

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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Deceased members of the Blake Family, Barradoo

**WEEKEND MASSES** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December  
Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

**WEEKDAY MASSES** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am  
Fri – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9 am

*Confessions before Mass*

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link <https://churchmedia.tv/st-manmans-church>

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact Fr. O'Reilly on 057-864-8030.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

It is advisable to give 6 months' notice of your intention to marry to the Church and the Registrar. Contact 057-864-8030 to book the church. All couples getting married must attend a pre-marriage course. Contact ACCORD for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or [accordtull@eircom.net](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December: Team A**

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – 6 pm**

**Months Mind**, Christy Culleton, Shracullen

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – 10 am**

**Months Mind**, Val Hogan, Tinnahinch

Larry Conroy, Brocca

Peter & Christina Dunne, Brocca

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 6 pm**

Kit Mahon, Sliabh Bloom Park

Tim & Margaret Murray, Bellair

Joe & Julia McRedmond, Clonabeg &

daughter- in-law Pearl, London.

Peter & Loretta Dunne, James Dunne, Main Street

Jim & Maura Sweeney, Main Street

Donal Sweeney, Main Street

Miss Nolan, Main Street

### **VISITATION OF THE SICK**

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs/Fri 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Dec at the usual times.

### **ADORATION**

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9:30 am – 1 pm.

### **GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree is up this weekend with items requested by patients in St Vincent's Community Nursing Unit, Mountmellick. Please have gifts back no later than Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**

The tradition of placing Poinsettias around the altar will continue this year. If you wish to have one on the altar in memory of your beloved dead, there is an envelope in your monthly box.

### **CLONASLEE COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Practice for Christmas Eve masses commence on every Saturday at 6:45pm, after mass, except for Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. New singers are invited to come along.

### **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

In aid of Clonaslee Basketball a Church Gate collection is on next weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Dec. Your support is appreciated.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE**

Choir practice from 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. All welcome to join.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

We ask all who are attending to please come early on Sunday for the party and be seated at 12:45 pm for dinner. Photos from 12:30 pm. The cake cutting will be before the meal. Contact Maura with any queries on 087-212-2766.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Christmas Fair in Peavoy's Shop, Clonaslee on Sat/Sun 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Dec from 11 am - 4 pm on both days. There will be gift ideas, festive treats, crafts and lots more! A few tables are still available. Please contact Susan on 087-958-1600 for more information or to book a table.

### **ST STEPHENS DAY WALK in AID OF LAOIS HOSPICE**

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This time of year again and preparations are in full swing! The Community Centre will be open from 8:30 am – 4 pm approximately, if you have a

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm *storytime and songs* with Santa and Storyteller Helena Byrne. Booking essential. *Baby Book Club* is on Thurs at 10:30 am. *Junior Book Clubs: 4-6 years* meeting on the second Tues of the month at 3:30 pm, *7-9 years*

spare hour or two, any help would be appreciated.

Sponsorship cards are available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540, Niall Bourke 087-411-6274 or follow us on our Facebook page.

meeting on first Tues of the month at 3:30 pm, *10-12 years* on first Tues of the month at 4 pm. *Adult book club* is reading 'To Kill A Mocking Bird' by Harper Lee meet in January 2025 to discuss.

Donations of fruit cakes are greatly appreciated. The Centre will be set up on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6 pm. Volunteers appreciated.

*Shared reading sessions* where a staff member will read a story or poem. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-868-9382 or

### TIDY TOWNS NOTE

There was a car crash at Sliabh Bloom Park last Sunday morning in which two flowerpots belonging to Tidy Towns were destroyed on the island between 4:30 am and 5 am. The flowerpots, at the time of purchase many years ago, cost approximately €800 each. A parked car was also damaged. A white BMW car saloon was seen leaving the scene heading in the direction of Rosenallis. Anyone who may have information on the owner of this vehicle is asked to contact Portlaoise Garda Station on 057-867-4100.

email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie).

### ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas mass bouquets are available from Dolores on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Donation €4.

### TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 am. Travel pass is accepted. Cost is €3 return for adults and children over 5 years old. *You must book the evening before prior to 5 pm on 057-869-2168.* **Bus service** from Birr to Portlaoise Monday to Sunday. Pick up point is Londis Clonaslee. Weekday times: 6:28, 10:28, 14:13, 17:58, 21:53. Sunday: 8:43, 12:53, 16:58, 20:23. Cost €4 return and Free Travel Pass Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More info call 057-869-2168

### CHRISTMAS GIFT

A great gift to give at Christmas is 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' written by Fr. O'Reilly costing only €10. Available after masses and the Post Office.

### CLONASLEE PARISH / COMMUNITY LOTTO

Why not give a Parish/Community Lotto Gift Card for Christmas. 5 weeks for €10 or 10 weeks for €20. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty 087-773-0734. A great Christmas gift to someone who has everything.

### MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

The Gallery will host 'Unapologetically Me' by Pauline O'Connor. *Winter Wellness Workshop* on Tues Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, a talk and cookery demonstration of easy, budget-friendly recipes. Booking required. *Digital Skills Life Stories* on Wed Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am, participants will present different life narratives in images and words. Sat

### PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 9-3-8. €30 winners: Rose Dunne, Clonaslee; Eileen Daly, Mountmellick. Fr T O'Reilly, Clonaslee; Gerry Kelly, Clonaslee; Liam Dunne, Broughla; Noel Fitzpatrick, Tinnahinch. Voucher: Josh Flynn. Bottle: Nora Foynes. Promoter's prize: Mary O'Keefe, Mary O'Keefe, S Langford. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. Bottle: Mary Rose Corbet. Next week's Jackpot: €800. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093. Extra prizes next week for Christmas.

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## **CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 7-14-15-18.

€30 winners: Michael O'Brien, Helena Dunne,

Oona Scully, Billy Parkinson, Pdraig Conroy.

Promoter's prize: C Downey.

Next week's Jackpot: €11,350 in Downeys Bar.