

### Mass Intentions for February

**Friday 5 February:** Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning, Newtown

**Sunday 7 February:** Hugh Roche

**Sunday 14 February:** Deceased members of the Shine Family, Curnaboll.

**Sunday 21 February:** Kathleen Ward (First Anniverary)

**Sunday 28 February:** Nellie and Willie Shine, Curnaboll

**Friday 4 March:** Deceased members of the Dunning Family, Buggane

**Friday 6 March:** Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh

### Mass Servers for February

**7 February:** Aileen, Rachel, Áine

**14/21 February:** Sean, Lorcan, Liam

**28 February/6 March:** Aileen, Rachel, Áine

### Ministers of the Eucharist:

**7/14 February:** Helen Cunningham

**21/28 February:** Margaret Crehan

**6/13 March:** Peadar Molloy

**Reader:** Niamh Molloy

**Altar Society:** Bridie Shine, Maura Shine

# CLONOWN NEWSLETTER

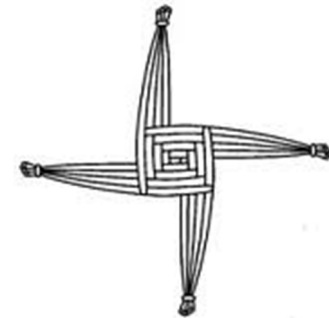
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## February 2016

**Feast of St Brigid**

**1 February**



### **Clonown Highlighted on RTE**

On Saturday 9 January at 8 am, *Countrywide* was broadcast live from Clonown Community Centre. This programme focused on the problems connected with the recent bad flooding in the area. Maura Shine spoke to Damien O'Reilly, the programme presenter. She described how houses that were built on higher ground after the 1954 flood are now flooded. She also spoke about the hardship suffered by people over several weeks, particularly over the Christmas period. One of the interpretations of the name Clonown is *Cluain Abhann* which means 'meadow of the river' Maura explained that a more apt meaning should be 'meadow in the river!' Others who contributed to the programme were Tom Turley (IFA), TDs Denis Naughton, Gabrielle McFadden and Michael Fitzgerald, representatives from An Taisce and Bird Watch Ireland and Brendan and Emile Shine who finished up the programme with a song. A number of local people were also present. Afterwards, everybody was treated to tea and toasted sandwiches.

### **Minister visits Clonown**

In early January the Minister for Agriculture, Simon Coveney, visited Clonown in order to see the extent of the flooding. He was taken to Curnaboll by tractor and trailer. A number of local people accompanied him. The Minister said that funds are available for people who lost fodder during the flooding. Typical of Clonown hospitality, he and those accompanying him were treated to refreshments in the community centre.

### **Condition of Roads in the Clonown area**

The roads in Clonown, particularly those that were covered during the recent flooding, are in a terrible condition with large areas broken up and there are potholes everywhere. It would be a good idea if people would contact Roscommon County Council about the condition of the roads. The telephone number is 09064 92161.

### **Bag Pack in aid of Clonown Community Site Project**

There will be a bag-pack in aid of the Clonown Community Site Project in Dunnes Stores on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please support. Volunteers are needed to help with the bag packing. If you can help please call Maureen at 087 6925704.

### **Parents' Association AGM**

The AGM of the Clonown National School Parents' Association will take place in the community centre at 8.30pm on Tuesday 2 February.

### **St Brigid's Crosses**

The children in Clonown National School have been busy making St Brigid's crosses in preparation for St Brigid's Day. Clonown has a special connection with St Brigid and for centuries St Brigid's crosses have been made and placed in the homes and outhouses on the eve of St Brigid's Day. It is lovely to see the children carrying on that tradition.

### **School Report**

We have come back from our Christmas holidays. We enjoyed them very much. We went on a trip to the library. We are now making St Brigid's crosses to raise money for a new school computer. A new computer would be of great benefit to the senior classroom. We will be selling the crosses at the back of the church today. The children in sixth class have been putting together a presentation about water usage in Ireland. It will be presented by them on 4 February at half two. All parents are welcome. We had a great month and hope the next one will be the same – Caitlin and Rachel.

### **Church Sacristan**

Willie Shine, who retired as sacristan last year, still helped out occasionally. However, Willie will no longer be available to prepare the church for weddings and funerals. We thank Willie for all the work he has done over the past number of years.