

Mass Intentions for October

Friday 2 October: Margaret Dunning, New Row
Sunday 4 September: Bill Roche, Togher, Clonown
Sunday 11 October: Jack Ward, Curnaboll
Sunday 18 October: Dunning and Hardiman families
Sunday 25 October: Laurence and Rose Shine and deceased family members, Curnaboll.

Mass Servers for October/

4 October: Aileen, Áine, Rachel
11/18 October: Sean, Lorcan, Liam
25 October/ 1 November: Aileen, Áine, Rachel

Ministers of the Eucharist:

4 October: Mary Naughton
11/18 October: Ann Golden
25 October/1 November: Helen Cunningham

Reader: Rosaleen Fallon

Altar Society: Helen Gavin, Margaret Dunning

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We extend a

Céad Míle Fáilte

to Fr Laurence

who has come to us from Nigeria.

Congratulations

to the children who were confirmed

recently

and to those who will make their

First Holy Communion

Sunday 31 May 2015

DVD of Golden Jubilee Celebrations

If you wish to order the DVD of the Golden Jubilee celebrations please contact Ann Dunning (087 2261096), or Maureen Halligan. The DVD costs €10 or €20 in a special box with pictures. This would make an ideal Christmas gift.

Red Carpet Event

The premiere of the film *Older than Ireland* was held recently in Dublin. Bridie Shine, Mary Kate Egan and Maura Shine were special guests at this event and shared the red carpet with Miriam O'Callahan and other well known personalities. The film is a documentary which tells the story of a hundred years of a life as seen through the eyes of thirty Irish centenarians, people who lived through World War I, the Easter Rising in 1916, the War of Independence, and the Civil War. In this documentary they talk about different phases of their lives, sometimes with humour and other times with sadness. Bridie and Mary Kate's uncle, John Mitchell, is one of the thirty people who took part in the film. The documentary was released nationwide on Friday last and should be in the local cinema shortly. Apart altogether from the Clonown connection the film should be well worth seeing.

Cillín na bPáistí

Work is continuing on the cillín or unbaptised children's graveyard and it should be finished shortly. An ornamental glass door has been opened into the area from the community centre, indicating the presence of the cillín. The area has been covered with chippings and the next step will be to place a commemorative stone on the wall surrounding the area. In the past, unbaptised children were not buried in consecrated ground so there was often an area set aside for these special burials. Bishop Kevin Doran, on his recent visit to Clonown, blessed the burial ground. It is hoped to have some kind of ceremony when the work is completed.

Landfill Closed

The landfill on the Moate Road has closed. However refuse can be brought to the Barna Waste Centre near Athlone Institute of Technology. The disposal of the waste costs 22 c per kilogramme.

School Report

We are all back at school and had a great summer holiday. In June we got ourselves a rainwater harvester funded by Roscommon County Council. We got this to save on water bills. The tank can hold up to 1500 litres. The water that we collect is used to flush the toilets. Come up any time if you want to take a look at the harvester. This year we are hoping to get our ninth green flag for litter and waste management - Lorcan Shanahan and Sean Nally

The late Fr Patrick Lyons

We were saddened to hear of the death of Fr Patrick Lyons in England. Until recent years, Fr Lyons came to Clonown every summer, visiting relatives and friends in the area. According to his wishes his remains will be brought to Clonown where he will be buried.

Dates for your Diary

Clonown Quiz Night: 19 November 2015, Shamrock Lodge Hotel at 8pm.

Clonown Bag Pack: 20 November 2015 in Smith's Supervalu, Monksland.

Recent Weddings

Congratulations to **Brenda Gaffey**, Carricknaughton, and **Jonathon Minagh** who were married recently.

Congratulations, also, to **Ciarán Dunning**, Drumlosh and **Michelle Costello** on their recent wedding.

Simon McGeoghegan RIP

Our deepest sympathy to the Ward family, Shannonvilla, on the death of Lil's grandson, Simon McGeoghegan

Patsy Beaumont RIP

Our sympathy, also, to the Beaumont families, Carricknaughton and Taylorstown on the death of Patsy Beaumont.

Dermot Dunning RIP

We wish to offer our sincere sympathy to the Dunning family, New Row on the death of Paddy's cousin, Dermot Dunning.