

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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## **MASSES**

There will be no further public masses until further notice. You can watch live mass feed on [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday at 8 pm and Sunday at 10 am.

The Church is closed for the foreseeable future.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Suspended for now for safety.

## **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.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Ethna Keeley, late of Tullamore  
Eamon & Betty Bourke, Main Street  
John Bourke, Dublin  
Gerry Donnelly, Kilcormac  
John & Breda Butler, Bellair  
Jack Hogan, Main Street

Pray for Joe Corcoran, Castlecuffe and Joe Young, Chapel Street who both died during the week.

**Anniversaries will still be celebrated at weekday and weekend masses thru the Webcam**

## **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on [www.clonasleeparish.com](http://www.clonasleeparish.com)

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See [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) for up to date news and resources, including a list of parishes that have webcam so you can join in prayer and watch Masses. Follow Bishop Denis on twitter @BishopDNulty for daily tweets. Like Kildare & Leighlin Facebook page to keep updated.

## **MONTHLY AND WEEKLY ENVELOPES**

Thank you to all who have continued with Easter Stations and Easter collection envelopes. Please drop your envelopes into the Parochial House.

## **FUNERALS**

In the interest of public safety Funeral Masses is for 10 family members only.

## **CLONASLEE MEALS ON WHEELS**

This service is now being set up. Are you 65 and over? A 2 course meal for €5 a day is available. Volunteer drivers needed for Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

## **TRÓCAIRE BOXES**

Please hold onto your boxes until further notice and we will be in contact about how to return them when it is safe for people to do so.

## **BE SAFE**

Stay safe and stay home. Make no unnecessary trips. Wash your hands often.

## **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff is available

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to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### **Third Age Ireland**

Third Age Ireland is an organisation who take care of the elderly. Senior Line could be very helpful to you at this time. If you are worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on 1800 80 45 91.

*Yes there is fear.*

*Yes there is isolation.*

*Yes there is panic buying.*

*Yes there is sickness.*

*Yes there is even death. But -*

*They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise*

*You can hear the birds again.*

*They say that after just a few weeks of quiet*

*The sky is no longer thick with fumes*

*But blue and grey and clear.*

*They say that in the streets of Assisi*

*People are singing to each other*

*across the empty squares,*

*keeping their windows open*

*so that those who are alone*

*may hear the sounds of family around them.*

*They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland*

*Is offering free meals and delivery to the*

*housebound.*

*Today a young woman I know*

*is busy spreading fliers with her number*

*through the neighbourhood -*

*So that the elders may have someone to call on.*

*Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and*

*Temples are preparing to welcome and shelter the*

*homeless, the sick, the weary.*

*All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting.*

*All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way.*

*All over the world people are waking up to a new reality.*

*To how big we really are.*

*To how little control we really have.*

*To what really matters.*

*To Love.*

*So we pray and we remember that*

*Yes there is fear.*

*But there does not have to be hate.*

*Yes there is isolation.*

*But there does not have to be loneliness.*

*Yes there is panic buying.*

*But there does not have to be meanness.*

*Yes there is sickness.*

*But there does not have to be disease of the soul.*

*Yes there is even death.*

*But there can always be a rebirth of love.*

*Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.*

*Today, breathe.*

*Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic.*

*The birds are singing again*

*The sky is clearing,*

*Spring is coming,*

*And we are always encompassed by Love.*

*Open the windows of your soul*

*And though you may not be able*

*to touch across the empty square,*

*Sing.*

*Brother Richard Hendrick – 13 March 2020*