

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15th December 2019

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

CONFESSIONS

Every 1st Friday before 7:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact 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 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on

www.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish

WHEELCHAIR available at back of church.

MASS FOR CHILDREN

The Fr Shortall Room, behind the sacristy, is available for families with young children.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 21st Dec – Team B: Sally Morgan, Lily May Owens, Amelia Dunne, Bronagh Carroll

Sun 22nd Dec – Team B: Ciara Breen, Cadhla McCann, Jack Kelly, Matthew Conroy

READERS next weekend

8 pm Louise Cusack **10 am** Bridie Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 14th December – 8 pm

Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly, Gorrrough

Jimmy & Anne Fitzgerald, Garryheather

Michael Fitzgerald, Garryheather & Coventry

Catherine & Joseph Conroy, Garryheather

Saturday 21st December – 8 pm

Evelyn Molloy, Church View & Molloy Family

Galway & Fennell Family, Portlaoise

John & Jane Dunne, Glenkeen

Sunday 22nd December – 10 am

Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

Michael Culleton, Brittas & deceased members of Culleton Family

Pray for Hugh Carr, Palace Lake & Bray and David Lawlor, Killeigh & Cloonagh who both died during the week.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Reconciliation service is on Wednesday Dec 18th Rosenallis 7 pm, **Clonaslee** 8 pm.

Killiegh – Friday Dec 20th 7:30 pm

Mountmellick – Monday Dec 23rd 7:30 pm

REACH OUT GIFT

Reach Out gifts are at all the doors. The trolley fob key ring with the message 'Share with the Hungry' reminds us to think of the poor and support the work of St Vincent de Paul. Please bring one to your neighbour.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs and Fri 19th/20th Dec in the morning.

NEW READERS LIST

The new list for Sat and Sun readers are on the Sacred Heart Altar. Please collect your own list.

BINGO

Monthly bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre today Sun Dec 15th at 3 pm. Doors open 2:15 pm.

GIFTS

NS children will be visiting St Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick to sing carols and bring gifts on Wed 18th Dec. If you took a label from the Jesse tree please bring gift before Wednesday.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for Advent and Christmas will be every Thursday at 7 pm in the Choir gallery.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES –CLONASLEE

Dec 16th - Tir na Nog school play in Scoil Bhríde 6 pm

Dec 17th – Scoil Bhríde Christmas concert 7 pm

Dec 21st – Scoil Bhríde Nativity play, 8 pm mass

TEA PARTY

Tea party for the Parish readers under 18 and Altar servers, past and present, on Sun 22nd Dec at 5 pm in the Parochial Hall. Contact 087-414-8093.

THANK YOU

Clonaslee Tidy Towns thank Bill Dempsey of Laois County Council and the men who cleaned the streets last Thursday. A big thank you to all the CE employees for all in 2019.

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COLLECTION

Church gate collection in aid of Scoil Bhríde Parents Assoc is next weekend 21st/22nd Dec.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The lighting up of the Christmas lights in the village has made it magical. A church gate collection is on Dec 28th/29th. Your support is greatly appreciated. Our thanks to the CCDA who are responsible for the lights, and thanks to the men who put them up. The place looks brilliant.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

Preparation of the Community Centre is on Fri Dec 20th at 6 pm. We would appreciate help to set up tables, etc. Many hands make light work. We would appreciate donations of fruit cakes, which always goes down a treat. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us on the day. Anyone who would like to help out in any way on the day of the walk are very welcome to come along.

CLONASLEE ON RTE

Clonaslee will be featured on RTE 1 on Tues 17th Dec on Home Rescue at 8:30 pm.

BEN & JAKE CONNOLLY TRUST HOUSE

A big thank you to the local community and organisations that assisted in fundraising for the medically adapted house. Ben and his family have now moved into their new home.

CLONASLEE CREDIT UNION

The Clonaslee Credit Union office is open Friday December 27 from 2 – 4 pm.

SLIEVE BLOOM MACRA NA FEIRMA

Macra na Feirma is a youth organisation for 17-35 year olds. It includes lots of different areas such as competition in sports, public speaking, agriculture and drama. It has travel opportunities both national and international. Rural Youth looks at issues that affect young people. Agriculture has walks, talks, competition and courses in all areas of farming. Social includes nights out in the county or nationally. There are many benefits given to members including FBD insurance. If you want any more information contact Sheila on 087-272-0949 or Liam 086-815-1739. Join us and see what Macra is all about.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS BOUQUETS

Now available from Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street or Dolores Murray 087-414-8093

CLONASLEE/PARISH LOTTO GIFT CARD

Christmas Lotto gift cards €10 or €20 now available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

There will be a Christmas pop up craft table for parents and children. Free computer classes starting after Christmas for beginners covering introduction to the internet, shopping and banking online.. Monthly book club for 10-12 year olds.. Baby book club is on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. For babies and children aged 0 – 3 years and their carers. Short and sweet book club meets every month to discuss two short stories. If interested in any of the above ring 057-864-4572 to book a place. Mountmellick Camera Club is exhibiting for the month of December. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming dates and events.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Christmas week – Mon 23rd Dec instead of 24th Dec and on Mon 30th Dec. Remainder of week will run normally. No bus on Dec 26th. Bus travels each Tues and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Cost €3 return and travel pass accepted. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thursday leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Cost €3 return. Bus travels to Bingo each Sunday leaving Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. Book by phone/text evening before 087-743-7444

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no:16-19-10.

€30 winners: Kathleen Blake Jnr, Barradoo; A.M. O'Keefe, Brocca; Ciara McFaddan, c/o Peter Costello; Larry Rigney, Clonaslee; Agnes ughes, c/o N. Dunne; Ger Kelly, Clonaslee. Voucher: Fiona Kelly, c/o Hogans. €30: Pat Dunne. Promoter's prize: Maura O'Gorman, Dolores Murray, Matt Barrett. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. €15: PV Dunne.

Next week's Jackpot: €800.