

Mass Intentions for July

Friday 2 July	Special intention
Sunday 4 July	Johney and May Harney John and Nell Salmon
Sunday 11 July	Willie Greene, Cappamore
Sunday 20 June	Jimmy Dunning, Togher
Sunday 27 June	John, Kate and Michael Gavin, Cappamore

Altar Servers for July

Sunday 4 July	Niamh and Íde
Sunday 11 July	Katie, Sinéad, Aoife
Sunday 18 July	Sarah and Lucy
Sunday 25 July	Anthony and Eoin

Eucharistic Ministers

4 July	Peadar Molloy
11 and 18 July	Mary Naughton
25 July and 1 August	Ann Golden

Reader for July Sean Crehan

Altar Society : Kathleen Shine, Ann Shanahan

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Congratulations

to

Canon Liam Devine

**who is celebrating forty years as a
priest.**

Farewell to Local Teacher

Margaret Ducke, principal of Clonown National School, is retiring tomorrow, Monday 26 June, after almost forty years of dedicated service in the school as both assistant teacher and principal. Generations of past pupils will look back with affection on their years in the school. While she was principal the school won a host of awards in a wide range of subjects. She placed particular emphasis on cultivating a love of nature in her pupils and she made sure the school, despite its small size, was always at the forefront of educational advance. She was highly thought of by parents, by the Department of Education inspectors and by boards of management. A farewell party will be held later and we join with all in wishing her a very happy retirement.

Restoration Fund

6 June	€260
13 June	€232
20 June	€280
Walk	€ 52
Seats/furniture etc	€7,250
Total	€8074
Total to date	€26,048

iWitness

iWitness, a spiritual documentary series broadcast on RTE, featured Fr John Coughlan on 6 June. Fr John spoke about the importance of engaging with God. This programme can be seen on Real Player on the RTE website until 27 June.

Green Flag Day

Recently there were great celebrations in Clonown National School when the Green Schools Flag was raised for the sixth time. In 2001 Clonown was one of the first schools in the country to have been awarded the green flag because of the work the teachers and children did for the environment. This year another flag was awarded—the Green Homes Flag. Mrs Ducke and the sixth class children raised the Green Schools flag and the other flag was raised by the Junior Infants. There was a large number of people present and they were shown the nature study projects, including the pond, composting area, bird table, butterfly garden, wood and vegetable area by the senior children. The junior children acted as guides. Afterwards those present were treated to a slide show of school activities and tea and sandwiches prepared by parents.

News from Clonown National School

Recently Clonown National School was one of nine schools in the midlands chosen to host a group of biotechnology lecturers and students from the US. The children were shown how to extract DNA, which was then put into mini test-tubes and attached to necklaces which they could bring home. They were also shown how to make DNA bracelets. The mayor of Athlone, Cllr Mark Cooney came along also.

The children also had the opportunity of taking part in drama workshops in Passion Fruit theatre. These workshops were given by Rita Broderick from Colorado whose people came from the Batteries in Athlone.

Artist Helen Duncan also gave art lessons to the children.

It is great that the Clonown children have had the opportunity to learn from experts in science, drama and art—all subjects on the school curriculum.

Féile

We wish every success to the Clann na nGael Girls' Under 14 team and especially Ciara Costello and Hazel Menton who travel to Féile in Derry at the beginning of July.

Sporting Successes

Congratulations to Lucy Nally and Sinéad Costello members of the Clann na nGael Girls' Under 12 football team who won the County Championship recently. Lucy and Sinéad also played with the Clonown and Drum Community Games team that won the county final.

Clonown Community Site Project

The committee is currently collecting donations for the purchase of the field and wish to thank those who have already contributed. The committee also asks people who have relatives elsewhere to ask them if they would like to contribute towards the project.

Johnnie Molloy RIP

We extend our deepest sympathy to Peadar Molloy on the recent death of his uncle, Johnnie Molloy, in London.

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