

### **Mass Intentions for September**

Friday 2 September	Paddy and Bridie Egan, Cunny
Sunday 4 September	Pat and Margeret Hynes, Togher
Sunday 11 September	Elizabeth and Patrick Egan, Curnaboll
Sunday 18 September	Not booked
Sunday 25 September	Paddy Dunning, Ballinaculla

### **Altar Servers for September**

Sunday 4 September	Lucy and Íde
Sunday 11 September	Katie and Michael
Sunday 18 September	Katie and Michael
Sunday 25 September	Niamh and Eoin

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

4/11 September	Peadar Molloy
18/25 September	Mary Naughton

**Reader** Maura Shine

**Altar Society** Mary Kelly, Maureen Dunning

## **CLONOWN NEWSLETTER**

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## **SEPTEMBER 2011**

## **Church Restoration Fund**

Sunday 31 July	€251
Sunday 7 August	€201
Sunday 14 August	€242
Sunday 21 August	€213

Sponsored Walk	€10
Total	€917
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>€54,465</b>

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

### **Tax Rebate Forms**

Don't forget to fill in the tax rebate forms. Copies of the form are at the back of the church. Also they can be obtained from Ann Dunning or can be downloaded from [revenue.ie](http://revenue.ie) (CHY2). Please fill in as soon as possible.

### **Keep Fit Classes**

The morning keep fit classes will resume in September. Date and time to be decided on later.

### **Fund Raiser for Sr Helena**

Sr Helena Harney expresses her thanks to all those who supported the fundraiser in Connaughton's, in aid of the Franciscan Mission in La-Paz, Bolivia. She has now returned to her mission having spent a well deserved holiday in Ireland. We wish Sr Helena every success with her work.

### **Examination Results**

Congratulations to all those who did well in their Leaving Cert. We hear that young people from the area will be attending colleges all over the country.

### **Presentation to Fr Vincent**

Fr Vincent has moved to Caltra. Before he left a presentation was made to him on behalf of the community by Peadar Molloy, who wished him well in the future.

### **Message from Fr Vincent**

Recently a card was received from Fr Vincent who sent his good wishes and blessing to the people of Clonown. The card can be seen on the church noticeboard.

## **Schools Reopening**

The schools in the parish will reopen shortly. Clonown National School will reopen on Thursday, 1 September. We especially wish those starting both primary and secondary schools for the first time a very happy school life.

### **Cycle for Motor Neurone Disease Association**

The distance from Croke Park to Clann na nGael football grounds in Johnstown was covered in a very short time by those cycling in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association. Congratulations to all those who took part. Those involved wish to thank all who took part and those who supported the fundraiser.

### **Altar Servers**

Niamh, Sinéad, Eoin, Anthony, Lucy and Katie will soon be finishing as Mass servers and we thank them for the time they have given on Sundays and on other occasions. A new group will be trained in the coming weeks. Children from third class upwards are welcome to join as Mass servers and can give their names to Ann Dunning or any member of the pastoral group.

### **Mass Intentions**

From now on those wishing to book Masses can do so in Clonown Church before or after Mass.

### **Church Restoration Fund Gala Concert**

There will be a Gala Concert, featuring the Garda Band, Breda O'Connor and Cór Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí in SS Peter and Paul's Church on Thursday 22 September at 8 pm. The concert will be in aid of SS Peter and Paul's Church Restoration Fund. Tickets, costing €20 are available from Ann Dunning (087-261096).

### **New Book**

*Athlone Miscellany* by Gearoid O' Brien, a collection of articles which have appeared over the years in the *Westmeath independent*, has just been published. The book contains articles on Athlone as it was in the past, on shops, streets and people and tells stories of interesting characters who lived there. There are also some old photographs. I would recommend it as a good read for people interested in the history and development of Athlone.