

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 13th March 2022

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10 am

Wed – St Patrick's Day Vigil 8 pm

Thursday – St Patrick's Day 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 8 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: 17th March: Team C

19th/20th March: Team D

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 12th March – 8 pm

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

Tom Smith, Bellair

Joanne Foynes, Brocca

Ned Fitzpatrick, Coolagh

Sunday 13th March – 10 am

John Moran, Main Street

Bernard & Ann Breslin

Lar & Michael Breslin, Sister Finbar & all deceased members of the Breslin Family

Thursday 17th March – 9 am

John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle

Catherine O'Reilly, Clonaslee

Saturday 19th March – 8 pm

Noel Fitzpatrick, Clara, his father Sean

Fitzpatrick, Graiguefulla & his

Grandparents Joe & Annie McCann, Cush

Sunday 20th March – 10 am

Patrick & Mary Delaney, their daughters

Kathleen, Maureen & Clare & great

Grandson Patrick McDonald, Coolagh

Pat Young, Hillside

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

SYNOD NEWS

Meeting for the local parishes regarding the World Synod 2023 in The Mill/Hares Corner, Mountmellick on Monday 28th March at 7:30 pm. We encourage our parishioners to attend and participate.

HELP NEEDED

We need basket collectors during mass. Please contact Fr O'Reilly if you are interested/ willing.

DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE

Defibrillator course will take place in the church soon. If interested, contact Dolores 087-414-8093.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

If there are any outstanding sponsorship/donations please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or post to Capparogan Clonaslee.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Thursday March 17th at 12 noon Clonaslee St Patrick's Day Parade will be a day to remember. Grand Marshall on the day will be Eileen Dunne RTE Newsreader. Eileen's roots come from Clonaslee. €100 + Glass trophy for Best Overall Float. Other categories and prizes include: Best Club/School Float; Most Entertaining Float; Best Vintage; Most Original Float; Best Dressed Dog. Free entry. Registration of all floats will take place in the Community Centre from 10:30 am on Thursday March 17th with the parade kicking off at 12 noon. To book in your float, contact Ronan

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085-148-2296 or Brendan 087-967-5054. Floats are still accepted.

Portlaoise on Tues and Fri and to Tullamore on Thurs leaving at 9:30 am. To book your seat phone 057-869-2168 or 083-012-0836.

CLONASLEE BADMINTON CLUB

Training on Tues & Thurs 8 -10 pm in the

Community Centre. Ages 16 and over. Cost:

€5 Adults, €3 Students. New members welcome.

For more information contact Peter 083-891-0017.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Are you over 65 or on Disability Benefit? Meals available Mon-Fri, €5 per day- 2 course. Contact Tina on 057-936-2755. Volunteer drivers needed to deliver meals. Are you free for 1 day a week or fortnight from 1 pm – 2:15pm Mon- Fri? Contact Dolores 087-414-8093

TIDY TOWNS

Please clean up after your dogs. It's a disgrace to see dog waste on the footpaths, grass, everywhere. There are three dog mitts installed around the village so there is no excuse, take one, clean up and bin it.

LOUGH DERG

Pilgrimage season reopens 1st May. One or three day retreats available and Quiet Days. See posters at church door or www.loughderg.org

AYENGAR YOGA

Yoga in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee on Mondays from 6 – 7:15 pm. Cost is €10, pay as you go. Everyone very welcome.

A DIFFERENT ERA

A book written by Fr Thomas O'Reilly 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' is now available in local shops, costing €10.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Anyone who has not paid their Text Alert fee can do so by giving it to Matt Barrett, Chairperson. Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not entertain callers to your door. Press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

LAOIS OFFALY RURAL LOCAL LINK

You must book your seat the evening before as it is a door-to-door service. The bus travels to

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

On Tuesday March 15th at 8:00 pm in St. Fiaccs Hall. Over €8,500 in prize money to be won.

FREE draw for Hampers with every Lotto ticket.

Great prizes, bring a friend.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Want to learn more about *how to use your tablet, smartphone or iPad*? The course run by LOETB in Mountmellick Library is a 6 week course starting Thurs March 24th from 2-3.30 p.m. Call 057-864-4572 to book a place. *Junior Book Club*: Story explorers wanted from ages 8-12 years of age for some fun, facts and fiction. Mary Slevin from *Mount Henry Art Studios* will be *exhibiting* for the month of March. Laois Libraries to host *mindfulness and poetry* with Orlaith O'Sullivan on Wed March 23rd at 7 pm. The *Tovertafel table* is a table with interactive light projection games specially designed for those with dementia, cognitive challenges, autism and learning difficulties. Booking is essential. The *Short and Sweet Book Club* meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories. We will be starting an *Adult book club* soon. *Baby Book Club* online on Laois Libraries Facebook page on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. *Sensory Resource Collection*: This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. If interested in any of the above notices call Mountmellick Library on 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 19-1-23.

€30 winners: Kate Conroy, Brittas; Dolores Murry, Clonabeg; Julia Davis, Gurteen; J & B Conway, Coolagh; Jack Byrne, Cadamstown; Kathleen Blake, Barradoo. Promoter's prize: N Smith, S Fitzpatrick, Fallons.

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Next week's Jackpot: €1,250. Give a gift card for

birthdays or a special occasion. Lotto gift

vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray

on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.