

Mass intentions for December

Friday 1 December	Cunningham family, Curragnaboll
Sunday 3 December	Ned and Catherine Shine
Sunday 10 December	Margaret Shine, Drumlosh
Sunday 17 December	Johney Shine, Curragnaboll
Sunday 24 December	Tom O'Brien, Oldtown
Sunday 31 December	Michael and Annie Flynn

Reader for December: Cathal Dunning

Altar Society: Mary Dunning, Rosemarie Roche

Choir for Christmas

Anyone wishing to join the choir at Christmas is welcome. Arrangements for choir practices will be made later and will be announced.

Altar Servers for December

Sunday 3 December	Hazel, Sarah, Deirdre
Sunday 10 December	Ciara, Fiona
Sunday 17 December	Elaine, Aoife
Sunday 24 December	Stephen, Martin, Katie
Sunday 31 December	Hazel, Sarah, Deirdre

Servers for the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and Mass on Christmas Day will be arranged later.

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*We Wish
Everybody, Everywhere
a
Very Happy Christmas*

Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve: Mass at 11 am
Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve: 9 pm
Christmas Day: Mass at 11 am

Remember Clonown Social

Thursday 28 December 2006
in the
Shamrock Lodge Hotel
Music by Night Owl

Clonown Social

The Clonown Social will take place in the Shamrock Lodge hotel on Thursday 28 December. To mark the occasion of the Roscommon Minor Team's All Ireland victory a presentation will be made to David Flynn who captained the winning team. As in former years, tickets will cost €15 (including supper). Music will be supplied by Night Owl. Members of the committee will call at each house in the area with tickets during the next few weeks. Tickets may also be obtained after Mass each Sunday or from any committee member. Last year there was a problem with heating in the hotel but this has been rectified as the entire hotel has been refurbished.

Book Launch

On Wednesday 15 November a local book *A Sense of Place* was launched in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel by Bishop John Kirby of Clonfert. A native of St Peter's parish, Bishop Kirby has always had an interest in Clonown. Indeed, his grandparents owned some land in Bunnaribba and even still the entrance gate to this land is referred to as 'Kirby's gate'. Dr Patrick Murray, one of the editors of the book thanked Bishop Kirby and commended him for the work he does for social justice in the world. A donation was made to Trócaire, the organisation chaired by Bishop Kirby. Also, to mark the occasion, a presentation of a picture of a Clonown scene was made to Bishop Kirby on behalf of the community. The book is available in Harneys, Murphys and Easons in Athlone. It can also be had in Clonown by contacting any committee member. There are no hard backed copies left but some paper backs are still available

Waste Disposal

There have been complaints that bins left at the church for emptying have been knocked over on several occasions, scattering the contents all over the place. There is no service in Newtown, Ballinaculla or Curraghnaboll and it does not seem fair that people in these areas have to bring their bins as far as the church for disposal. Excuses have been made by the company that it would be impossible to turn the disposal truck in certain areas. Yet large buses have no problem turning in these places. Suggestions were made at a recent hall committee meeting that people bringing bins a distance to the church for emptying would ring or write to the waste disposal company requesting that they collect the bins at their houses. The committee is also contacting the company asking that the bins of all Clonown people be emptied at people's houses.

Rural Transport

The bus starting at Drum church and going through Cornafulla, Drumlosh, Curraghnaboll, Clonown and Carricknaughton each Friday is very well supported. An average of twenty people travel into Athlone each week. It stops at Connacht St, the Post Office and Golden Island. It will also pick up people on the return journey from Golden Island at the Castle and Connaught St. For further information please contact Westmeath Rural Transport Initiative in Glasson .

Recent Bereavements

Our deepest sympathy goes to Derek Gavin and members of the Gavin family on the untimely death of Louise Gavin (née Devereux)

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Peter Egan and members of the Egan and Shine families on the recent death of Angela Egan .