

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am**

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am**

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 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.

**EUCCHARIST: 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> December: Team D**

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 6 pm**

Kit Mahon, Slieve Bloom Park

Edward & Anne Troy & deceased members of the Troy & Kennedy Families

Fr Joe Shortall, former PP

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 6 pm**

Michael & Patricia Culleton, Brittas

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am**

Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

Noel Carroll, Ballykaneen

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the National Board) will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. This review is to assess

the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards

as detailed in Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. If you would like to know more about safeguarding in your parish, please speak with your Local Safeguarding Representatives Caroline Mills or Jackie Hyland or look at the Safeguarding section on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie). If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085-802-1633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.

### ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK

Just 2 weeks to the big day! Help us to celebrate 30 years of walking. Sponsorship cards available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540. A gift of a Christmas fruit cake would be greatly appreciated. Donation options are the Community Centre in Clonaslee on Dec 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am or online [www.justgiving.com/campaign/clonaslee-walk-2022](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/clonaslee-walk-2022)

### CLONASLEE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Clonaslee Community Choir will be practicing each Thursday evening at 7 pm in the choir gallery for Christmas Eve Mass. Anyone who wishes to sing must attend the practices. All are welcome to join us.

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Christmas Market & Ken Smollen Food Appeal Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec in the Parochial Hall from 2-6 pm.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas concert on Sun Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Portarlinton Parish Church at 4 pm. Singers Anthony and Victoria McGorian accompanied by pianist Tom Conroy. All welcome, donations only.

### DEPUTY CAROL NOLAN CLINIC

Deputy Carol Nolan will be in the Parochial Hall on Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 pm. Feel free to call if anyone has issues to discuss.

### TRUCK AND TRACTOR RUN

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Mountmellick Macra Light Up Truck & Tractor Run on Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration from the MDA in Mountmellick at 3pm. The trucks will depart at 6:30 pm going through Mountmellick, Killeigh,

Clonaslee and Rosenallis. Full proceeds of the run will be split equally between St Vincent's Community Nursing Home, Mountmellick and the Irish Air Ambulance which are both worthy causes. The cost to enter trucks is €30 and tractors €20. They hope to pass through Clonaslee at 7 pm approximately. All donations appreciated and can be made by contacting Chris on 087-143-9361.

### **ALMAS CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas and Mass bouquets now available €3. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty

### **SOCIAL SERVICES PARTY**

A wonderful day was had by all. Great to see so many after 3 years. A big thank you to businesses and those who sponsored or gave donations and gifts for the day. Thanks to Marie's Catering for a lovely dinner, Hawkeye for beautiful music, Caroline for a fabulous cake and Dolores for the proceeds from the clothes collection. To all the ladies and gents who came to decorate the hall and clean up after the party, a big thank you. Thanks to Bridie Dunne for loaning curtains to half the hall. There was a prize for each person present and numerous spot prizes as well. Thank you to the committee who worked so hard to make the day memorable for all present. Apologies if anyone was omitted.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Volunteer drivers needed for 1 hour from 1-2 on Mon or Wed. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093.

### **CONVERSATION GROUP**

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7:30- 8:30 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. The night is conversation based; all you need to be able to do is chat. Can you help? For more information contact Mags on 086-866-8820.

### **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. New 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

### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Please be vigilant. Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. Use your peep hole and press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

### **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

*Parent and Child Craft Table* on Fri Dec 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. While stocks last-no need to book. *Christmas Family Storytime* on Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Booking advised. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie).

### **LOTTO GIFT CARDS**

Order your Christmas Lotto Gift cards. €10 for 5 weeks or €20 for 10 weeks of the weekly Lotto draw. An ideal Christmas gift supporting the Parish and community. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty on Chapel Street.

### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-21-23. €30 winners: S Murphy, Kilmanman; Patsy Byrne, Cadamstown; Trish Costelloe, Clonaslee; Nora Foynes, Clonaslee; Eileen & Joe Digan, Coolagh; John Troy. Voucher: Olivia & Jim Rigney. €25: Michael Rigney. Promoters prize: Mary Rose Corbet, Pat Dunne, Maura O'Gorman. Voucher: S Fitzpatrick. €25: Pat Dunne. Next week's Jackpot: €800. Lotto gift vouchers can be

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purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093  
or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

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

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-18-20-26.

€40 winners: Jo Leavy, John Corcoran, Rosie,

Daisy, Buddy. Promoter's prize: Pat Carroll.

Next week's Jackpot: €14,350 in Downeys Bar