mass on Christmas Day : 11 am.**



*We wish Clonown people everywhere  
A very happy Christmas.*

*Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir*

## **Shannon Flooding**

The recent floods have brought severe hardship to many people in Athlone and in the Shannon area. Many had to leave their homes and there are vast areas of land covered with water. Up to this all flooding in the area has been compared to the 1954 flood but at present it is 50 cm (about 20 inches) above the 1954 level. Our hearts go out to those who had to leave their homes and those whose land is flooded or who have had fodder for their animals destroyed.

## **Fr Healy R.I.P**

Many people remember Fr Healy, who died recently. Clonown church meant a lot to him. He was curate in Clonown during the 1960s when the church was built. It was he also who acquired the Harry Clarke stained glass windows for the church. These windows (the two on either side of the altar and the one in the porch) are of the highest quality and are considered part of Ireland's heritage. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## **Postponement of Draw**

The draw for St Peter's Church has been postponed until February. There are tickets still available and can be obtained from Ann Dunning (087-2261096)

## **Meeting about the Sports Field**

There was a very good attendance at the recent meeting about the field at the graveyard. There was a lively discussion and it was decided to hold another meeting in January.

## **Children's Christmas Mass**

There will be a special Mass for the school children in Clonown Church on Thursday 17 December at 8 pm. During the Mass the children will act out the Christmas story. Afterwards there will be a cup of tea in the community centre. Everyone is invited.

## **Public Meeting**

There will be a meeting in the community centre after Mass to-day (29 November). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed Clonown church improvements. Everyone who can is asked to attend.

## **Table Quiz**

There will be a Table Quiz in order to raise funds for carrying out necessary repairs to Clonown church on **Thursday 3 December at 8pm**. It should be a good fun night and as many as possible are asked to come along. You don't have to be a whiz quiz kid to take part! There will be lots of spot prizes.

## **Cookery Demonstrations**

The cookery classes in the community centre have been a great success. Twenty-five attend each week. Besides cooking appetising dishes, Igneus, the French chef, is very entertaining. Of course, when the class is over, the meals he prepares have to be eaten! It is hoped to hold First Aid and Art classes early in 2010.

## **Young Singer**

Recently we have been hearing Rachel Shine, Buggane, singing on Shannonside Radio. Her song 'Bet you couldn't live without love' was written by Eddie Fitzmaurice. It is a beautiful song and the DJ remarked that the more he hears the song the better he likes it. Well done Rachel!

## **Frank Ward RIP**

Our deepest sympathy goes to the relatives of Frank Ward, Cregganabeaka, who died recently.

## **Nora Flynn RIP**

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives of Nora Flynn (néé Shine, Cunny) who died in the US.

## **John Caulfield RIP**

Also our sympathy goes to May Hynes, Curnaboll, on the death of her brother, John Caulfield

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nanamacha