

Mass Intentions for March

Sunday 5 March: Bridie and Martin Shine, Drumlosh.

Sunday 12 March: Johnnie and Annie Egan and deceased family members.

St. Patrick's Day: Mary Henry, Carricknaughton

Sunday 19 March: Kathleen Shine, Curnaboll

Sunday 26 March: Kathleen and Willie Ward, Curnaboll

Sunday 2 April: Philomena Gavin, Grahia (1st Anniversary)

Mass Servers for March

5/12 March: Áine, Rachel

17/19/March: Lorcan, Liam

26 March/2 April Áine, Rachel

Reader: Rosaleen Fallon

Altar Society: Rose Harney, Rosaleen Fallon

Ministers of the Eucharist

5 March: Peadar Molloy

12/17 March: Mary Naughton

19/26 March: Ann Golden

2/9 April: Helen Cunningham

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

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17 Márta

Lá le Pádraig

Lá Fhéile shona díobh go léir

Clonown Graveyard

It has come to the attention of the committee that some people are dumping old wreaths, withered flowers and other items in the graveyard, particularly over the wall. As a result the area beside the graveyard is becoming unsightly. People are asked, when tidying up graves, to bring home any unwanted items. Also, will you remind anyone you see disposing of unwanted rubbish in the graveyard to bring it home.

Annual 5k and 10k Walk and Run

The annual 5k and 10k walk and run will take place on Sunday 23 April 2017. There will be more details in next month's newsletter.

Application to Sports Capital Programme

The committee of the Community Field Project has recently applied to the Sports Capital Programme for funding towards a club house with dressing rooms and toilets. Also an application has been made for a lawnmower.

Lighting around the Church

New sensor lighting has been installed outside the church and has made a great improvement to visibility at night time. Before this, those parking at the back of the church found it particularly difficult to see where they were walking. Besides this, the lighting inside the church has also been greatly improved. Fr John even remarked on this recently!

Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale in the community centre on Good Friday (14 April) immediately after the 3 pm ceremony. The Good Friday cake sale is one of the two events held each year for the upkeep and maintenance of the community centre so your support would be much appreciated. There will be further information in the April newsletter.

Tempting Fate

I knew I was tempting fate by commenting, in last month's newsletter, on the fact that there has been no flooding so far this winter! Unfortunately the comment was made too soon. Let's hope that the water will not rise any further!

School Report

This month we took part in the Texaco Art Competition. We were allowed draw whatever we liked. Some people drew pictures and some did a collage. We are now getting ready for Seachtain na Gaeilge. We will be playing lots of Irish games. For World Book Day the senior room split into three groups and acted out three fairy tales - *The Three Pigs*, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The junior room wrote stories for the senior room. They were very good. We will be going to the library for a K'nex workshop and afterwards we will go to Lowe & Co. for a chocolate brownie. We had a great month and are looking forward to the next one – Rachel Dunning and Juliet Shine.

Lent Long Ago

Younger people probably have no idea of Lent in the past when there were restrictions on eating and other activities. Nowadays, there are two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but fifty years ago people were required to fast for the forty days of Lent. Sundays and St Patrick's Day were excluded. On the Sunday before Lent a letter from the Bishop was read at all Masses telling the people what food was allowed. One main meal and two smaller meals, called collations, could be eaten. People could eat as much as they liked at the main meal but very little was allowed for the smaller meals. Sometimes one could stretch the rules! Tea and not more than two biscuits were allowed occasionally. As the size of the biscuits was not emphasised, the large Kimberly biscuit was usually eaten in preference to the smaller plainer Marietta! Often some stayed up until after midnight on Saturday in order to have a late night meal. The thinking was that after midnight on Saturday it was Sunday when there was no fasting. Dances were not allowed during Lent either. As a result the cinema became very popular and many amateur dramatic societies were formed in order to give people something to do. The celebration of marriage was not allowed during Lent. Because of this, Shrove Tuesday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday were very popular for weddings.