

Mass Intentions for January

Sunday 7 January: John and Nora Halligan, Buggane

Sunday 14 January: Tom Lennon, Oldtown

Sunday 21 January:

Sunday 28 January:

Friday 2 February: Paddy Joe and Rose Dunning, Newtown

Sunday 4 February:

Sunday 11 February: Hugh Roche, Togher

Altar Servers

6 January: Áine, Emma, Rebecca

7 January: Eoin, Cian

14 January: Ella, Sarah

21 January: Rachel, Ava

28 January: Áine, Emma, Rebecca

4 February: Eoin, Cian

11 February: Ella, Sarah

Reader: Anthony Dalton

Altar Society: Bernie Dunning

Ministers of the Eucharist

6/7 January: Ann Golden

14/21 January: Helen Cunningham

28 Jan/4 Feb: Margaret Crehan

11/18 February: Peadar Molloy

Please Note

There are a number of dates still available in January, February and March if you wish to arrange a Mass.

21 January, 28 January, 4 February, 25 February, 2 March (First Friday), 18 March, 25 March.

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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We wish
Clonown people everywhere
A happy and prosperous
New Year

Tony Larkin, Deacon

Congratulations to Tony Larkin who was ordained Deacon by Bishop Kevin Doran in St Peter and Paul's Church, Athlone, on 8 December. We wish Tony many happy years in his ministry.

Christmas in Clonown

As usual there was a great sense of community in Clonown during the Christmas period. Fr Martin spoke, on Christmas Eve, about community involvement in small churches. There was a huge crowd at midnight Mass and also at Mass on Christmas morning. Fr John, who officiated at midnight Mass, thanked all who helped to make the occasion so meaningful, the pastoral group, flower arrangers, the altar society, Tony Larkin, readers, servers, , Eucharistic ministers, Sean Crehan and the choir.

Church Services on the Internet

Some of you may not be aware that Masses celebrated in SS Peter and Paul's church may be accessed through the internet. If one is ill or unable to attend Mass it is now possible to participate in the Mass in a special way. Having the local priest celebrating the Mass gives one the feeling of being part of the parish community. The services can be accessed using computer, tablet or smart phone. Log on to SS Peter and Paul's Parish, Athlone and click on the link to Church Services TV.

Cake Sale

The hall committee wishes to thank most sincerely all who helped to make the annual Christmas sale so successful. Because of the very bad weather and even heavy snowfall it was thought that it might have had to be cancelled but people baked, made Christmas flower arrangements donated hampers etc for the raffle. Also, a good crowd came to the community centre after Mass. Everything was sold and a total of €820 was made. The money will go towards the maintenance of the community centre.

Collection of Old Clothes

There will be a collection of old clothes at Clonown school in January. The school will probably send information later.

School Report

We went to the Retreat Nursing Home and sang songs that were in the Christmas play and Silent Night. They loved it. We also went to the library and got books. Then we went to the bowling alley because we were very kind the past few weeks. We had the best day ever. On the Wednesday before Christmas we had a Christmas play in the community centre. It all went very well. The junior classes went to the Dean Crowe Theatre to see *Rudolf Saves Christmas*. It was a great show. We went to the puppet show called *Oops Forgot Something* on 12 December. There were lovely songs in it. It was very funny - Sarah and Ava

Tesco Community Fund

Local charities are chosen every eight weeks for the receipt of funds generated by the blue tokens which can be obtained on the purchase of goods in Tesco. Clonown school has been chosen. It is hoped to develop the playground with the help of the money. If you pick up a blue token just drop it into the container marked Clonown and depending on the number of tokens money will be donated to the school.

Fr James Creaton RIP

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the relatives of Fr James Creaton who died recently. Fr James was a curate in Clonown some years ago.

Ultan Shanahan RIP

Our deepest sympathy to the Shanahan family, Oldtown, on the recent death of Alan's father, Ultan.

Thank You

At the end of the year I wish to thank all who helped with the production of this newsletter every month. The two main 'reporters', Ann and Maura who always come up with something interesting, Anthony and Tommy who have supplied information on sport and progress on the community field, Sheila for reporting on community games, Michael who did the editing and Catherine in Drum and the teachers and children in Clonown school. In particular I wish to thank Brenda in the parish office who has photocopied the newsletter each month.