

Mass Intentions for September

Friday 2 September: Patrick and Brigid Egan, Cunny.

Sunday 4 September:

Sunday 11 September: Paddy Dunning, Ballinaculla

Sunday 18 September: Dan Grenham

Sunday 25 September: Sonny and Kathleen Cunningham

Sunday 2 October: Margaret Dunning

Mass Servers for September

4/11 September: Aileen, Áine, Rachel

18/25 September: Lorcan, Liam

2/9 October: Áine, Rachel

Ministers of the Eucharist:

4 September: Peadar Molloy

11/18 September: Mary Naughton

25 September/2 October: Ann Golden

Reader: Maura Shine

Altar Society: Mary Kelly

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Back to School

We wish all those who are starting or returning to school or who are moving on to further education a very happy and successful year.

New Arrangements for Booking Masses

Don't forget that if you wish to arrange to have a Mass said you must contact the office in Drum. The Drum office is open Monday to Thursday from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm. You can contact Catherine at 090 6437125. Also, a month's mind may be arranged for a Saturday morning at 10.30 am if there is no Sunday or First Friday available and provided there is no prior arrangement made for that morning.

New Plaque in the Cillín

A new plaque has been erected in the burial ground for unbaptised children to commemorate those buried there. The preparation of the area, which can be accessed from the community centre is now complete. Over the past two years, the area was tidied up, flowers were planted in containers, a stone seat was installed and finally the plaque has been added. It is a beautiful peaceful area. Any time the centre is open it would be worth your while to visit the cillín.

Presentation for Fr Sean

It is hoped to hold a presentation for Fr Sean O'Dowd in September. There will be a second collection at Masses on the 4th and 11th September to give people the opportunity to be involved in the presentation.

Photographs

We are still looking for old photographs, particularly photos of families, groups and farming activities. Please contact a member of the organising group if you have any suitable photographs.

Flat Line Half Marathon

The annual Flat Line Half Marathon will take place on Saturday 11 September. Please note that there will be some road restrictions during the race.

Lighting in the Community Field

The lights in the community field will be turned on from 7 pm to 10 pm starting on Sunday 4 September.

Altar Servers

The community wishes to thank Sean Nally and Aileen Ward for their dedication as altar servers during the past number of years. The custom in Clonown is that children cease to be altar servers when they go to secondary school. Besides serving Mass, they were always busy behind the scenes helping out and ensuring that everything was in order. We wish Aileen and Sean every success in the future. Anyone wishing to become an altar server please contact a member of the pastoral group.

Community Games National Finals

We wish to congratulate all those from the Drum/Clonown area who represented their county in the All Ireland National Finals of the Community games. The U-11 Rugby team achieved fourth place, winning a medal. Well done Aileen Ward whose team won a gold medal in the swimming relay U-17. Although Aileen is only thirteen she was competing with much older children. Also congratulations to Niall Ward who won a bronze medal in the U-9 gymnastics. Future Olympians!

Older Than Ireland

There was tremendous praise for the recently screened documentary *Older Than Ireland*, featuring people more than a hundred years old. They spoke about incidents from their lives over the past century, remembering their childhood, their youth and incidents connected with important events in Irish history. There was a strong Clonown connection with two of the interviewees - Maureen Killian's uncle, Luke Dolan, aged 108 and John Mitchell, uncle of Michael and Mary Kate Egan and Bridie Shine. Michael and Mary Kate appeared in the film also.

Bag Packing for Community Field Project

There will be a bag pack in Dunnes Stores, Irishtown on 9 and 10 September in aid of the Community Field Project. Please support.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Sean Curley, Oldtown, and Lynn Monaghan, Galway, who were married recently.