

Mass Intentions for July

Sunday 3 July: Johnny and May Harney, John and Nell Sammon

Sunday 10 July: Margaret, John and Michael Dunning, Creggane

Sunday 17 July: Still available

Sunday 24 July: Jimmy and Maureen Dunning, New Row

Sunday 31 July: Still available

Mass Servers for July

3/10 July: Sean, Lorcan, Liam

17/24 July: Aileen, Áine, Rachel

31 July/7 Aug: Seán, Lorcan, Liam

Ministers of the Eucharist:

3 July: Peadar Molloy

10/17 July: Mary Naughton

24/31 July: Ann Golden

7/14 August: Helen Cunningham

Reader: Sean Crehan

Altar Society: Margaret Shine, Mary Shine

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Fr Sean Retires

The people of Clonown wish Fr Sean O'Dowd, who has been responsible for the Clonown part of the parish since his return from the missions five years ago, health and happiness in his retirement.

Change in Mass Time

From Sunday, 10 July, Mass in Clonown Church will begin at 11.15 am

School Report

This June has been very busy. On 20 June, the boys in second class and the senior classes went to Donamon to play in the second round of the soccer tournament. They lost to St John's and Glan Lathan and they beat Kilmurry and Athleague. They drew with Kiltewan. On the 23 June we went on the school tour. The junior room went to AIT Summer Camp and the senior children went to Zipit in Lough Key Forest Park. On the way home they stopped at Casey's Supermacs in Roscommon. On 24 June, Sean, Diarmuid, Liam, Rachel and Róisín went to a blitz with lots of other schools. We are very sad that our sixth class, Aileen, Seán, Aliadh, Dayna and Caitlin are leaving – Róisín, Rachel and Juliet.

Ms Joanna Thompson

Ms Joanna Thompson, who for the past number of years has been teaching the children in the senior classes in Clonown National School will be leaving at the end of the school year. She will be taking up a new appointment as principal of a school nearer to her home. The community appreciates all the hard work she has done over the years and wish her well in her new position.

Composer of Carrots from Clonown

Many may not be aware that Tom Moore, St Paul's Tce, Athlone, who died recently, was the composer of the song Carrots from Clonown, later made famous by Brendan Shine. The song was composed by Tom, a talented actor and musician, during the 1950s. Around that time the seed potato industry had failed due to eelworm and Clonown people began to sow carrots. Before long Clonown carrots became well known for their quality and taste, particularly on the Dublin market.

Tax Rebate Forms

The Parish Office will be sending out tax rebate forms in the next few weeks. Please fill in and return them. The money raised by the parish will go into the Clonown account and will help towards the upkeep and maintenance of the church.

Church Gate Collection for Pieta House

There will be a Church Gate Collection in aid of Pieta House on Sunday 10 July.

Prestigious Award for Clonown Student

Aoife Duncan, Ballinaculla, a talented student from GMIT's Centre for the Creative Arts and Media, was recently awarded the Judge's Spotlight Prize at the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland, Future Makers Awards. The Design and Crafts Council takes a leading role in recognising craftsmanship and design innovation. Recently, her beautiful ceramic work featured in an exhibition entitled *Embark* in Galway. Well done, Aoife!

Brilliant Student

Rosa Shine, daughter of Matt and Jenny Shine, and granddaughter of Rosie Shine, Drumlosh, has become the recipient of The Fulbright Award. This award is given by the Irish and US governments to outstanding students which allows them to study at top universities in America. Rosa is currently doing a PhD in the Biomechanics Centre in NUI Galway and will now be performing advanced medical research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, considered to be the top university in the world. The award was presented to her by the American Ambassador, Kevin O'Malley. Later she met Joe Biden, American Vice President at Dublin Castle and received an invitation to visit the White House. In 2015, Rosa also received a NUI Travelling Studentship award. Congratulations Rosa!

Theft from graveyard

It has come to our attention that flower containers have been stolen from graves in Clonown graveyard. We are asking people to keep a watch out for any unusual behaviour around the graveyard or in the Clonown area in general.

Church Gate Collection in aid of Community Field Project

There will be a church gate collection in aid of the Community Field Project on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July in Clonown and Drum.

Gary Noone Trophy

There will be a soccer blitz for the Gary Noone Trophy on Saturday, 23 July, in the community field.

Olive Henry RIP

Our deepest sympathy to Ann Boyle, Cappamore and the Nally and McLoughlin families on the recent death of Anne's sister-in-law, Olive Henry, Dublin.

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