

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th February 2023

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earthquake. Thousands of people have been killed or injured and the numbers are still rising.

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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

EUCHARIST: 18th/19th February: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 11th February – 6 pm

Months Mind, Martin Dunne, Tinnahinch

Sunday 12th February – 10 am

Kathleen Dooley, Camross

Brigid, Paddy & Joe Dunne, Capparogan

Mary Dunne, Dublin

Saturday 18th February – 6 pm

Jim Delaney, Larrigan

Paddy & Chrissie Breen, Slieve Bloom Park

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Bishop Nulty is requesting a special collection at all masses next weekend, 18th/19th Feb, for the people of Syria and Turkey. This collection will go to Trócaire who are working with their partner, Caritas Syria, to support those affected by the terrible events following the recent devastating

Buildings have been destroyed and the infrastructure devastated. There is an immediate and urgent need for humanitarian aid in this region, our support and the support of our parishioners is greatly appreciated.

LIVING SYNODALITY NOW

This symposium will be of interest to anyone involved or interested in ministry including priests, pastoral workers, teachers and chaplains. On March 11th from 12 pm – 4pm in SETU, Cork Road Campus, Waterford. Enquiries: synodality@setu.ie. Fee: €20. Speakers Michael A Conway, Julieann Moran, Paula McKeown

CCDA

The AGM for Clonaslee Community Development Association is on Mon 13th Feb in the Community Centre at 7:45 pm. All members are asked to be present. If you are interested in joining the CCDA, you are very welcome.

CLONASLEE ST PATRICK'S PARADE

On St Patrick's Day at 12 noon sharp. Grand Marshal is Garrett Culliton, Paralympian. Assembly at the Community Centre from 11 am. €500 cash prize for Best Overall Float, €100 cash prizes for category winners including Best Vintage, Best Dressed Dog, Best Club/School, Most Original, Most Entertaining. Enquiries contact Brendan 087-967-5054 or Ronan 085-148-2296.

TIDY TOWNS

We appeal to people to please be responsible and clean up after your dog. Next to the Heritage Centre and on the footpaths is a disgrace. There are Mit Bins at Hillview, Slieve Bloom Park and Brittas Avenue, please take one when you go walking and do not expect someone else to clean up after your pet. We request you put your masks in the bin, there are quite a few on the footpaths.

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY ALERT

Your €10 fee is now due for Text Alert. Please give it to Matt Barrett, Chairman. There are a few

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outstanding from last year. Anyone who requires a Monitor Alarm, please contact the committee so we can keep a record on who gets them.

can *check out a mystery book* to read. A *sensory morning* on Fri Feb 24th from 10-11:30 am for 0-3 year olds and their parents/carers. Booking is essential. The *Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. You can borrow the kit for 2 weeks to

SINGING CLASS

Music and Traditional singing classes in the Community Centre every Thursday evening starting at 5:15 pm. Suitable for all ages, beginners welcome. Contact John on 085-285-1772 or Clonaslee Comhaltas Facebook page.

CONVERSATION GROUP

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7- 8 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Ukrainian English conversation group. The night is conversation based; all you need to be able to do is chat. Can you help each week or every second week? For more information contact Mags on 086-866-8820.

VALENTINES BINGO

Graiguencullen Bingo on Tuesday 14th Feb in St Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Free pink sheet with every book. Over €12,000 in prize money. Jackpot on 50 numbers €5,900, Double number €1790, Lotto €950. Great prizes, bring a friend.

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

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

Poetry Circle: On Fri Feb 24th to celebrate, share and listen to poetry. Pick any poem you want to read and share with us. If you don't want to read, then join us to listen. Contact us for further information. During the month of February adults

conduct a mini home energy audit. If you wish to be added to the waiting list for this item call 057-864-4572. As part of the campaign against *period poverty*, free sanitary products will be available in the bathrooms of Mountmellick, Portlaoise and Abbeyleix libraries. *Writing space* on Thurs mornings where people can meet to write or journal and meet. *Age Friendly Laois:* Free to collect at Mountmellick Library: *I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) cards* provide valuable information to emergency first responders. An *information booklet* to services for older persons in Laois. Keep up to date with all our events by following *Laois Libraries Facebook page*. The *gallery* is hosting artist Siobhan Parkinson. Her pieces carry deep spiritual messages. We have *book clubs* for all ages; babies 0-3 years, juniors 8-12 years and adult book club. Portlaoise have a *young adult online book club* over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. *Lego Free Play* during school midterm and it is also available on Sat mornings from 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Mary Campbell, c/o Hogans Shop on winning €500. Winning no: 7-8-11. €30 winners: Nora Delaney, c/o Hogans; Fran Bates, Clonaslee; PV Dunne, Clonaslee; Pauline Rickard, c/o Pat Dunne; Sinead Murray, Ballyboy; Margaret Lalor, c/o Ger Kelly. Promoter's prize: Ann Rigney, Mary O'Keeffe, N Smith. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

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Jackpot not won. Winning no: 5-10-13-14. €40

winners: James Casey, The Flynn Boys

Garryheather, Pat Joe Murphy.

Promoter's prize: S Conroy.

Next week's Jackpot: €15,550 in Hickeys Bar.