

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am**

You can watch live mass feed on [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv) under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am.

## 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

William & Mary Culleton, Shracullen

Deceased members Blake Family, Barradoo

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

Dunne, Downey, O'Meara & Lenehan

Families, Ballinahown, Clonaslee &

Carbury, Kildare

Joe Culleton, Coolaboughlan

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Evelyn Molloy, Church View; Molloy Family,

Galway; Fennell Family, Portlaoise

Rose Cully, Ballyfarrell & deceased members

Cully Family

Mollie & Tommy Conroy, Ballyfarrell

Casey Family, Coolnabanch

Margaret & Thomas Fingleton, Portarlinton

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

Months Mind, Peter Hogan, Broughla

Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford

## NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on [www.clonasleeparish.com](http://www.clonasleeparish.com) See [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) for up to date news and resources.

## ENVELOPES

Thanks to all for your generous donations to the Parish and Clergy.

## FUNERALS

It is important the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed the current guidelines. We know this causes huge hardship to bereaved families, but they are mandatory guidelines.

## COLLECTIONS

Collection boxes are located at all entrances. On entry to Mass, please put all envelopes, donations, contributions into these boxes before sanitizing your hands. We appreciate your continued support

## CHRISTMAS MASS

Mass times for Christmas due to Covid.

**Christmas Eve: 6 pm & 8 pm**

**Christmas Day: 10 am & 12 noon**

We are adding masses to follow the guidelines. If you arrive and the church is full, please come to another mass time. Families with young children are encouraged to come to Sat 6 pm mass, alternatively, during Sunday mass, the toys will be blessed while staying in your seats.

## HELP NEEDED

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help steward for Christmas masses. Please contact John Cusack, Parish Council Chairperson on 087-351-5805 if you can help us out.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT BROADCAST

Get into the festive cheer with Portarlinton & Clonaslee Christmas Carollers broadcast of their 2019 Christmas Concert. Premiering on YouTube at 4 pm on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Though we can't be physically together, we can share in the experience, live comment during the broadcast, and sing along to all our Favourites. Type in the following to view online:

<https://youtu.be/avwCwjbM8Dk>. Also, here is a

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short trailer of the concert from Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/100001143647120/videos/3508949782486442/>

## **TINNAHINCH SCHOOL ROLL BOOK**

The names of the pupils who attended the school have been recorded in book form by Sean Flanagan. A short history is included of the 104 year period of the school. An ideal Christmas book and is available in Hogans Shop.

## **LOCAL LINK**

Local Link bus will be travelling on Mon Dec 21<sup>st</sup> and Wed Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas week. You must book your seat before 6 pm the evening before on 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444. Limited numbers can travel so booking your seat is essential.

## **ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK**

We are doing a virtual walk this year. During 26-28<sup>th</sup> Dec period: **1. Walk** 5 or 10 km. **2. Donate** on JustGiving.com "Annual Clonaslee St Stephens Day Walk In aid of Laois Hospice" or contact Sheila Bourke on 087-633-9540. **3. Tag** your photos on our Facebook "Clonaslee St Stephen's Day Walk. We look forward to your continued support.

## **TIDY TOWNS**

We appeal to all to not throw your masks on the street or on walks. Dog owners, please clean up after your dog. The footpaths and green areas are quite bad. It is important to keep our village clean and tidy more than ever with the virus.

## **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Gardi and community alert ask you to please be extra vigilant as the dark evenings are here. There are people going around Laois offering to disinfect your home and demand money. Don't open your door to strangers. Use your peep hole before you answer the door, press your panic button if you are worried If you notice anything unusual please report it to the Gardi. Those with

monitor alarms, please wear your panic buttons at all times. Stay safe, be vigilant.

## **ALMAS Christmas Mass Bouquets.**

Available from Dolores Murray 087 414 8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

If you would like to make a donation please contact Mary-Rose Corbett on 057-86-48173 or give to any Committee Member or on the Go Fund me page under Clonaslee Christmas Lights. Watch out for Donation Jars in the shops. Many thanks to all who have donated all ready.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot won, congrats to Henrietta Dunne, Chapel Street on winning €650. Winning no:17-20-15. €30 winners: Sean Conroy, Coolagh Cross; Michael McEvoy, Hillside; Daniel, Shane & Keeva Reid; E Conroy, Graigue; K Delaney, Larrigan; Billy Crossan, c/o N Dunne. Voucher: Cecilia Flynn, c/o E Sammn. €25 Kathleen Callaghan. Promoter's prize: Ann Rigney, Hetty Dunne, Matt Barrett. Voucher: S Fitzpatrick. €25: Ger Kelly. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra prizes next week.

## **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

Level 3 Library Restrictions: Mountmellick Library is open for appointed browsing and call and collect. To book your appointed slotcall Mountmellick Library at 057-864-4572. Our online services are available 24/7. Laois libraries are hosting a Polar Express Story time on Zoom on Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and Thurs Dec 17<sup>th</sup> both at 6 pm. Contact your local library to book a spot.

**Stay safe, wear your Face Mask**  
**Keep your Distance & wash your ha**