# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER First Sunday of Lent Sunday 1st March 2020

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## **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am 1st Friday 7:30 pm

Confessions before 7:30 pm mass

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday before 7:30 pm Mass.

# **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact 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 premarriage course. Contact ACCORD for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or accordtull@eircom.net. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM - Live Mass feed on

www.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish

# **WHEELCHAIR** available at back of church. **MASS FOR CHILDREN**

The Fr Shortall Room, behind the sacristy, is available for families with young children.

# **ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March– Team B: Sally Morgan, Amelia Dunne, Bronagh Carroll

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March – Team B: Cadhla McCann, Jack Kelly, Matthew Conroy

# READERS - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March

8 pm Louise Cusack 10 am Kathleen O'Toole EUCHARIST – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March -Team C

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

# Saturday 29th February – 8 pm

Annie Flynn, Ross

Paddy O'Neill, England & Clonaslee

# Sunday 8th March – 10 am

Noreen Foynes, Ballykaneen

Bernard & Anne Breslin & Lar Breslin, Glenkeen

# **NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

Training for new Altar servers is starting now. Call in to Fr O'Reilly to get a form.

Phone: 057-864-8030

# **VISITATION OF THE SICK**

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>& Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March in the morning.

## **ADORATION**

Eucharistic adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday  $6^{th}$  March from 10 am - 7 pm.

## PRO LIFE TALK

Speakers: Carol Nolan and Michael Dwyer from Family & Life. Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Portlaoise Parish Centre in the Campur Room. All welcome!

# **PARISH ACCOUNTS**

A copy of the 2019 parish accounts is available at all doors.

## **CLONASLEE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

We are delighted to announce our special guest Grand Marshall Jamie Lee from RTE's 'Raised by the Village'. The parade is on Sun March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon sharp and not be missed with prizes for the best floats, including Best Dressed Dog, and fun for all the family! Any local organisations or interested clubs wishing to put in a float into the Parade can do so by contacting Brendan on 087-967-5054 or Ronan on 085-148-2296. Floats assembling at Community Centre from 11 am. There is no entry fee to enter a float.

#### LOST

A baby blanket was left in the church last Sunday, it can be collected in the vestry.

# **HOLY CROSS**

Bus travels on Thurs March 5<sup>th</sup> leaving at 6 pm. Please give your names to 087-212-2766 no later than Tues March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost €20 return; €5 if you require tea and sandwiches.

# ST STEPHENS DAY WALK

If you have any outstanding donations from the walk please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or post to Capparogan, Clonaslee.

# **TEA & COFFEE MORNING**

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am in Parochial Hall. Come along for a cup of tea and delicious treats.

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Great turnout for our last morning. Please support, we greatly appreciate it.

### ON YOUR HIGH NELLY

Fundraiser cycle in aid of Kilmanman Cemetery Church renovations. On Sun March 29<sup>th</sup> with a €20 entry fee, meeting at Hickey's Bar, Clonaslee at 12 noon. Contact Larry 087-051-7219 or Dinny 087-186-6832.

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE - VOLUNTEER WITH FORÓIGE

Foróige is looking for adult volunteers to support us in our work. If you have a skill to share or are passionate about working with young people, please come along to one of our volunteer information meetings in Portlaoise Leisure Centre on Mon March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm or 7:30 pm and in Portarlington Community Centre on Tues March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm or 7:30 pm. Foróige offers a wide range of volunteering opportunities either in a group or individual setting and no experience is necessary as training is provided. For more information contact Rosie O'Brien, Foróige Regional Youth Officer on 086-299-7677 or Maria Whitmore, Big Brother Big Sister Mentoring Programme on 086-047-1063.

# MOUNTMELLICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March inclusive at 8 pm each night in the Mountmellick Community Arts Centre, with 8 plays from 8 counties. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March is 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' directed by one of our own, Danny Hyland. Well worth going to!

# ALL COUNTY DRAW TICKETS

Thank you to everyone who supported the club and the county by purchasing a €130 All County Draw Ticket. First draw takes place on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The very best of luck to all our entrants. Membership is now due and must be paid in full by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Monies can be given to Registrar Eugene Young.

# **BASIC CPR TRAINING**

Laois PPN are offering a free "Hands for Life" Basic CPR training to all member groups in association with the Irish Heart Foundation. The training will take place on Sat March 14<sup>th</sup> in the

IDA Mountmellick. There are three different times to choose from: Session 1: 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Session 2: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Session 3: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm. To reserve your place please contact us on 057-866-5661 or email ppn@laoiscoco.ie

Phone: 057-864-8030

## **MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY & GALLERY**

Tiffany is back for a children's yoga session on Wed March  $4^{th}$  at 3:30 pm. for 6-12 year olds. Knitting and crochet club meet every Thursday around 11 am. Monthly book club for 10-12 year olds. Baby book club Tuesdays at 10:30 am. For aged 0-3 years and their carers. Short and sweet book club meets every month to discuss two short stories. If interested in joining any of the above call 0.57-864-4.588 for further details.

# LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus travels each Tues and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Cost €3 return and travel pass accepted. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thursday leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Cost €3 return. Bus travels to Bingo each Sunday leaving Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. Book by phone/text evening before 087-743-7444

# **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 13-9-24. €30 winners: Jim Rigney, Garryheather; John Barrett, Tullamore Road; Tom Delaney gift card, Clonaslee; Joe Conroy Jnr, Brocca; Noel Doherty, c/o M O'Keeffe; Kathleen Delaney gift card, c/o Dolores Murray. Promoter's prize: Kathleen Blake, Eileen Digan, Peavoys. Next week's Jackpot: €1,550. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

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

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-4-16-28. €40: winners: Jamie Langford, Claudine, Gary & Luke, Goretti Conroy. Promoter's prize: Martin Fallon. Next week's Jackpot: €4,750.