

Mass Intentions for May

Friday 3 May	Michael Greene
Sunday 5 May	Willie and Tommie Warde, Curnaboll
Sunday 12 May	Bill and Peg Fallon, Newtown
Sunday 19 May	Tommy Grenham and deceased family members.
Sunday 26 May	Deceased members of the Dunning family, Ballinaculla

Altar Servers for May

Sunday 5 May	Kayla, Anna, Aileen
Sunday 12 May	Kayla, Anna, Aileen
Sunday 19 May	Michael, Eoghan, Sean
Sunday 26 May	Michael, Eoghan, Sean
Sunday 2 June	Cian, Joseph
Sunday 9 June	Cian, Joseph

Eucharistic Ministers

5/12 May	Margaret Crehan
19/26 May	Peadar Molloy
2/9 June	Mary Naughton

Reader Ann Shine

Altar Society Ann Dunning, Mary Molloy

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*First Holy Communion
Church of our Lady of the Wayside
Clonown
Sunday 26 May 2013
Oisín, Diarmuid, Lorcan and Liam
will be receiving their First Holy Communion*

*Ann, Orla, Michael and Caitlin
will be confirmed in St Peter and Paul's
Church
on
15 May 2013*

Bishop of Kerry

Congratulations to Fr Ray Browne on his appointment as Bishop of Kerry. Fr Ray is from Athlone and has been the Parish Priest in Kiltewan where Fr Larney Shine has been ministering for the past number of years.

Golden Jubilee Celebration

There was a special celebration in Clonown on Sunday 21 April for Fr Sean on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee. Following a concelebrated Mass in the church there was a presentation in the community centre. The Pastoral Group provided refreshments and a special Golden Jubilee cake was made by Liz Gilhooly and Geraldine Dunning. The presentation was made by Tommy O'Brien on behalf of the community and afterwards Fr Sean expressed his thanks. On the following day Fr Sean brought the cake to the school and shared it with the children and teachers.

Second Collection

The second collection at Sunday Mass for the maintenance of the graveyard, will continue for the first two Sundays in May. The sum of money allocated to each graveyard was published in the Westmeath and Clonown received only €150, the lowest in the county. This would buy very little apart from the petrol for the strimmer and lawn mower. A lawnmower had to be bought recently. People have been commenting on how well the graveyard is being maintained, thanks to the work of Jim O'Shea, who is the present caretaker but money is needed to keep up this standard of maintenance. It is expected that the second collection on 12 May will be the last.

Tax Rebate Forms

Brenda in the parish office is in the process of dealing with tax rebate forms. If you are a PAYE worker you will be able to claim for the amount spent on a charity—in this case the charity is Clonown church. The weekly sum given to both collections and the contributions to the support of the priests of the parish can be included. For instance if you gave €5 to the first collection and €5 to the second collection the total spent in the year would be €520. Tax already paid on this would be given by Revenue to the church. It will cost you nothing but the money returned from Revenue can make a significant difference. No forms were returned for 2011 or 2012 so if you were paying tax in those two years you may claim a rebate. Copies of the form can be obtained from Ann Dunning or can be downloaded from revenue.ie (CHY2).

Cemetery Survey

At present a survey is being carried out on Clonown cemetery in order to erect a display board indicating the position of all the graves in the graveyard. This has been done in various graveyards throughout the country. At present each headstone is being carefully recorded. When this is complete all the information will be displayed in the church. People are asked to examine the information carefully and to correct any errors that may have been made. Headstones may appear to be permanent, but many are practically unreadable so we may be asking families if they can provide the missing names. Also, there are a number of plots without headstones and we are hoping that somebody will remember who were buried there. It is hoped, by doing this survey now, that all families connected to the area will be remembered for future generations.

Annual Walk and Run

About 350 people from all over Ireland took part in the 5k and 10k runs and 10k walk in Clonown on Sunday 28 April. Afterwards there was a food for everyone in the community centre. There was one local winner. Anthony Rickard whose children attend Clonown School, won the 5k run in a time of 18.31. Great credit goes to the organisers of this event which grows from strength to strength every year. The organisation and preparation that went into the event was second to none. The organisers wish to thank all those who helped on the day, including the nurses, physiotherapists and the catering team. A special thanks is extended to the Gardaí in Clonark, Roscommon Council and the Athlone Half Marathon team, the local people who encouraged all the athletes and provided water stations on the route and all the volunteers who helped on the course and in the community centre. There are many favourable comments about the hospitality offered by Clonown people and photographs taken on the day, on Facebook. Facebook can be accessed by clicking on the runner icon on Clonown.com home page.

Qualified for Féile

Congratulations to Íde Crehan who is on the Clan na nGael Under 14 Football Team that will Represent Roscommon in Féile in Derry at the end of June.

Baby Boy

Congratulations to Paul and Fiona Curley on the birth of their son, Tom