

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 14th February 2021

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**LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

MASS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBCAM.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 13th February – 8 pm

Months Mind, Joe Conroy, Brocca

Kathleen Deane, Reary Valley

Margaret Dunne, Cloonagh & members of the Dunne Family

Jim Delaney, Larrigan

Monday 15th February – 9 am

Bill & Brigid Murray, Coolaboughlan & deceased members of Murray & Craven Families

Saturday 20th February – 8 pm

Paddy & Chrissie Breen, Slieve Bloom Park

DAY OF PRAYER

The Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse will be marked on Fri 19th Feb by a Holy Hour held at 7 pm from Carlow Cathedral.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on www.clonasleeparish.com See www.kandle.ie for up to date news and resources.

ENVELOPES

Thanks to all for your generous donations to the Parish and Clergy. Your envelopes may be left at the Parochial House.

FUNERALS

It is important the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed the current guideline which is *10 people*.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Feb 17th Ash Wednesday there will be envelopes with blessed ashes available just inside the main church door. Please take one and say the printed prayer as you make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please take home a Trócaire box which is available at the main church door.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Catholic Church marks the World Day of the Sick on 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme of this year's celebration is taken from Matthew's Gospel (23:8). A letter from Pope Francis is available on <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2021/02/08/message-of-his-holiness-pope-francis-for-world-day-of-the-sick-2021/>

CLOTHES COLLECTION

In aid of Clonaslee Community Centre. Place only clothes in black bags and leave at the shed door at the back of the Community Centre. No later than Mon Feb 15th. Please put new clothes with labels still attached in a separate carrier bag marked New Clothes. Ring Dolores 087-414-8093 for any questions.

ST STEPHENS DAY VIRTUAL WALK

In aid of Laois Hospice. Thanks to so many who have donated this year. We will publish the total

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amount donated in the next few weeks. Should anyone wish to donate now, please contact Sheila Bourke on 087-633-9540 for further information.

TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns clean-up was postponed owing to inclement weather forecasted. It will be held at a later date

LAOIS GAA MONSTER DRAW 2021

It is that time of the year again and we are asking for your support once more. We are trying to continue to progress with Senior Football, Senior A Hurling, junior teams, our underage teams, the continued refurbishment of our grounds and the fact we are unable to run our lotto at the moment due to current restrictions, we really are relying on these €130 tickets to get us up and running for 2021 so your support would be very much appreciated. The cost is €130 or 4 monthly instalments of €32.50. Each ticket sold by our club generates €115 for our club! The ticket covers one adult and kids membership for 2021. If you are in a position to purchase a ticket in full or monthly instalments of please contact any committee member or your seller from last year, and if you are unable to continue your support, we thank you once more. Tickets can also be purchased online at this link but please ensure you enter our club so that we can get the benefits from the purchase of the tickets.

<https://laoisgaa.ie/product/county-draw/>

CLONASLEE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Laois County Council, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works, is developing a Flood Relief Scheme for the Community of Clonaslee. The purpose of this First Public Information event is to gather local knowledge and experience of past flooding events and any other insights relating to the study area from members of the public to help assist in the development of the

scheme. Have your say by making a submission on consult.laois.ie, returning the accompanying questionnaire or emailing the project team at clonasleefrs@rpsgroup.com by March 5th. The questionnaire can be found here:

<https://consult.laois.ie/en/consultation/clonaslee-flood-relief-scheme-public-information-event>

COMMUNITY ALERT

Gardi and community alert ask you to please be extra vigilant as the dark evenings are here. 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.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

During Level 5 restrictions, the lotto will be postponed until a later date

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

The library is closed for business and will remain so for the duration of Level 5 restrictions. Our online services are available 24/7. Laois Libraries and Clever Little Handies are running a 4 week zoom course on Baby sign language for parents with babies from new-born up. By teaching sign language from an early age, they will have a vocabulary to use, even if they're not formulating words. The classes will be on Tuesdays 12:30 pm March 2, 9, 16, 23. To register your interest please email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

Missing your book club? Join our online short story book club from the comfort of your own home. We'll meet over Zoom once a month to discuss selected short stories. If interested call 057-864-4588 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie. For those over 65 and cocooning Laois Libraries with the help of Laois Volunteers will deliver books, talking books or DVD'S to your door. Call 057-864-4572 Tuesday -Friday 10 am-1pm. and 2-5 pm if you wish to avail of this service.