

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1st October 2023

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

EUCHARIST: 7th/8th Oct: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 30th September – 8 pm

Maura Flanagan, Tinnahinch & members of the Flanagan Family

Sunday 1st October – 10 am

Michael, Patricia & Oliver Culliton, Brittas
Pat Culleton, Hillside & Kevin Culliton Portlaoise
Matt & Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ballinalug
Mike & Maureen Fitzgerald, Garryheather

Saturday 7th October – 8 pm

Matthew, Rita & Attracta Fallon

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs & Fri - 5th/6th Oct at the usual times.

ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 6th October from 10 am – 1 pm.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rota list is available on the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you to those who have served this ministry for many years.

THANKSGIVING CONCERT

A big night of music is coming to Clonaslee, in aid of the Parish church. on Sun Dec 10th in St Manman's Church with Dana, Philomena Begley and special guests. Mark your calendars for this special night. Tickets will soon be available online and from local businesses.

CLONASLEE CHOIR

The Post office deposit account held in the name of the Choir has now been closed. The amount held was €521. This has been given to the following: Fr O'Reilly - Parish funds €200, Maura O'Gorman – Social Services €200, Patrick Blake – Tidy Towns €121.

TULLAMORE CREDIT UNION PRIDE OF PLACE 2023 AWARDS

Clonaslee Village won a Silver award in Tullamore Credit Union Ltd Pride of Place 2023 awards ceremony Thursday night in the Esker Arts Centre, Tullamore in the Best Village Category and received a cheque of €500 as the prize. A cheque of €100 was also received for participating in the competition.

TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns have been out since April and worked Tuesday and Thursday evenings each week. Work completed includes but not limited to weeding and sweeping from cemetery wall into the village covering all approach roads, weeding flower beds, planting of flowers in pots, watering flowers, new Biodiversity beds planted up out Mountmellick Road and Tullamore Road, planting of biodiversity containers outside the Community

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Centre which are in great bloom. We wish to thank all our volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the last number of months, local

encouraged to bring their musical instruments. Light refreshments, Entry: €5. All are welcome.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Baby Book Club returns on Tuesdays at 10:30 am for 0-3-year-olds and their carers. No need to book. This

residents who looked after flower beds and swept in their area, Francine Ashe supervisor and CE participants who mowed the grass and collected piles. Thank you to Mary Rose Corbet for her help in Francine's absence, Clonaslee St Patrick's Parade Committee for the terrific work done during the year, Clonaslee High Nelly Club for their fundraising efforts for us, Laois County Council and local Councillors for all their help and support.

is a key building block in your child's literacy. Our *other book clubs* are for 4-6-year-olds, 7-9 years, 10-12 year olds and adults. These groups will meet once a month. Places are limited. *Summer Stars Certificates and Medals*: If you didn't make it into our awards ceremony then call to the desk - we will hold onto the certificates and medals till the end of October. *Adult Colouring* will start back up in the Mountmellick Library. If interested call in and leave your contact details at the desk. *Lego Free Play* Sat mornings 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.. Laois based artist Aileen O'Donovan will be launching her exhibition "*All Endings Have a Beginning*" on Tues Oct 3rd at 6 pm in the Gallery. Aileen uses mixed media to bring 3-d effects to her paintings. *Sensory room* available for 30 minute session. Registration required. Library closed any Saturday of a Bank Holiday weekend. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

MUSIC LESSONS

Clonaslee Comhaltas are starting music classes on Fri Oct 6th. If you are interested in joining please contact 085-285-1772 or contact Clonaslee Comhaltas Facebook page.

CCDA

Clonaslee Community Development Association will meet on Mon Oct 9th at 8:45 pm in the Community Centre. We look forward to seeing all members attend.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Now that the nights are getting dark and long, please wear your panic buttons and don't be afraid to press it. Help is there night and day. Be vigilant, don't answer the door or chat to anyone you are not happy with. Stay safe.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The annual Christmas dinner is on December 3rd at 1 pm. Put this date into your diary.

RAMBLING HOUSE

A Rambling House will be held in the Community Centre, Rosenallis on Sun Oct 8th from 4 pm - 7 pm. Come along and enjoy songs, stories, music and dance. All musicians are

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 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 information call 057-869-2168

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Marie McCabe on winning €500. Winning no: 8-3-11. €30 winners: Ger Kelly, Clonaslee; John & Jennifer Gorman, c/o Maura; Angelos Take Away,

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Clonaslee; Fionn Conroy, c/o M Gorman; Joe

Dunne, Rearyvalley; Ann Hooke, c/o M

O'Gorman. Promoter's prize: Fallons, Leona

Murray, Matt Barrett. Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift

vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray

on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.