

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Sean Fitzpatrick, Graigueafulla, his parents Ellen

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am**

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am**

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link <https://churchmedia.tv/st-manmans-church>

& Patrick Fitzpatrick, & his son Noel Fitzpatrick, Clara

Attracta Fallon, Mountmellick & Main Street

Paddy & Margaret Corbet, Ballykaneen

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 10 am

Larry Costello, Graigueafulla & deceased members of the Costello Family, Coolnabanch

*Pray for Barry Feeney, Templemore, Co Tipp*

#### 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.

**EUCHARIST: 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Team A**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

##### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January – 6 pm

Nora Conroy, Clarhill

Sister Julie Egan & Brother Philbert Egan  
Rathcoffey

Timothy & Mary Ryan, Terenure

Albert Yates, Castletown

William Conroy, Brocca

Joe Conroy, Brocca & his parents May & Tom

Martin Dunne, Tinnahinch

Pat Culleton, Hillside

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Breda Kennedy, Cloonagh

Dunne, Downey & O'Meara Families,

Ballinahemmy

Joe & Doreen Lenahan, Carbury

##### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 6 pm

Mary Multaney, Castlecuffe

#### COLLECTION

Candlemas collection is next weekend 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.

Please use your monthly envelopes for this purpose.

#### COMMUNITY ALERT

Text alert payment of €10 is now due. Please give payment to Matt Barrett, Chairperson. Anyone wishing to join the text alert scheme may still do so by talking to Matt Barrett. Please phone the Gardi if you see something suspicious in your area. Call Portlaoise Garda Station on 057-867-4100, ask for Garda names and to have it logged in. Please wear your panic buttons and don't be afraid to press it. Help is there night and day. Be vigilant, don't answer the door or chat to anyone you are not happy with. Stay safe.

#### CCDA REPORT

At the recent CCDA meeting the following was discussed: Bus shelter has been delayed, boards in soccer field need to be lifted, new benches and mesh on balcony needed in Centre, light on Church Street needs replacing, congratulations on the success of the Christmas concert, St Stephens Day walk was a great day with good feedback, Social Services Christmas dinner was a great success, new stage curtain made it feel cosy with very good feedback, still working on Heritage grants. Flood relief information day showed work to be done in 2025, new walking path, new wall erected, path up by river needs more than gravel and chippings, footpath needed. Thanks to Laois Co Council for the lovely stone wall at Brittas

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Lake, sign on Chapel Street needs to be removed, Christmas lights to be taken down, Credit Union

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for September 2024 Junior Infant enrolment on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. The application form for admission can be downloaded from [www.castlecuffens.com](http://www.castlecuffens.com) or alternatively parents may email the school

progressing, scope for younger generation to join for grants etc. Vote of sympathy to all who lost loved ones. Next meeting is the AGM on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm in the Community Centre.

at [info@castlecuffens.com](mailto:info@castlecuffens.com) giving their name and address and a form will be sent in the post. The school can also be contacted by phone on (057) 864-8238 during school hours. Our admissions policy and admissions notice are available for viewing on our website. The closing date for applications is Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

#### **AGE FRIENDLY LAOIS**

The AGM for the parade committee is on Thursday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre kitchen. All new members welcome.

January's newsletter is now available. If you have anything you would like to see or have anything to add from your group/ area, just get in touch by return. If anyone wants to be added to mailing list for this and other information, they can email/ text/ call at the following details: Telephone: 057-866-4150/086-036-3426 or email:

#### **CLONASLEE PARISH/COMMUNITY LOTTERY**

Thank you to the promoters and those who support the weekly lottery over the last year, for without this effort and hard work the following would not be possible. Distribution of profits after costs from January to December 2023: Community Centre €10,000, Parish Church €5000, Scoil Bhríde (Parents Association) €1,250, Scoil Bhríde (Board of Management) €1,250, Castlecuffe NS (Parents Association) €1,250, Castlecuffe NS (Board of Management) €1,250. Total distributed: €20,000. The above contributions go a long way in helping to provide much needed facilities for the community – young and old.

[tcurren@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:tcurren@laoiscoco.ie)

#### **TFI LOCAL LINK BUS**

#### **SCOIL BHRIDE, CLONASLEE**

Scoil Bhríde, Cluain na Slí will commence accepting applications for Admission to its new Junior Infant Class 2024-2025 from 8/1/'24. The closing date for accepting applications falls on 29/1/'24. A copy of the school's Admission Policy and Application for Admission form for the 2024-2025 school year is available as follows:

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 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

\*To download at [www.clonasleens.ie](http://www.clonasleens.ie) \*On request: by

emailing: [clonasleens@gmail.com](mailto:clonasleens@gmail.com)

\*On the Phone 057 8648334 (Between 2pm-4pm)

\*On writing to: The Principal, Scoil Bhríde, Chapel St, Clonaslee, Co. Laois, R32WE51

#### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 11-2-4.

€30 winners: Chris Horan, Wranglestown; Jamie Langford, Hillside; Mary Rose Corbet, Ballykaneen; Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street; Kathleen & Sam, c/o K Blake; Ann Marie O'Keefe, Brocca. Promoter's prize: Nicky Dunne, Fallons, Seamus Fitzpatrick. Next week's

#### **CASTLECUFFE NS ADMISSIONS**

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Jackpot: €1,400. Lotto gift vouchers can be  
purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093  
or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.