

Mass Intentions for September	
Sunday 1 September	Pat and Margaret Hynes, Oldtown
Friday 6 September	Paddy and Bridie Egan, Cunny
Sunday 8 September	Paddy Dunning, Ballinaculla
Sunday 15 September	John, Kate and Mike Gavin, Cappamore
Sunday 22 September	Kathleen and Sonny Cunningham

Altar Servers September	
Sunday 1 September	Cian, Joseph
Sunday 8 September	Kayla, Anna, Aileen
Sunday 15 September	Kayla, Anna, Aileen
Sunday 22 September	Eoghan, Sean
Sunday 29 September	Eoghan, Sean
6/13 October	Cian, Joseph

Eucharistic Ministers:

1/8 September: Helen Cunningham

15/22 September: Margaret Crehan

29 Sept/6 October: Peadar Molloy

Reader: Maura Shine

Altar Society: Bridget Henry, Maureen Dunning

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We wish all the children returning to school this month a very successful and happy year.

A special good luck to the children who are starting school

The Clonown Gathering

There was a very large attendance at the Clonown Gathering that took place on 11 August. The Gathering started with Mass in the cemetery concelebrated by Fr Michael McManus and Fr Larney Shine. Afterwards the people collected in the community centre where there was a display of old photographs, school and estate records and memorabilia relating to Clonown. Refreshments were provided and music was provided by local children. The organisers wish to thank all the people who helped to make the day such a great success, those who erected the altar and provided seating in the graveyard, Sean who provided the music, those who laid out the exhibition and prepared the community centre, those who erected the bunting and designed the banner, those who were responsible for the teas, Liz Gilhooly for providing a special Gathering cake, the traffic controllers, Larry our graveyard caretaker and Robbie and Michael who had the graveyard and the whole area looking beautiful.

The Graveyard

Before the Gathering there was a big effort put into preparing the graveyard. Individual graves were tidied up and flowers were placed on them. Indeed some people tidied up the graves of many who are buried there but who have no family left to tend to their graves. Larry Caulfield, the caretaker had a busy time cutting and trimming the grass margins. He also painted the entrance gates. We would also like to thank Jim O'Shea, our former caretaker, who helped out on a voluntary basis.

The Graveyard Map

The temporary map was on display in the graveyard on Cemetery Sunday. Unfortunately, there was a downpour immediately after Mass and people were unable to view it. It was not possible to leave it in the graveyard as it was not set in the ground and would be dangerous. However the permanent map will be erected shortly.

New Baby Girl

Congratulations to Áine and Kenny Macken on the birth of their daughter, Caoimhe.

Clonown Community Site Project

On display in the community centre at the Clonown Gathering was a detailed report on the progress of the project. Donations from households and businesses amounted to €20, 000 and fundraising brought in a further €24, 000. Expenses, which included fees to archaeologists and pre-planning and planning costs amounted to €14,000. The lease on the field from the County Council cost €30,000, with €10,000 already paid and the balance payable in four instalments from 2014 – 2017. An application made to the Dept of Sports Capital Programme 2012 was unsuccessful. In June 2013, the committee received notice of provisional funding from Roscommon Leader. Because of the amount of money involved, approval must be given by the Department of the Environment. As soon as this approval is received work will begin on the project. We wish to congratulate all those involved in the Community Site Project and to thank them for their hard work and perseverance. The amenity, when finished will be a huge asset to Clonown.

Tax Rebate

The Parish Office wishes to thank all those P.A.Y.E workers in Clonown who returned their completed certificates for tax relief for 2011/2012. A tax rebate totalling €4,634.34 has been received from Revenue and this money will go towards the expenses for the upkeep of Clonown church.

Priests' Concert

The Priests' Concert in aid of Ss Peter and Paul's Church will be held in the church on Friday 20 September 2013. Tickets, costing €25 can be obtained from Ann Dunning.

Margaret Leonard R.I.P.

Our deepest sympathy to the relatives of Margaret Leonard (nee Shine), a native of Newtown who died recently.