

## Mass Intentions for January

Sunday 1 January: Bridget Hardiman (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Friday 6 January: John, Michael and Delia Dunning, The Park

Sunday 8 January: John and Nora Halligan

Sunday 15 January: Tom Lennon

Sunday 22 January: Nancy Gaffy

Sunday 29 January: Margaret Shine and deceased family members, Drumlosh

Friday 3 February: Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning, Newtown.

Sunday 5 February: Hugh Roche, Virginia and Togher

### Mass Servers for January

1 / 6 January: Lorcan, Liam

8/15 January: Áine, Rachel

22/29 January: Lorcan, Liam

5/12 February: Áine, Rachel

**Reader:** Niamh Molloy

**Altar Society:** Bernie Dunning, Teresa Lennon

Eucharistic Ministers

Don't forget that if you wish to arrange a Mass you must contact the office in Drum. The Drum office is open Monday to Thursday from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm. Phone Catherine at 09064 37125

# CLONOWN NEWSLETTER

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## January 2017

**We wish you all  
A Happy and Prosperous  
New Year**

### Review of 2016

The RTE Radio programme, *Countrywide*, was broadcast live from Clonown Community Centre in January, highlighting the severe flooding in the area. Local people contributed to the broadcast. Also, Minister

Simon Coveney visited the area. The flood eventually receded and, as usual, plans to prevent future flooding were forgotten. At the beginning of the year the roads were in a terrible state and thankfully many of them were improved by the county council during the year.

The very popular 10 k run took place in April, with people from all over the country taking part. Also the community field was the venue for many sporting events. The community centre was the centre of many activities, also, and was the focal point for groups coming to the area. People always get a special *Céad Míle Fáilte* in Clonown Community Centre.

There were some changes in the church arrangements. Fr Sean retired and as he was not replaced the pastoral needs of the community are being looked after by Fr Kazimir in Drum. Mass time for Sunday Mass has been moved to 11.15 am. New lighting has been installed around the church. The schoolchildren have sent in news to the newsletter each month, reporting on various activities. It would appear from their reports that school life is very exciting!

Probably the most significant highlight of the year was the commemoration of the 1916 rising. On Easter Sunday, the Irish Flag was raised and the proclamation was read.

A defibrillator was installed at the community centre. The Cillín, or unbaptised babies burial ground, was completed with the erection of a commemorative plaque. A new book is planned and people have generously given photographs that may be included in the book. It is hoped that the book will be published during 2017.

There were happy occasions. We had five weddings and two babies were born. Sadly, three members of our community have died – Philomena Gavin, Mary Dunning and Denise Devine. They will be greatly missed.  
*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha*

### **Presentation to Fr Sean**

To mark his retirement after having spent five years looking after our pastoral needs, the Clonown community had a special celebration for Fr Sean O'Dowd on 8 December. Mass was celebrated and afterwards there was a gathering in the community centre where a presentation was made

to Fr Sean by Tom O'Brien on behalf of the community. Canon Devine wished Fr Sean many happy years of retirement. Afterwards a special cake, baked by Liz Gilhooly, was cut and all present were served with refreshments.

### **Mass Servers**

There will be training for new Mass servers in January. Anyone interested in becoming a Mass server please contact a member of the pastoral group.

### **School Enrolment Evening**

The enrolment evening will take place on Wednesday 8 February between 4 pm and 7 pm. All are welcome.

### **Christmas Sale in aid of the Community Centre**

The Christmas sale, in aid of the running of the community centre was very successful. The committee wishes to thank all who donated cakes etc. and those who attended the sale. A special thank you, also to all who helped in the preparation of the hall and on the day of the sale. A total of €885 was raised and this money will go towards the maintenance of the hall.

### **School Report**

Paddy Daly came to our school to teach us about pollination. The junior room performed a drama for the senior room. Afterwards, Paddy talked to us and asked us questions. We split into teams and did some teamwork games. We enjoyed all the games but the best was when we were blindfolded while Paddy led us by a rope. Recently we have been taking computer classes. We did typing games and typed paragraphs - Lorcan Shanahan

### **New baby Boy**

Congratulations to Paul and Fiona Curley on the birth of their new baby, Joe.