

Mass Intentions for April

Sunday 3 April: Willie, Tommy and Frank Ward, Curnaboll

Sunday 10 April: Ann and Tom O'Brien, Oldtown

Sunday 17 April:

Sunday 24 April: Joe and Ned Roche, Togher

Sunday 1 May:

Friday 6 May: Tommy and May Curley, Clonown

Mass Servers for April

3 April: Aileen, Rachel, Áine

10/17 April: Seán, Lorcan, Liam

24 April/1 May: Aileen, Rachel, Áine

8/15 May: Seán, Lorcan, Liam

Eucharistic Ministers

3/10 April: Margaret Crehan

17/24 April: Peadar Molloy

1/8 May: Mary Naughton

Reader: Miriam Nally

Altar Society: Helen Cunningham, Maureen Halligan

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5k/10k Walk/Run

Sunday 24 April 2016

5k : 2 pm

10k: 2.30 pm

Confirmation

Tuesday 26 April

First Holy Communion

Sunday 29 May

Raising the Flag

On Easter Sunday there was a short ceremony in the village centre in order to commemorate the centenary of the Easter Rising. The Irish flag was raised by two members of the community, Niamh Molloy, representing the younger generation and Michael Fallon, representing the older generation. Afterwards the Proclamation of the Republic, first read outside the GPO on Easter Sunday 1916, was read by Tom O'Brien. Before reading this document Tom spoke of the Clonown people, buried in the graveyard, who had taken part in the War of Independence. To complete the ceremony those present sang Amhrán na bhFiann. We are grateful to the school for providing the flagpole, Padraig Harney for the flag and to the CE workers, Padraig and Larry who erected the pole.

Fifty Years Ago

On Easter Sunday 1966, the Proclamation was read outside the church by some of the senior children in Clonown National School. Peter Ward who was in sixth class at the time was prominent in this event. On Easter Sunday 2016, Peter Ward was also present at the reading. Indeed, Peter can still remember the words by heart.

Cake Sale in aid of Sick Children

James and Marguerite Costello wish to thank those who supported the cake sale in aid of bringing sick children to Lourdes. A total of €650 was raised. James has just returned from doing the charity cycle to Lourdes. Well done James!

Annual 5k/10k Run/Walk

The annual Clonown Run/Walk will take place on Sunday 24 April. The 5k will start at 2pm and the 10k will start at 2.30pm.

Cake Sale in aid of Community Centre

The committee wishes to thank all those who made cakes etc and supported the cake sale on good Friday. A total of €671 was raised which will go towards the maintenance of the community centre.

Parenting Talk

The Parents Association of Clonown National School will hold a parenting talk *Supporting Parents to Support their Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing* on Wednesday 6 April at 8pm in Clonown Community Centre. This programme helps parents to encourage and promote mental health and wellbeing in their children. The programme also explores how the building of resilience in children helps them to manage and cope with the day to day stresses of life as they occur.

Book of Photographs

A meeting was held recently with the idea of producing a book of photographs relating to Clonown and other townlands in the area. It is hoped to have as many families involved as possible. We are interested, in particular, in group photographs, family photographs, photographs of work, old houses and people who took part in particular events. It is hoped that people will look up old photos. These photos, when collected, will be scanned and returned immediately. The book should prove a lasting record of people who lived in the area over the generations and could become a valuable source for family and community historians.

Fleadh Cheoil

Congratulations to Lucy, Sean, Cian, Ava, Ella and Róisín for their successes in the Roscommon Fleadh Cheoil. They have all qualified for the Connacht Fleadh Cheoil.

Important Dates

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New Baby Girl

Congratulations to Peter and Kathleen Lenihan, Oldtown, on the birth of their baby daughter