

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sunday 13th April 2025

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Joe Young, Chapel Street

Bill & Margaret Deegan, Cadamstown

Willie & Bridget Deegan, Derby & Cadamstown

Jack Deegan, Waterford & Cadamstown

Jimmy & Anne Fitzgerald, Garryheather

Kathleen Browne nee Fitzgerald, London &

Garryheather

Michael Fitzgerald, Coventry & Garryheather

Catherine & Joseph Conroy, Garryheather

Sunday 20th April – 10 am

Packie Dooley, Ballynahown & deceased

members of the Dooley, O'Rourke & Davis Families

Pray for Lucy O'Shea, Castlecuffe who died during the week.

PLEASE NOTE

For the foreseeable future, Saturday evening mass will continue at 6 pm.

CHRISM MASS

On Mon 14th April at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral,

Carlow with Bishop Denis. Refreshments

afterwards in Carlow College, all welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

A special collection 'Pro Terra Sancta Collection'

is on Good Friday to support the struggling

Christian community in the Holy Land.

EASTER COLLECTION

Easter collection next weekend 19th/20th April.

Please use your monthly envelopes.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The final Confirmation program is next Sunday

20th April during 10 am mass.

COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning is on Wed April 16th

from 11 am to 12:30 pm. It is a lovely social event

and all about getting out for a while to meet

people and have a chat. There is a €2 charge per

person to cover light and heating.

EASTER RAFFLE

In aid of Gavin Flynn Foundation supporting

families whose children need cancer treatment

abroad which is not available in Ireland. Tickets

cost €2/line or 3 lines/€5 available from Ger

WEEKEND MASSES 19th/20th April
Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 14th – 19th April

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am

Holy Thurs – Mass of the Last Supper 8 pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 3 pm

Both in Church and Outdoor, weather permitting

Veneration of the Cross 8 pm

Holy Sat – Paschal Fire, Blessing &

Lighting of Paschal Candle, Washing

Of Feet, Blessing of Easter Water 6 pm

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 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: Thurs 17th April: Team A

Fri 18th April: Team B

Easter Sat/Sun: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 12th April – 6 pm

Jim & Mary Multaney, Castlecuffe

Ethna Keeley, late of Tullamore

Leo Doyle, Brocca

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Kelly, Butcher or Edel O'Brien. Draw on Easter Sat 19th April at Edel's house, Chapel Street.

everyone who participated in litter picking various routes in and around the village including new volunteers who done great work. Thank you to Laois County Council and Bord Na Mona for arranging collection of the bags.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Personal monitor alarms available to anyone over 65 years old. First year is free if you have a land line, or with a mobile phone, you pay for a sim card, but the alarm is free. The following years will cost €66 with Task Community Care. These alarms are monitored around the clock and have saved many lives. If the alarm is no longer required, there is no need to return them to the committee. Phone Secretary if you require one on 087-212-2766.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns held their AGM on 2nd April. Secretary Patrick outlined a successful year was had at local level in Tidy Towns winning Best Village in Tullamore Credit Union Pride of Place Competition and Best Landscape in Laois Tidy Towns competition and we did relatively well in the National Competition. A word of thanks to all local businesses, residents and volunteers who helped in any way including maintaining all green areas near them. Thank you to CE supervisor and CE Participants for their help, Laois County Council and all staff including local County Councillors who offer their constant support, St Patrick's Day Parade Committee for their on-going support, Fr O Reilly and Annette for publishing reports each week. Treasurer Maura outlined Income and Expenditure for the year 2024 to all present. Chairperson John thanked all for their help in the last year. Election of Officers remained unchanged and elected as follows: Chairperson: John Callaghan, Secretary: Patrick Blake and Treasurer: Maura O Gorman. Vote of Sympathy to all who lost loved ones during the last year including to Eliz Carroll and Carroll Family on the passing of her husband Jimmy. Clonaslee Tidy Towns gathered a total of 29 bags as part of Clean Up Laois Week. Thank you to

Work evenings take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings meeting at 7pm at Clonaslee Heritage Centre.

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIM PASSPORT

Croagh Patrick, Lough Derg and Knock are three well-known Irish sanctuaries that have offered hope to pilgrims across the generations. With this Pilgrim Passport, they invite you to make pilgrimage to all three shrines in Jubilee Year 2025. Visit www.pilgrimpassport.ie for details.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The programmes are fun, interactive and very popular with couples. Applicants receive free professional training at venues around the country. Closing date for application form is Friday 30th May. Contact Aisling on 01-505-3112 or email marrigepreparation@accord.ie

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 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.

COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 18-12-2. €30 winner: Michaelle Breen, Shraduff; The Lucky Six, c/o Edel O'Brien; Ciarán O'Gorman, "Lissane"; Brandy & Darcy, c/o P Hogan; Susan Flynn, The Green; Maura O'Gorman, Clonaslee. Promoters prize: Emily Kelly, Matt Barrett, Larry Rigney. Next week's

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Jackpot: €1,100. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased
from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 11-14-19-23.

€30 winners: Fionn Owens, Peter W Dunne, Gerry
Hogan, Mag & Matt McLoughlin, Brenda Downey.

Promoter's prize: D Callaghan.

Next week's Jackpot: €14,200 in Hickeys Bar.