

Mass Intentions for February

Friday 1 February	Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning, Newtown
Sunday 3 February	Willie and Nellie Shine, Curnaboll
Sunday 10 February	Deceased members of the Dunning family, Buggane.
Sunday 17 February	Johnny Hynes, Curnaboll
Sunday 24 February	Deceased members of the Shine family, Curnaboll.
Sunday 3 March	Johnny Flynn, First Anniversary

Altar Servers for February

Sunday 3 February	Michael, Eoghan, Sean
Saturday 10 February	Cian, Joseph, Luke
Sunday 17 February	Cian, Joseph, Luke
Sunday 24 February	Kayla, Anna, Aileen
Sunday 3 March	Kayla, Anna, Aileen

Reader Sean Shine

Altar Society Bridie Shine, Maura Shine

Eucharistic Ministers

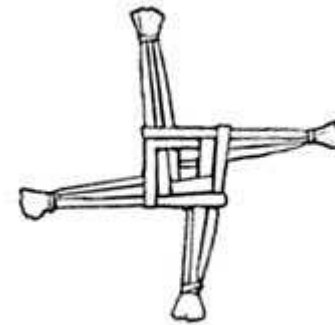
3/10 February	Anne Golden
17/24 February	Helen Earls
3/10 March	Maureen Dunning

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Ash Wednesday

13 February

Mass in Clonown Church: 8 pm

Church Restoration Fund

Very shortly we will have fully paid off the loan that we got from the Diocese. Because of the generosity of the people from Clonown and the surrounding area as well as friends of Clonown, the money needed for the church restoration will have been collected. There will be further news of this in our next newsletter.

We are unable to publish figures of the money collected in January because a decision has been made by St Peter's Parish Council not to publish information on the Sunday collections in future. This decision has been made because of recent burglaries in presbyteries in Athlone and other areas by thieves who mistakenly think that the collection money is kept in the priests' houses. Fr Sean's house was broken into before Christmas. However, in future, the amount raised in the Sunday collection will be announced at Mass on the following Sunday.

The Choir

A new keyboard has been bought for the church, thanks to Sean Crehan who did a lot of research and searching before a suitable one was found. It is hoped to have a choir in the church on the first Sunday of each month. The two back seats on the left (facing the altar) will be reserved for the choir on those Sundays. Sean and Lucy Nally will provide the music. We are also looking for new choir members both male and female.

Altar Servers

Three new children, Sean, Luke and Aileen will be joining the group of altar servers and will be trained during the coming months. Anyone else who has made First Holy Communion wishing to become an altar server should contact a member of the Pastoral Group. Íde, who has been a loyal altar server for the past few years, has moved on to Secondary School and will no longer be serving. We wish to thank her for her contribution and we wish her every success in the future.

Readers

Fr Sean has requested that more people would become involved as readers in the church on Sundays. Anyone who is interested please contact Ann Dunning or a member of the Pastoral Group.

Art Classes

There has been a very big demand for the art classes, run by the VEC, which are now taking place in the community centre on Wednesday nights. The classes are now full and the teacher is unable to take on anyone else.

Keep Fit Classes

Keep fit classes continue on Thursday nights: Women at 7.30 and men at 9 pm. New members welcome.

St Brigid Crosses

Friday, 1 February, was the feast of St Brigid. St Brigid has a special connection with Clonown. It is thought that a well, now in Lennon's field near the church, was blessed by St Brigid. This well was once a place of pilgrimage and a pattern was held there up to the end of the nineteenth century. To keep up the tradition in Clonown, the children in the school have been busy making St Brigid's crosses. They will sell these crosses after Mass on Sunday, 3 February (today). The proceeds of the sale will go towards equipment for the school. In the past people hung these crosses in their houses and outhouses in order to protect their families and animals.

10 K Run

The annual 10 k run will take place in Clonown on Sunday 28 April. This year there will also be a 5 k run. There will be further details in next month's newsletter.

First Aid

Although there has been a very poor response to the original notice about doing First Aid, some people have recently expressed an interest in the classes. Anyone now wishing to do First Aid, please contact a member of the committee and if there are enough people to form a class, Roscommon VEC will be contacted.

Clonown Actor

Congratulations to Rose Harney who recently played the part of Anita, a priest's housekeeper, in *An Unexpected Nightingale*, a play by Martin Kelleher on Athlone Community Radio 88.4.

New Baby Girl

Congratulations to Fiona O'Neill on the birth of her baby daughter

Catherine Shine RIP

The deepest sympathy of the community goes to the Dunning family, Oldtown, on the death of Geraldine's mother, Catherine Shine.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a hanam

Useful Numbers

Graphic Artist: Photographs, memorial cards, business cards, thank you cards etc: Kathy Hardiman (086-0783399)

Plumber: Barry Earls (086-3166956)

Tiling: Jackie Cunningham (086-3559003)

Clonown Community Alert: Johnny Halligan - 086 3931563, John Kelly-090 6437431, Margaret Fallon-086 8043208, Eileen O'Brien 0876797185

Gardaí in Clonark: Opening hours: **Monday to Friday:** 10 am to 11.30 am, 2.30 pm to 4 pm. **Saturday and Sunday:** 2 pm to 4 pm Or they can be reached by dialling 086-6068819 or 090-6437102 at any time.