ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER Easter Sunday Sunday 16th April 2017

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Parish Website:www.clonasleeparish.com

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 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 premarriage course. Contact ACCORD for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or accordtull@eircom.net. Also on offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

<u>WEBCAM</u> – Live Mass feed on www.mcm media under Clonaslee Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 22nd April: Team C: Catherine Hyland,

Eimear Kelly

Sun 23rd April: Team C: Darragh Mullhall, Paul Mullhall, Corrinne Green, Martina Connolly Daly, Peter Foynes

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 16th April – 10 am

Packie Dooley, Ballinahown & deceased members of the Dooley, O'Rourke & Davis Families

Saturday 22nd April – 8 pm

Patrick & Mary Fitzpatrick, Brittas Avenue Julieanne O'Neill, Brittas Avenue Alan Mangan, Main Street John Kelly & Catherine Kelly, Coolnabanch Jim, Elizabeth & Eamon Conroy, Boyle John & Mary Dunne, Tinnahinch

Sunday 23rd April – 10 am

Months Mind, Bridie O'Brien, Ballinahown Mary Rowney, Shraduff Michael, Mary & Joe Lambe, Ashbrook

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL

Thanks to all who prepared or participated in any way in the Holy Week Ceremonies; Sacristans, Altar Servers, Choirs, Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word.

Phone: 057-864-8030

Diocesan Website:www.kandle.ie

Today's collection will be lodged to the Clergy Fund.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please return your Trócaire boxes to any masses at the weekend. **Do not leave the boxes in the church at any other time.** If possible, exchange coins for notes, as this makes counting easier.

TIDY TOWNS

Meeting on Monday April 24th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre to plan for this year's entry. We appeal to all, please keep everywhere clean and tidy. We encourage early sweeping in front of your premises to clear cigarette butts.

ST STEPHENS DAY WALK

If you have any outstanding sponsorship money from the Hospice walk, please give it to Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540

BINGO

Bingo each Wednesday from 2-4 pm in the Community Centre. We would love to see more coming to this for the social aspect.

HOLY CROSS

Bus leaving Clonaslee on Thursday May 4th at 6 pm. Bus will collect in Rosenallis and Mountmellick. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to Maura on 087-212-2766.

SET DANCING

Set dancing classes every Wednesdays in the Parochial Hall Clonaslee from 8 – 9:30 pm. Classes are suitable for adults and children, beginners welcome. For more information contact Elaine on 087-236-2723 or John on 085-285-1772.

CCDA

At the recent meeting the following was discussed: gym, meals on wheels, Community Centre parking, playschool, tree planting, Brittas Lake barrier open and meeting to stock with fish, keep supporting our local Post Office, new recycling cans are a work in progress, leasing soccer field, sympathy to all who lost loved ones, next meeting on May 8th in the Community Centre.

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MUSIC CLASSES

Easter/summer music lessons available on tin whistle, flute, button accordion, piano accordion, melodeon, fiddle/violin, harp, banjo, mandolin, guitar, English and Irish singing. Children must be 1st class or over. All levels welcome.

Teenager/adult classes available also. Prepares students in repertoire development, literacy sight reading, aural awareness, theory, performance as well as concerts, competitions, events, examinations and party pieces with previous and current students reaching All Ireland standard. Has over 10 years of teaching experience with a 100% pass rate. For further information contact Bláithín on 089-440-6312.

SOCIAL DANCE

Social dance lessons commence at An Sean Chistin, Irey, Ballyfin on Tues April 25th and continue each week from 8-9:30 pm. Emphasis will be on jiving, quickstep and social dance favourites like military two step, gordon two step, shoo the donkey, barn dances and dance requests by participants. Please contact Maureen 087-648-2038 to secure a place.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

A new route to Tullamore will be on the first and third Thursday of each month starting on Thurs April 20th. Leaving Clonaslee at 9:28 am arriving at the Bridge Centre at 10 am. Leaving the Bridge Centre at 12:15pm and arriving in Clonaslee at 12:45 pm. Cost is €3 return. Bus will travel on Tuesdays and Fridays as normal to Portlaoise. To book your seat you must phone the evening before to 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444.

TOWN LINK

Mountmellick to Kilkenny Town Link leaves the Mountmellick Square daily at 9 am. Returns at 11:40 am or 5 pm from bus stop at Dunnes Stores. Cost €10 each way or travel pass accepted. Phone 057-862-4416 during office hours Monday − Friday 9:20 am to 5 pm.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Diocesan Website:www.kandle.ie

Phone: 057-864-8030

Poetry evening: Mountmellick Library is hoping to hold an informal evening of poetry readings on Tuesday April 25th at 7:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to read selected poems and anyone who would like to read some of their own work or a poem of their choosing on the theme of poetry connects. Baby book club: Would you like to introduce your baby or young child to books and the love of reading? Baby Book Club starting on Tuesday May 2nd from 11 am - 12 noon for babies from 0 - 18 months and their parents and siblings. Socialise with other children and babies, listen to rhymes, sing along and pick up reading tips. Chess club: Junior Chess Club starting on Saturday April 22nd from 10:30 - 11:30am for ages 7 - 13. Local artist, Tom Joyce's exhibition, "The Beauty of Water" will be open to the public in Mountmellick Gallery until Thursday April 27th. Coffee Mornings As Gaeilge: Would you be interested in using your cúpla focal in an informal setting? If enough are interested we will meet the first Thursday of every month in Mountmellick Library at 10:00 a.m. If interested in any of the above call 057-864-4572 or call into Mountmellick Library.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Rebecca, Jennifer, Angelina & Larry Rigney on winning €500. Winning no: 7-11-15. €30 winners: Mary Delaney, Coolaboughlin; Michael Rigney, Clonaslee; Jimmy Delaney, Clonaslee; Jim Multany, Clonaslee; Ben Peavoy Jnr, Portlaoise; Mary Murray, Mountmellick. Voucher: Teresa Fitzpatrick. Voucher: Maura O'Gorman. Easter egg; Pat Corbet. Promoter's prize: Chris Horan, Hogans, Mary Rose Corbet. Voucher: Peavoys. Voucher: Fallons. Easter egg: Matt Barrett. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Happy Easter.