

Mass Intentions for July

Sunday 6 July: John, Margaret and Michael Dunning

Sunday 13 July: Patrick Ward, late of Curnaboll and Letterkenny

Sunday 20 July: Willie Greene, Cappamore.

Sunday 27 July: Johnny and May Harney, John and Nell Sammon

Sunday 3 August: Willie Shine, Drumlosh

Mass Servers for July

Sunday 6/13 July: Joseph, Cian

Sunday 20/27 July: Sean, Eoghan

Sunday 3/8 August: Kayla, Anna, Aileen

Reader: Sean Crehan

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6 July: Helen Cunningham

13/20 July: Margaret Crehan

27 July/3 August: Peadar Molloy

Altar Society: Margaret Shine, Mary Shine

Tax Rebate Forms

Please fill in and return your tax rebate forms to the parish office or to a member of the pastoral group as soon as possible. The money returned by Revenue will go into the Clonown church account.

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Visit of FAI to Clonown

On Wednesday 23 July at 1.45pm, John Delaney, Chief Executive of the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) will visit Clonown to see the recent sports field development.

John will be accompanied by Paddy McCaul, President of the FAI. The delegation will visit the development site at which local children will hold a penalty shoot-out. Refreshments will be served immediately afterwards in the community centre.

This is a very special occasion for the community and we would encourage locals to attend and show their support.

Clonown National School
Report by Kayla Scanlon

Second to fifth classes went to Dunamon for a soccer tournament. The girls, sadly, lost their matches but the boys won! The bowling night was a great success. We raised €600. We went back to Dunamon for the boys final. They played really well but, unfortunately, lost. We all had great fun on sports day. On Thursday 19 June we went to Tullyboy Farm in Boyle. Finn came to our school and did pottery with us. We all had great fun and we want him to come back. Hope everyone has a lovely summer!

Fr Larney Shine's Golden Jubilee Celebrations

On Sunday 30 June, we celebrated Fr Larney's Golden Jubilee. First we had Mass in the church. A very large crowd of neighbours, friends and relatives attended. Ann Shine did the readings, the Responsorial Psalm was sung by Ciara Costello while Sinéad Costello, Áine Gilhooly (grandnieces), Eoghan and Lorcan Shanahan (grandnephews) led the Prayers of the Faithful. The choir, under the direction of Sean Crehan, sang throughout the Mass and an instrumental piece was played by Cian Gavin on the violin. Fr Larney thanked all those who celebrated his jubilee with him and spoke about his life as a missionary in Africa. Afterwards, refreshments were provided in the community centre. A presentation, on behalf of the community, was made to Fr Larney by Michael Fallon and everybody had a piece of the beautiful cake made especially for the occasion by Liz Gilhooly. Music was provided by Lucy and Sean Nally and Cian Gavin.

Fifty Years Later

This year, fifty years after his ordination, Fr Larney returned to Africa where he spent almost forty years as a missionary. He visited his first parish in Kenya and he was delighted to see how much it had grown and flourished during the fifty years. Perhaps the greatest tribute to his and other missionaries work is the fact that local clergy and people are now running the church in Kenya.

Thank you from Fr Larney

Fr Larney wishes to thank all those who helped to make his Jubilee Celebration so meaningful and such a happy occasion. Thanks to all the people who came, especially Michael Shine who travelled from America. Thanks to all who prepared the church and community centre, those who made sandwiches, cakes, Liz Gilhooly for all her baking and cooking, the hall committee, the choir, the musicians and above all a thank you to Ann Dunning and Maureen Halligan of the Pastoral Group, the chief organisers of the event.

Honour from Pope Francis

Willie Shine, who voluntarily worked as sacristan in Clonown Church for twenty years and who retired recently, was presented with the Bene Merenti Medal and certificate by Fr Sean O'Dowd. Bene Merenti (meaning good merit) medals are bestowed on a small number of people who have deserved special recognition by the Holy See because of their work for the church. This is a rare honour from Pope Francis and we congratulate Willie. Also, Tom O'Brien chairperson of the hall committee, presented a watch on behalf of the community.

Music Scholarship

Congratulations to Lucy Nally who has been awarded a music scholarship to St Finnian's College, Mullingar.

Recent Deaths

The deepest sympathy of the community go to:

The Lennon family, Oldtown, on the death of **Catherine Moran** (nee Lennon), Castlebar.

Damien and Ann Golden, Cornafulla, on the death of **Stafford Golden**, Ballinasloe.

The relatives of **Marie O'Riordan**, Oldtown.