

## Mass Intentions for April

Friday 5 April	No booked
Sunday 7 April	Not booked
Sunday 14 April	Lena, Peter and Kathleen Dunning
Sunday 21 April	Sonny Shine and deceased family members, Curnaboll
Sunday 28 April	Joe and Ned Roche, Togher

## Altar Servers for April

Sunday 7 April	Michael, Eoghan, Sean
Sunday 14 April	Michael Eoghan, Sean
Sunday 21 April	Cian, Joseph
Sunday 28 April	Cian, Joseph
Sunday 5 May	Kayla, Anna, Aileen
Sunday 12 May	Kayla, Anna, Aileen

## Eucharistic Ministers

7/14 April	Ann Golden
21/28 April	Helen Cunningham
5/12 May	Maureen Dunning

**Reader** Miriam Nally

**Altar Society** Helen Cunningham, Mary Shine

## Clan na nGael Lotto

The church renovation fund recently won €25 in the Clan na nGael Lotto.

Thank you to Teresa Lennon who bought the winning ticket and donated the prize money.

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Clonown Community Centre Committee will

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## APRIL 2013



*28th April, 2013*

**AAI Permit Approved**



**10 K Run at 3.00 p.m.**

**5 K Run at 2.30 p.m.**

**10 K Walk at 1.30 p.m.**

### **Golden Jubilee**

Congratulations to Fr Sean O'Dowd on his Golden Jubilee. In honour of this occasion there will be a special celebration Mass on Sunday 21 April. Afterwards there will be a presentation to Fr Sean and refreshments in the community centre. All are invited to take part in the celebration. The second collection on Sunday 14 April will go towards the presentation to Fr Sean.

### **The late Sr Gemma Grenham**

One rarely thinks of the influence that the many Clonown priests and nuns who spent their lives as missionaries all over the world, have had on the people with whom they worked. The late Sr Gemma (Rosanne)Grenham, formerly of Curnaboll, who died recently is an example of this. Sr Gemma, who was born 93 years ago in 1920 entered the Mercy Order in Drogheda in 1941. As a teacher she worked for several years in St Louis, Missouri. One of her pupils was Timothy Dolan, who is now Cardinal Archbishop of New York, the leading churchman in the United States. They became life-long friends and he attributes his vocation to Sr Gemma. As a young student, Cardinal Dolan visited Sr Gemma in her convent and she brought him to Curnaboll. Last year, she was visited by the cardinal while he was in Ireland on special papal business and at her funeral the Bishop of Meath, Dr Michael Smith, conveyed the condolences of the Cardinal to her family. Of interest also is the fact that the cardinal was one of those frequently mentioned as a possible choice of the cardinals in the recent papal election.

### **Drum/Clonown Community Games**

Well done to all who competed in the community games Spring events. Congratulations to the winners of County Medals. Luke Gavin won gold in Under 10 in Indoors Soccer, Diarmaid O'Brien got a silver for Under 9 Gymnastics and Liam Ward, who competed in an Under 14 talent group also won a silver. Best of luck to Aileen Ward and Rachel Dunning who will be competing in the Roscommon County Swimming on 7 April. And to Luke Gavin and his team mates who are in the Connacht semi-final in Leitrim on 6 April. Incidentally, the annual church gate collection for Drum/Clonown Community Games will take place on 27 and 28 April. Your support would be very much appreciated.

### **Success at Fleadh Cheoil**

Congratulations to all those who took part in the County Roscommon Fleadh Cheoil on Easter Monday. Playing in Céilí bands Sean Nally, Cian Gavin, Maeve Ruddy and Lucy Nally have qualified to Represent Roscommon in the Connacht Finals later in the Summer. A special word of thanks to Shane Cunniffe, Johnstown, who trained the bands, and who is doing great work in fostering Irish Traditional Music in the area.

### **Friends of Summerhill Gathering**

This event will take place on Friday 19 April, 2013 at 8 pm in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone. There will be a buffet meal and entertainment will be provided by Frankie and Keith McDonald and invited guest. Tickets costing €25 are available from the school or can be obtained by phoning 6492383 or by emailing info@summerhillathlone.com. Support for this event would be greatly appreciated from past and present students, staff, parents and friends of Summerhill.

### **Annual Walk and Run**

The annual 10 K Run will take place in Clonown on **Sunday 28 April**. A generous prize fund exists and there will be spot prizes on the day. The same 10 K route will be used as last year but in reverse order, which means the finishing line will be at the community centre. This year there is also a 5 K run which will start at 2.30 pm. At 1.30 pm the walk for the local community begins and local people not taking part in the competitive races and families are asked to come and join in the fun and walk at their own pace. There is a fixed fee for the official events—€15 for the 10 K Run and €10 for the 5 K Run which can be paid on line or on the day. However, those taking part in the community walk may make a donation of their choice in the community centre. Tea and sandwiches will be provided afterwards in the community centre. Drivers are asked to be careful on the day of the walk and to watch out for those taking part. People are asked to volunteer to help out on the day. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Tommy Gilhooly 087-6919726.

### **An Post Stamp for St Patrick's Day**

A competition was held recently by An Post for the design of a stamp that would appear on envelopes containing St Patrick's Day cards. This competition was won by Kathy Hardiman, Drumlosh, who submitted a number of photographs. The smiling faces of Kathy and Lucia Reynolds, Creggane, wearing shamrock sunglasses, appear on the 81cent stamps, which have been posted all over the world.

### **New Baby Girl**

Congratulations to Laurence and Kathleen Shine on the birth of their baby daughter, Tara

### **Sr Gemma Grenham RIP**

Our deepest sympathy to the relatives of Sr Gemma Grenham, who died recently.

### **Pauline Flynn RIP**

Our deepest sympathy also to the relatives of Pauline Flynn, on her recent death