### **Mass Intentions for January**

Sunday 16 January Tom Lennon, Oldtown

Sunday 23 January P.J. Killian, Buggane

Sunday 30 January Delia, Laurence, Michael and

Mary Shine, Curnaboll.

### **Altar Servers for January**

Lucy and Íde Sunday 9 January

Lucy and Íde Sunday 16 January

Sunday 23 January Katie and Michael

Sunday 30 January Katie and Michael

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

9 January Helen Cunningham 16 January Helen Cunningham 23 January Maureen Dunning 30 January Maureen Dunning

Reader Michael Fallon

**Altar Society** Bernie Dunning

Teresa Lennon

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# **JANUARY 2011**

We wish Clonown people everywhere

Happy and Prosperous New Year

#### **Church Restoration Fund**

28 November	€254
5 December	€183
12 December	€197
19 December	€222
26 December	€247
2 January	€225
Cake Sale	€395
Card Game	€275
Tax rebate	€3,595.49
Total	€5,593.49
Total to Date	€44,249.99

Anyone wishing to pay for the restoration of a seat or for furniture please contact a member of the pastoral group..

### **Fund Raising in the Community**

There were two fundraisers in the past month, the proceeds of which were jointly shared by the Church Restoration Fund and the Clonown Community Site Project. A cake sale was held in the Community Centre. Despite the snow a total of €790 was raised.

There was a 25 Card Game in Clann na nGael Clubhouse in Johnstown. A special word of thanks to Padraig Harney who organised the game which raised €550.

Both committees which to thank all those who provided and bought the cakes, flower arrangements, gifts, bric-a-brac for the cake sale, those who donated prizes and all those who attended and helped out at both fundraisers.

## **Night in Connaughtons**

A fundraiser in Connaughtons in aid of the church and Community Site Project will be held on the 12 February. Music will be provided by Tommy Curley.

#### Scór Success

Congratulations to Ciara Costello who reached the County Final of Scór for solo singing.

#### **Christmas Mass**

Mass had to be cancelled on Christmas Eve, due to a power cut in the area. The temperature was around –15 degrees and there was no heating or lighting. However, the ESB carried out repairs late on Christmas Eve so there was no problem on Christmas Day. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, Christmas trees, lights and the crib, which was the focal point. Mass was celebrated by Fr Vincent, the choir sang and Sean provided the music. A special word for our two soloists, Ciara and Sibéal for their singing of O Holy Night.

### **Frost Damage**

Many households in the area were without water due to frozen and burst pipes during the recent cold spell. The church was badly hit. There was flooding in the sacristy and the hallway due to burst pipes. In addition, the toilets were badly damaged. Thankfully, the main part of the church was not affected. Fortunately also, there was no damage to the community centre, due particularly to the vigilance of Padraig, Tom and Richie.

### **Presentation to Mrs Margaret Ducke**

A presentation of a Bog Oak sculpture and a cheque was made to Mrs Ducke to mark her retirement after spending forty years teaching in Clonown. Tom O'Brien, thanked her on behalf of the community and Carol Naughton spoke on behalf of the parents. On making the presentation, Canon Liam Devine, spoke about her work as a teacher and the impact she had on those she had taught over the years. In particular, he spoke about her special interest in the environment and music which had a great influence on her students

### **Dancing Classes**

Tom Shine is interested in holding Ceidhlidh and Set Dancing classes in Clonown Community Centre. There will be six classes and the cost will be approx €6 per class.

Padraig Egan, from Moore, will give classes in Waltzing and Jiving in the community centre. Here, also, there will be six classes. Will anyone who is interested in either or both of these classes please contact a committee member.