

Mass Intentions for May

Friday 1 May: Michael Greene

Sunday 3 May: Willie and Tommy Ward, Curnaboll

Sunday 10 May: Bill and Peg Fallon, Newtown

Sunday 17 May: Tommy Grenham and deceased family members

Sunday 24 May: Deceased members of the Dunning family, Ballinaculla

Sunday 31 May: Michael Hardiman, his sister Mary, brother Kevin, Drumlosh

Mass Servers for May

3/10 May : Joseph, Cian, Liam

17/24 May: Sean, Eoghan, Lorcan

31 May/7 June: Kayla, Aileen, Anna, Rachel, Áine

Ministers of the Eucharist:

3/10 May: Margaret Crehan

17/24 May: Peadar Molloy

31 May/7 June: Ann Golden

Reader: Ann Shine

Altar Society: Ann Dunning, Mary Molloy

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Golden Jubilee

Bishop Kevin Doran

will officiate at the

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

of the church

on

Sunday 7 June 2015

(further details inside)

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

On Sunday 7 June Bishop Kevin Doran will officiate at the church's Golden Jubilee celebrations. There will be Mass at 11 am in the church, followed by refreshments in the community centre. Over the past fifty years many Clonown people were baptised, made their First Holy Communion and married in the church. It would be great to make this occasion an opportunity for a gathering of Clonown people. Perhaps you could inform your relatives and friends and people who have left the area about the celebrations and ask them to come.

Old Photographs

We are hoping to put on an exhibition of photographs of momentous occasions in Clonown church over the past fifty years – photographs of the opening, First Communions, weddings, first Masses, jubilees etc. if you have any photographs please contact Kathy (086 0783399) or Rosaleen (087 7600128).

Booking Masses for 2016

Masses for 2016 may now be booked by contacting the Parish Office. The following dates are still available for 2015 – 4 October, 1 November, 8 November, 15 November, 6/13/20 December.

Recent Damage to Houses

On two occasions, recently, windows have been broken in houses, one in Oldtown and another in Newtown. As Clonown is usually such a secure, safe area it is a pity that these acts of vandalism should occur. If you see any unusual activity in the area please contact the Garda in Clonark (090 6437102) or Roscommon Garda Station (090 6638300).

Cake Sale

The hall committee wishes to thank those who donated cakes etc and supported the recent cake sale. A total of €660 was raised.

Success at Fleadh

Congratulations to Lucy Nally, Cian Gavin and Sean Nally who have qualified for the Fleadh Cheoil Connacht Finals.

School Report

During the month of April sixth class were preparing for their confirmation. They had to go to the church to make a pledge to God that they would not drink alcohol until their eighteenth birthday. Then five days afterwards they made their confirmation. We also took part in a competition to make masks for Athlone library. On the 29 April we made puppets with Jay Ryan from Pig Nut productions. We loved his workshop and our puppets turned out very good – Luke Gavin

10K / 5K Run

The annual 10K/5K Run took place in glorious sunshine on Sunday 26 April. Over 220 registered for the event, including many Clonown people. The committee would like to thank the main sponsor – Kennedy Spar Express (Monksland) – and all other sponsors of the event. We are also grateful to Civil Defence (Roscommon), the Garda in Clonark and Roscommon County Council. A special thanks to Daren Claasen for his generous prizes. Also thanks to the many volunteers and supporters on the day. Thanks to Gerry and Patricia Farrell for use of their field and to Clonown Community Centre committee for the hall, Maura Corcoran Sports Massage Therapy and Maria McCormack Therapies. The feedback received from the athletes shows a great appreciation for the welcoming community, a well-managed course and the wonderful hospitality at the community centre – well done Clonown. Results and photographs on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Athlone10krun>

Recent Deaths

The community offers its deepest sympathy to the following:

The Roche family, Togher, on the death of **Bill Roche**, USA,

The Gavin family, Ballinaculla, on the death of Michael's sister,

Mary Burgess, England.

Sean Henry, Togher, on the death of his sister, **Margaret Carty**, Dublin

Derek Hussey, Carricknaughton, on the death of his father **PJ Hussey**.

Bill Sheriffe, Carricknaughton, on the death of his brother, **Noel Sheriffe**.