

Mass Intentions for May

Friday 5 May: Peter, Lena and Kathleen Dunning, Newtown

Sunday 7 May: Tommy Grenham and deceased family members

Sunday 14 May: Bill and Peg Fallon, Newtown

Sunday 21 May: Jimmy Dunning and his sister, Maureen, New Row

Sunday 28 May: People of the parish

Friday 2 June: Roddy and Brigid Hardiman and deceased Hardiman family members.

Sunday 4 June: Jack Ward and Pat Ward, Curnaboll

Mass Servers for May

7/14 May: Rachel, Áine.

21/28 May: Lorcan, Liam

4/11 June: Rachel, Áine

A new rota of altar servers will be arranged shortly

Reader: Ann Shine

Altar Society: Ann Dunning, Mary Molloy

Ministers of the Eucharist

7/14 May: Ann Golden

21/28 May: Helen Cunningham

4/11 June: Margaret Crehan

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First Holy Communion

The community wishes to congratulate Emma Fogarty, Aidan Galvin, Caolan Malone, Polly Shine and Rebecca Costello who will be making their First Holy Communion in May

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

Easter Ceremonies

History was made during the Easter ceremonies this year. Tony Larkin, who will be ordained Deacon soon, presided over the Good Friday ceremony in Clonown. It was Tony's first ceremony to conduct on his own and it was a first for Clonown, also, as a priest was not taking part in the ceremony. The new time for the evening ceremonies seems to have been popular. There was a very large crowd at the Saturday vigil Mass at 7 pm.

5k and 10k Walk and Run

The organising committee wishes to thank all who worked to make this annual event so successful. People who participated in the run were very appreciative of all the hospitality of the Clonown people. A special word of thanks to people who directed traffic, the caterers who provided delicious food, all who supported the runners/walkers along the route, those who did the registration and anyone who helped out. Of course, the event could not have taken place without the participants many of whom were local people while others came from a long distance.

Cake Sale

The annual Good Friday cake sale was very successful. The hall committee wishes to thank all those who baked cakes, cooked jam etc, or who donated hampers and other items and all who helped out. Everything was sold within a short time. A total of €693, which will go towards the maintenance of the community centre, was collected.

Fleadh Cheoil

Well done to the two ceidhlidh bands who qualified for the Connacht Fleadh Cheoil. Congratulations to Clonown's Lucy, Sean and Ella Nally, Ava Gavin and Róisín O'Brien who played with the band. Also we wish to congratulate Lucy Nally and Róisín O'Brien who got individual awards at the Roscommon Fleadh Cheoil.

World Dancing Championship

Congratulations to Ella Nally who came fourth in the World Dancing Championship in Killarney recently.

Bag Packing

The Parents Association has organised bag packing for the school in Dunnes Stores, Irishtown on Saturday, 20 May from 10 am to 7 pm. We need all of your support to make this fundraiser a success. Please contact Maura Shine or Sheila Ward to arrange a time that suits you.

Young Entrepreneurs

Clonown National School is taking part in the Young Entrepreneur competition. This is an initiative that encourages young children to come up with ideas for producing something that they could sell. Using blocks of wood the children have made toothbrush holders with timers. Without the timers they could be used as pen holders. They have spent hours sanding, varnishing and decorating the items. They are now on sale for €5 - €8 and can be bought from any of the children in the senior room in the school. Well done everybody!

Soccer Blitz

There was a Soccer Blitz for children under nine in the community field recently. Five teams from Oranmore Maree, two from Hodson Bay and three from St Joseph's (which includes Clonown children) took part. Altogether seventy children played. Afterwards refreshments were served in the community centre. People who came to Clonown with the children were very complimentary of the facilities in the area, particularly the playing field and the community centre. St Joseph's have used the pitch on many occasions and it is hoped that other teams will come to play their games in Clonown in the future.

School Report

The children in the senior room are starting Healthy Eating cookery classes with the HSE. The programme is called the Cool Dude Programme. We are doing it from one o'clock to three o'clock every Wednesday for five weeks. We are going to Lowe and Co. to give Linda McFarland one of our toothbrush holders because she was our business mentor for the Junior Entrepreneur programme. We are going to Meares dentist to give John a toothbrush holder and to have a talk with him. The children in the junior room are going to see Pinocchio in the Dean Crowe Theatre this month. We wish second class all the best for their First Holy Communion on 28 May – Juliet and Therese

Alan O'Dowd RIP

We extend our deepest sympathy to Eileen O'Brien, Carricknaughton, on the recent death of her son-in-law, Alan O'Dowd, Dublin.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.