

Mass Intentions for January

Friday 2 January: Sean Shine, Buggane (month's mind)
Sunday 4 January: Nancy Gaffey, Newtown
Sunday 11 January: Johnny and Nora Halligan
Sunday 18 January: Tom Lennon deceased family members.
Sunday 25 January:

Mass Servers for January

4 January: Seán , Eoghan, Lorcan
6/11 January: Kayla, Aileen, Anna, Rachel, Áine
18/25 January: Joseph, Cian, Liam
1/8 February: Seán, Eoghan, Lorcan

Ministers of the Eucharist:

4 January: Helen Cunningham
6/11 January: Margaret Crehan
18/25 January: Peadar Molloy
1/8 February: Mary Naughton

Reader: Anthony Dalton

Altar Society: Bernie Dunning, Teresa Lennon

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We wish Clonown people
everywhere

A Very Happy

and

A Prosperous New year

2014

Looking back over the 2014 newsletters it was interesting to find how much happened in the community during the year. Perhaps the most active group was the committee of the Community Field Project who were active throughout the year. Work started in the field in January and by September a floodlit walking track was being used. The highlight of the year was the visit of a delegation from the FAI in August. The committee was presented with footballs, goalposts and €1000 and a tree was planted. Tickets presented by the FAI on the day were later used when a busload from the area attended an international match in the Aviva stadium. The Field Project committee also organised a 10k and 5k run in April and Mid Shannon Cycle Tour in September. There was also a very enjoyable variety concert in October, a table quiz and a social night in McNeills.

The community centre was used for the preparation of food for these and other events. Maintenance work was carried out on the centre which included painting and the removal of the damaged bell tower. Two successful cake sales were held and the money went towards insurance, heat, electricity maintenance. Also the hall was used for the local elections and meetings of various groups. Keep fit classes were very successful.

Perhaps the highlight of the church year was the celebration of Fr Larney Shine's Golden Jubilee. On the same occasion Willie Shine, who had retired as sacristan, was presented with the **Bene Merenti** Medal from Pope Francis.

The school children reported on the various activities in the school. Among other things the children made and sold St Brigid's crosses, took part in the Féile Cheoil, planted trees, were presented with their eighth Green Flag. The parents' committee fund raised by holding a bowling night and bag packing.

We are grateful to Fás and Tús for enabling us to have Robbie, Larry, Keith, Michael and Anthony who have done trojan work in keeping the buildings and the grounds in the village in such good condition.

We must not forget all the volunteers who helped out during the year and also those who supported the various functions. The events that took place would not have been possible with the support of the community.

The Christmas Crib

You will probably have noticed the new crib in the church at Christmas. It was made by Padraig Duncan recently. Thanks Padraig for the beautiful crib and to all those who helped to assemble it.

Cake Sale

The cake sale held before Christmas was a great success. A sum of ---- was raised. The committee is grateful to all those who donated cakes, flower arrangements, jams, raffle prizes etc. and to all those who helped out and supported the sale.

Social Night in McNeill's

The Community Field Project committee wishes to thank all those who supported the social in McNeill's.

Clonown Playwright

Peter Shine, Cappamore, has recently won the FUEL residency competition, which was held in conjunction with the Druid Theatre, Galway, for his play *No Show*/Peter is an actor and playwright and has directed a play with a Galway theatre company. The winning play was performed in the Druid Theatre, Galway in November. Well done, Peter!

Sean Shine RIP

The Clonown community extends its deepest sympathy to Bernie Shine and the Shine family, Buggane, on the recent death of Sean.

Maeve Craughwell RIP

Our deepest also to the Craughwell family, Taylorstown, on the death of P.J.'s mother, Maeve

Ann McManus RIP

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Fr John McManus on the death of his mother, Ann