ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 11th March 2012

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Parish Website:www.clonasleeparish.com

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

Saint Patrick's Day – Friday 8 pm

Saturday 10 am

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat March 17th - Team D: Aislinn McRedmond, Sarah Jane Purcell, Lorcan Callaghan, Kathleen Blake. **Sun March 18th – Team D:** Emma Lawlor, Shay Foynes, Emma Conroy, Mary Hyland, Grace Callaghan.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 10th March

8 pm **Months Mind,** Catherine O'Keeffe, The Green

8 pm Richard O'Keeffe, The Green

8 pm Tom Smith, Bellair

8 pm Jim & Rose Young, Timmy, Josie & Mary, Ashbrook

8 pm John Moran, Main Street

8 pm Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

8 pm Martin & Bridget Corcoran & son Tommy, Coolagh

8 pm James & Elizabeth Conroy, Boyle

8 pm Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

Sunday 11th March

10 am **Months Mind,** Kathleen Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park

10 am James, Margaret, Michael & Sr Oliver Dunne, Castlecuffe

Saturday 17th March

8 pm John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle

8 pm Catherine O'Reilly, Clonaslee

8 pm Deceased members of the Casey Family, Broughla

Sunday 18th March

10 am Martin & Margaret Delaney, Scaroon

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Diocesan Website:www.kandle.ie

Tickets for the concluding celebration of the IEC in Croke Park on June 17th are being allocated to each parish. Clonaslee have 15 tickets. If more than 15 people wish to go we will hold a draw of all the names given for the tickets. This is a long day and there is a €10 contribution that goes towards the costs of the celebration. If you wish to participate, please give your name on the list in the Fr Shortall Room after mass this weekend.

Phone: 864-8030

CCDA

The monthly meeting is on Mon 12th March at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

FIRST CONFESSION

Students will be receiving first confession on Wednesday March 14th at 7:30 pm.

CLONASLEE PARENT TODDLER GROUP

A parent toddler group is starting in Clonaslee on Tuesday March 13 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am in the Clonaslee Community Centre. Cost is \bigcirc 3 per family. It is for children age 0-4 yrs and is a great opportunity for children to play with each other and for parents to get together. No need to book a place. For further information contact Maureen on 087-691-9056.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Social services will be meeting on Thursday March 15th at 8 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome, new members very welcome.

COLLECTION

The annual church gate collection for the Irish Society for Autism is next weekend 17th/18th March. Your generosity is appreciated.

TIDY TOWNS

To make improvement to our village we need all the help we can get this year. A meeting will be held on Monday March 19th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. Please join us.

PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting will be held on Wed March 21st. Please put this date in your diary.

TIR NA N'OG PLAYGROUP

Tir na n'Og Playgroup is participating in the ECCE scheme and is taking names for September 2012. To enrol your child please contact Mary on

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057-864-8988 or 086-361-8905 or you can call in to the playgroup at The Old Boys' National School, Clonaslee

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Coping with bereavement can be a lonely experience. If you would like some support bereavement services are available by ringing Eileen on 087-638-0994. This is a free and confidential service.

NOTE

All the seats in the church and the handrails going to galleries have been re-varnished. We would ask if parents would give something soft to young children when in the church to distract them instead of something hard like keys or coins. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY ALERT

AGM was held recently. Election of officers: Chairman: John Cusack, Secretary: Maura O'Gorman, Treasurer: Mary Rose Corbet. Full report in the paper. We appeal to everyone to be vigilant and report anything or strangers calling to the Gardi at 864-8022 or 867-4100. Community Alert is about keeping our community safe and protecting our elderly. If any family have a monitor alarm not being used owing to bereavement please return to Mary Rose Corbet or Maura O'Gorman as they can be installed for someone else. Monitoring fee is €66 per year.

TIDY TOWNS

AGM was held recently. Election of officers: Chairman: John Callaghan, Secretary: Maura O'Gorman, Treasurer: Chris Horan. 2011 was a good year and we were overall winners in Laois Federation awards and brought the cup back to Clonaslee This made all the hard work worthwhile. Thank you to all for your help and support. We are looking for more help from all age groups during the spring/summer months. Full report in paper.

KARATE

Karate classes starting on Saturdays from 11am – 1 pm in the Clonaslee Community Centre. For more information contact Enda on 087-832-1056.

CLONASLEE CCE

It's not too late to sign up! Music and singing classes on Friday in Scoil Bhríde, Clonaslee.

Phone: 864-8030

Diocesan Website:www.kandle.ie

Singing is from 3:30pm-4:30 pm and music from 4:30 pm -5:30 pm. Cost is €2.50 per class. For further details contact John Sullivan, Scoil Bhríde on 057-864-8334 after 2 pm or John Conway on 085-285-1772.

TULLAMORE CANCER VOLUNTEERS

Dr Bulger, Oncologist and a team are going to Vietnam in August instead of Ethiopia, which is not ready yet. In Vietnam Dr Bulger, 3 nurses, and a pharmacist will set up a day ward and train the staff in managing pain control, nausea, etc. To thank them for the care they give us in Tullamore we are continuing fundraising by donation cards. We can help pay for their expenses and for drugs for our fellow cancer patients in Vietnam. For a Donation card contact Mary Egan, Clonaslee 087-672-5440 or Damien Dillon Birr 085-831-2314.

TABLE QUIZ

Clonaslee Ladies Rounders Team are holding a table quiz in The Swan Pub on Friday March 16. Table is €20. It starts at 9pm sharp. Start Paddy's week-end with a good night out.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT

The village primary school is currently endeavouring to determine numbers for the school year 2012 –2013. It is imperative that parents of all Junior infants for September 2012 contact the school in writing over the next few weeks. Please give details of child's name, address, date of birth and PPS number (if known) and your own contact number. The Board of Management later in the school year shall provide actual enrolment forms for all those who make contact with us now.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 19-21-22. €30 winners: John O'Keeffe, The Green; Tara Kelly, 2 Riverview; J.J.D. Rigney, Clonaslee; E Conroy, Graigue; E Young, Bellair; Ciara O'Donovan, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: L Costello, Matt Barrett, C Horan. Next week's Jackpot: €1,150.

CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-12-13-28. €40 winners: Mick Fallon, Mick Delaney, Mary Murphy, Mrs Bracken, Therese Callaghan. Promoter's prize: Tommy Smith.

Next week's Jackpot: €8,900.