

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th April 2024

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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Charity Number: 07355

Local Safeguarding Representatives: Jackie Hyland, Caroline Mills

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Siobhan & Helen, Chapel Street

Louise Hilliard, Graigueafula

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 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.

EUCCHARIST: 20th/21st April: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 13th April – 8 pm

Kathleen Browne nee Fitzgerald, London & Garryheather

Elizabeth Mortimer & Family, Tinnahinch & Dublin

Ethna Keeley, Tullamore

Saturday 20th April – 8 pm

Eamon & Betty Bourke, Main Street

John Bourke, Dublin

Brenda Butler, Bellair & Gerry Donnolly, Kilcormac

Jack Hogan, Main Street

Kathleen & Tom McCann & their daughters

Pray for Kit Molloy, Sliabh Bloom Park who died recently and Jim Multany, Castlecuffe who died during the week.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations to the church before or after mass. Do not leave them in the Church at other times.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The 1st Communion programme continues during Sunday morning mass.

PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting will be held on Mon 15th April at 8 pm in the Fr Shortall Room. Members please attend.

TIDY TOWNS

Work evenings for Tidy Towns is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings meeting at Clonaslee Heritage Centre at 7 pm.

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY ALERT AGM

There are quite a few to pay for text alert. You can still do so by giving it to Matt Barrett. Tribute was paid to all organisations in the parish and volunteers who give their time freely in looking after young people in all kinds of sports, well done to you all. Be vigilant and always report anything suspicious you may see in your area. Those with alarms, wear your panic button always. Election of Officers; Chairperson: Matt Barrett, Vice Chairperson: Patrick Blake, Secretary: Maura O'Gorman, Assistant Secretary: Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Treasurer: Mary Rose Corbet. Thanks to Teresa Maloney and Bernadette Dunne for always being so helpful. Vote of sympathy offered to all who lost loved ones.

THANK YOU

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Thank you to everyone who participated in Clean Up Laois Week 2024. A total of 22 bags were left at the Community Centre for County Council. A word of thanks to the group of

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

ladies from Tinnahinch for their clean up and the bags were left at Gaffneys.

CCDA REPORT

At the monthly meeting grants were discussed and agreed to apply for as many as possible. Radio 3 were thanked for the good coverage of Clonaslee on Friday. The St Patrick's Day Parade committee were congratulated on their successful parade. Next and final meeting before the summer break is May 13. Vote of sympathy to all families who lost loved ones during the month.

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE – FILM:

Cinema Night in the Balcony Cinema Mountmellick Tues 16th April at 8.15pm. Limited places so book with Antoinette on 086-080-3047 between 9:15 am-1:30 pm & 7-9 pm. Donation €10.

KNOCK DIOCESAN DAY

A Diocesan Day to Knock on Sunday June 2nd. A bus will going from Mountmellick Parish if anyone wishes to travel and participate.

GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER BINGO

On Tuesday 16th April, St. Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €3330. Double number €810. Lotto €1000.

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,

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Ciorcál Comhrá -Gach Máirt sa Leabharlann Mointeach Mílic ag 6.00. Comhrá agus craic agus cupán tae.! Fáilte roimh gach leibheál. *Irish Conversation Circle*: Every Tues at 6 pm. In *The Gallery* for the month of April 'Meanderings of a Colourful Mind', an exhibition of paintings by Olivia O'Keeffe, Martina Furlong and Marja van Kampen. Are you up for a *ten-minute drama/ play challenge-write, direct and produce your own script?* Mountmellick Arts Collective is inviting submissions for their upcoming fringe weekend. They meet every Thurs around 11 am. Upcoming news of a weekend which will include workshops.

Email mountmellickfringe@gmail.com

Crochet and Knitting Group meet every Thurs at 11 am to create and chat together. We have *books clubs* for all ages-baby book club for 0-3-year-olds, children's book clubs for 4-6, 7-9, 10-12-year-olds and two adult book clubs. If interested, call 057-864-4572 for more information. Please note *baby book club* will resume on Tues April 16th at 10:30 am. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie to find out more.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-15-23. €30 winners: Fr T O'Reilly, Clonaslee; Martin Flynn, Clonaslee; Aoife Daly, c/o Hickeys; Dymphna O'Connell, c/o Hickeys; Patricia

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Barrett, Clonaslee; Bridie Conroy, Afoley.

Promoter's prize: Emily Kelly, Hickeys,

K Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €800. Lotto

gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores

Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty,

Chapel Street.