

Mass Intentions for February

Sunday 6 February	Willie and Nellie Shine, Curraghnaboll
Sunday 13 February	Tom and Mary Grenham and their son, Tommy
Sunday 20 February	Johnnie Hynes, Curraghnaboll

Altar Servers for February

Sunday 6 February	Niamh and Eoin
Sunday 13 February	Niamh and Eoin
Sunday 20 February	Sinéad and Anthony
Sunday 27 February	Sinéad and Anthony

Eucharistic Ministers

6 February	Margaret Crehan
13 February	Margaret Crehan
20 February	Peadar Molloy
27 February	Peadar Molloy

Reader Sean Shine

Altar Society Bridie Shine

Maura Shine

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Lá le Bríde

Feast of St Brigid
1 February

Church Restoration Fund

Sunday 9 January	€222
Sunday 16 January	€254
Sunday 23 January	€207
Sunday 30 January	€210
Donations	€324
Total	€1217

Total to date €45,466.99

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

Fr Eamon Kelly's Golden Jubilee

Fr Eamon celebrated his Golden Jubilee recently. There was a special concelebrated Mass in his honour in SS Peter and Paul's church which was attended by a very large crowd. Afterwards there was a buffet supper and music and dancing. We in Clonown have fond memories of Fr Eamon when he regularly celebrated Mass in the church on Sundays. We congratulate him on his Golden Jubilee and wish him many more years of happiness.

Presentation to Fr Coughlan

Fr John Coughlan will be in Clonown on Sunday 27 February when a presentation will be made to him on behalf of the people of Clonown. While Fr John was here he was responsible for organising the refurbishment of the church which had deteriorated over the years. The church, thanks to Fr John, the pastoral group and the ongoing generous contributions of the people, has been beautifully restored. After the Mass there will be tea and refreshments in the community centre. Any who wishes to contribute to the presentation can still do so. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Fundraising Night in Connaughtons

Don't forget to come along to Connaughtons on Saturday 12 February to support the fundraiser for the church restoration and Clonown Site Project.

Jiving and Waltzing Classes

There was great interest in the jiving and waltzing classes which started on Wednesday night. The classes are being given by Pdraig Egan and Margaret Shine from Moore. Anyone else wishing to join the classes is welcome to come along on Wednesday nights at 8.30.

St Brigid

The feast of St Brigid, which marks the beginning of spring, takes place on the first of February every year. In the past there was a special connection between St Brigid and Clonown, going back centuries. It is said that she visited the area in her travels throughout Ireland and blessed a well that still exists. Traditionally, people wove St Brigid's crosses from field rushes and hung them in their outhouses in order to protect their animals during the year. The story goes that St Brigid, on explaining the life of Christ to a pagan chieftain who was dying and wished to become a Christian, wove a cross from the rushes that were on the floor in order to explain the Crucifixion.

Baby Boy

Congratulations to John and Inez Dunning on the birth of their baby son.

Kathleen Dunning RIP

Our deepest sympathy to John and James Costello on the recent death of their aunt, Kathleen Dunning, Coosan.

Eugene Greene RIP

We wish to sympathise also with Angela Shine, Taylorstown, on the death of her brother, Eugene Greene.

Mary Goode RIP

Our sincere sympathy also to Deirdre O'Brien on the death of her aunt, Mary Goode.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a n-anamacha