

Mass intentions for February

Friday 5 February	Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning, Newtown
Sunday 7 February	John Dunning
Sunday 14 February	Willie and Tommy Warde, Curnaboll
Wednesday 17 February	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 21 February	Johne Hynes, Curnaboll
Sunday 28 February	Willie and Nellie Shine, Curnaboll

Altar Servers for February

Sunday 7 February	Katie Sinéad, Aoife
Sunday 14 February	Sarah and Lucy
Ash Wednesday	Anthony and Eoin
Sunday 21 February	Niamh and Íde
Sunday 28 February	Katie, Sinéad, Aoife

Eucharistic Ministers:

7 and 14 February	Mary Naughton
Ash Wednesday and 21 February	Ann Golden
28 February	Helen Cunningham

Reader for February Sean Shine

Altar Society : The church will be closed during February

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*Feast of St Brigid
1 February*

*Ash Wednesday
17 February*

Church Refurbishment

The very active pastoral group has been busy making arrangements for the refurbishment of the church.

Michael Hassett will begin work on the ceiling on Tuesday 2 February.

The pews will be removed for restoration during the next week also.

While the building work is being carried out the church will be closed and Mass will be said in the community centre. It is hoped to have all the work completed by St Patrick's Day. Pictures of the proposed renovation will be on display in the community centre shortly.

Loan from the Diocesan Development Fund

The diocese has approved an interest free loan of €60,000 for church renovations to be repaid over a five year period. This will mean that €1000 per month will need to be paid back. It is great to obtain this loan without having to pay any interest. So far, because of the generosity of the people in the area, it looks that paying back this amount is feasible. Besides the second collection on Sundays, there will be other fund-raisers from time to time.

Second Collection

Besides giving an account of the amount collected each week. We will also give the up-to-date total.

January

3 January	€203.50
10 January	€182.00
17 January	€271.00
24 January	€241.00

Total for January: € **897.50**

December (including table quiz): €1368.00

Total collected so far: €2265.50

Money received from the tax rebate will also go towards the restoration.

Monster Draws

Don't forget the draw for St Peter's church restoration. This will take place at the end of February.

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)

Heating in the Community Centre

There was a problem with the heating and water in the community centre during the cold spell but fortunately no damage occurred. It is hoped all will be repaired before during the next few days.

Events in the Community Centre

Any group wishing to use the community centre for meetings, classes etc should apply to the committee for the use of the hall. If the hall is needed at short notice Maura Shine should be contacted as she has been authorised by the committee to give out the key.

Art Classes

Contact has been made with Roscommon VEC concerning art classes in the community centre. However, because of the cold weather and lack of heating and water no definite arrangements have been made. It is also hoped there will be First Aid classes. Some people have already indicated their interest in these classes and if anyone else is interested please contact Rosaleen 64-37143.

The Sherraft

How many of you have heard of the Sherraft? Well into the twentieth century, the Sherraft, or the period between Little Christmas and Ash Wednesday was the time for getting married in Clonown and other rural areas, particularly in the west of Ireland. If a man didn't manage to get a wife by Shrove Tuesday he would have to wait for another year to get married. The first Sunday in Lent was called Pus Sunday. Can anyone guess why?