

Mass intentions for January

Sunday 3 January	Johney and Nora Halligan
Wednesday 6 January	Church Holiday
Sunday 10 January	Margaret Shine, Drumlosh
Sunday 17 January	Tom Lennon
Sunday 24 January	P.J. Killian
Sunday 31 January	Louise Gavin and Byrne family

Altar Servers for January

Sunday 3 January	Niamh and Íde
Wednesday 6 January	Katie, Sinéad, Aoife
Sunday 10 January	Sarah and Lucy
Sunday 17 January	Anthony and Eoin
Sunday 24 January	Niamh and Íde
Sunday 31 January	Katie, Sinéad, Aoife

Eucharistic Ministers:

10 and 17 January	Margaret Crehan
24 and 31 January	Peadar Molloy

Reader for January: Michael Fallon

Altar Society : Bernie Dunning, Teresa Lennon.

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*We wish Clonown people
everywhere
A happy and prosperous
New Year*

*Let's hope the weather will improve
during 2010 !*

Church Refurbishment

A meeting was held in the community centre in early December at which Fr John Coughlan gave a presentation on the proposed refurbishment of the church. The most urgent repair that needs to be done is the replacement of the ceiling which is in a very dangerous condition. Groups of tiles have fallen on several occasions and it is fortunate that an accident has not occurred. It was also pointed out that the path surrounding the church was in need of repair as some slabs are broken and large gaps have appeared between others. The entire floor will be carpeted, pews will be restored, some furniture on the altar will be replaced and there will be a new surround for the tabernacle.

The total cost will be in the region of €70,000. An application has been made for a loan to the diocese in order to start the work. This will be paid back over the next few years. The question of how this money would be collected arose and it was proposed to have a second collection on Sunday mornings and that there would be events in the community centre from time to time.

Collection for Church Refurbishment

Each month this newsletter will give an account of the money collected in the second collection on Sundays. This money will go entirely to the refurbishment. Also an account will be given of money raised in fund-raising events.

December 2009

13/12/2009	€156
20/12/2009	€243
27/12/2009	€195
Table Quiz	€774
Total	€1,368

Table Quiz

A very successful table quiz was held in Clonown Community Centre on the 17 December, the proceeds of which went towards the church refurbishment fund. The pastoral group wishes to thank Tommy Gilhooly who organised the quiz, the quiz masters, Ray Reilly who provided the PA system, those who provided spot prizes, Liz Gilhooly who provided the cakes and those who helped with the preparation of the hall and the making of sandwiches. Congratulations to the winners, Ann Shanahan, Lawrence Shine and Dermot Fogarty.

Eucharistic Ministers

Congratulations to Margaret Crehan, Ann Golden, Helen Cunningham, Maureen Dunning, Mary Naughton and Peadar Molloy who were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers recently. A special word of thanks to Willie Shine who has now retired as minister.

Christmas in Clonown Church

The church in Clonown looked beautiful at Christmas. Thanks to Pat Fallon and Michael Gavin who erected the Christmas tree, to those who decorated the tree, those who made all the floral arrangements and those who assembled the crib. This year the crib was in a prominent position in front of the altar and was a focal point in the church. Thanks also to the choir, to Rachel Shine and Olive Geoghegan, soloists, and especially to Sean Crehan for providing the music.

Children's Presentation

Parents, relatives, friends and the local community were entertained by the children of Clonown National School. The Christmas story was dramatised in the church and afterwards the band played some Christmas songs and the children gave a display of hip-hop dancing in the community centre.

Recent Births

Congratulations to Anthony and Deirdre Dalton on the birth of their twins, Eva and Anthony.

Congratulations also to Brian and Helena Kenny on the birth of their daughter, Evie.

Recent Deaths

Our deepest sympathy to the relatives of Nancy Gaffey, Newtown on her recent death.

Our deepest regrets also to Rosaleen Curley on the death of her brother-in-law, PJ Minogue.

Also we sympathise with Sarah Seery on the death of her brother in the US,

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)