

Mass intentions for March

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| Friday 5 March | Jack Dunning |
| Sunday 7 March | Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh |
| Sunday 14 March | Pat Hynes, Oldtown, 1st anniversary |
| St Patrick's Day | Deceased members of the Hardiman and Dunning families, Drumlosh |
| Sunday 21 March | Deceased members of the Dunning family, Ballinaculla |
| Sunday 28 March | Sonny Shine and deceased family members, Curnaboll |

Altar Servers for March

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| Sunday 7 March | Sarah and Lucy |
| Sunday 14 March | Anthony and Eoin |
| St Patrick's Day | Niamh and Íde |
| Sunday 21 March | Katie, Sinéad, Aoife |
| Sunday 28 March | Sarah and Lucy |

Eucharistic Ministers:

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| 7 March | Helen Cunningham |
| 14 March and St Patrick's Day | Margaret Crehan |
| 21 March and 28 March | Peadar Molloy |

Reader for March : Rosaleen Fallon

Altar Society : Church closed

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St Patrick's Day

17 March



Recently Retired

Mary Shine has recently retired. For the past number of years Mary has been caretaker of the community centre, which was kept in immaculate condition. Also, she looked after the lawns around the church, in the park and old graveyard. Her keen interest in gardening is evident in the flowers planted around the area and in the colourful containers. The community wishes to thank Mary for all her work and we wish her a very happy retirement.

The heating system

The damage caused by the recent frost to the heating system in the community centre has just been repaired. Fortunately, very little structural damage was done to the building itself.

Haiti Collection

The collection held recently for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti yielded €1440 euro. The money went directly to the La Sainte Union mission in Haiti.

Ré-seisiún

Re-seisiún which reached the All Ireland semi-finals of the RTE All Ireland Talent Competition has Clonown connections. Two members of the group, Keith and Liam Flynn are the grandsons of Michael (Micksie) Flynn, formerly of Clonown. They are cousins of Pdraig and Sean Flynn. Their teacher, James Donoghue, also teaches music to the children in Clonown school. Recently, the children sent the group mascots to wish them good luck. We wish them every success.

Coming events for the Church Restoration Fund

Cake Sale

A cake sale and raffle will be held after Mass on St Patrick's Day in the community centre. Donations of cakes etc will be very welcome.

Charity Walk

A sponsored 10 k walk is being arranged in the Clonown area on the Sunday after Easter. There will be further details in April's newsletter.

Church Restoration Collection

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| 31 | January | €332 |
| 7 | February | €240 |
| 14 | February | €350 |
| 21 | February | €251 |
| | Total | €1173 |
| | Total so far | €3438.50 |

The work on the church is progressing rapidly.

Slimathon

Athlone has its own Operation Transformation. 110 people turned up for the recent weigh-in in the Sheraton Hotel. Money raised from this slimathon will go towards the work on St Peter's church.

Sacristan for Clonown Church

The position of sacristan for Clonown church has become available. Will anyone interested please apply in writing, giving name and telephone number to Fr John Coughlan before St Patrick's Day? An informal interview will be conducted with prospective candidates. All child safeguarding procedures must be adhered to.