

Mass Intentions for May

Sunday 2 May	Mike and Frank Gavin, Graha
7 May	Mary Monks, 1st Anniversary
Sunday 9 May	Tom, Mary and Tommie Grenham
Sunday 16 May	Bill and Peg Fallon, Newtown
Sunday 23 May	John, Margaret and Michael Dunning
Sunday 30 May	Tommy and May Curley

Altar Servers for May

Sunday 2 May	Anthony and Eoin
Sunday 9 May	Niamh and Íde
Sunday 16 May	Katie, Sinéad, Aoife
Sunday 23 May	Sarah and Lucy
Sunday 30 May	Anthony and Eoin

Eucharistic Ministers:

2 and 9 May	Helen Cunningham
16 and 23 May	Margaret Crehan
30 May, 6 June	Maureen Dunning

Reader for May: Miriam Nally

Altar Society : Mary Molloy, Ann Dunning

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May Day

There are many traditions associated with May Day in Rural Ireland. In Clonown many people still put up the maypole on May Eve. The maypole is the branch of a hawthorn to which bunches of cowslips, primroses and other flowers are tied. It is then stuck into the ground. In the past it was believed that the maypole prevented the fairies, who were travelling to their summer homes on May Eve, from interfering with the cows' milk in such a way that no matter how much churning was done the milk would not turn into butter.

Church Refurbishment

The refurbishment of the church is almost complete. The painting is practically finished. As soon as the carpet is down the restored furniture will be installed. At present, Michael Hassett is building a ramp, with a railing, from the step to the gate.

New Lighting

It is great to see Oldtown lit up. The extra lights have made a difference to the area, particularly around the church and the community centre.

Confirmation

Best wishes to Caolan Duncan, Sarah Ward and Jane Faller who will be confirmed in May

Connaught Champion

Congratulations to Cathal Shine, Newtown, who played on the Roscommon Under 21 team that recently became Connaught champions.

AGM

The AGM of Clonown Community Centre Committee was held recently. Tom O'Brien, Chairperson, presided. The secretary, Margaret Fallon, reported on a successful year. Activities included keep fit, cookery and flower arranging classes. When the church was closed for renovation the community centre was used for Sunday Mass. Ann Dunning, treasurer, gave an income and expenditure account. The main expenses were insurance which cost €1,155, legal fees for the Diocesan solicitors in Sligo totalled €972 and lighting and heating cost €730. Apart from classes there was very little income. Groups using the hall for meetings have not been paying for the use of the hall and are asked to do so in future. A committee was elected and the officers will be selected at the next meeting.

New Baby Boy

Congratulations to Brian and Fiona O'Neill on the birth of their son, Joseph.

Church Restoration Fund

The walk in aid of the church restoration fund was a great success. About forty took part. The pastoral group wishes to thank all those who took part, those who sponsored the walk and those who provided refreshments afterwards. All of the sponsorship money has not been collected yet but it is hoped that in next month's newsletter we will be able to have the exact amount.

The money raised from the second collection is as follows

28 March	€227
4 April	€255
11 April	€222
18 April	€263
Total	€967

Already collected: €11, 750

Total to date: €12, 717

Fás Worker

Our new Fás Worker, Richie Collins, has been working in the area over the past few weeks.

A Historic Occasion

Because the church was closed for refurbishment, Anthony and Eva Dalton, the son and daughter of Anthony and Deirdre Dalton were baptised in Clonown Community Centre recently. From c.1830 until 1965 the community centre was a church, but baptisms had not taken place for some years before its closure. So it must have been many decades since a child was baptised in the building. Fr. Denis Gavin, the babies' granduncle, who had said his first Mass in the same building, baptised them

May Lyons RIP

Our deepest sympathy to Joe Egan on the death of his sister, May Lyons.

Ned Caulfield RIP

Our deepest sympathy also to May Hynes on the death of her brother, Ned Caulfield.