

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 16th August 2020

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MASSES

Masses can be viewed on the webcam during the weekdays at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm and Sunday 10 am due to the Covid 19 lockdown in Laois.

You can watch live mass feed on www.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am.

DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open daily, entrance from main church doors only, for private prayer and lighting of candles. Please observe social distancing while in the designated area. Hand sanitizers are available.

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 15th August – 8 pm

John & Catherine Costello & deceased members of the Costello Family, Coolnabanch

Sunday 16th August – 10 am

Sean Conroy, Glebe

Monday 17th August – 9 am

John, Paddy, Julia Dunne, Chapel Street

Saturday 22nd August – 8 pm

Sean Clear, Cush

Michael, Mary & Terence Hogan, Scaroon

Sunday 23rd August – 10 am

Geraldine Delaney, Coolacree

Agnes & Daniel Carroll, Tullamore Road, their daughter Margaret, Isle of Man, & grandparents Margaret & John O'Keefe, Brocca.

Pray for Fr Breen former curate of Clonaslee who died during the past week.

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, including a list of parishes that have webcam so you can watch Masses. Follow Bishop Denis on twitter @BishopDNulty. Like Kildare & Leighlin Facebook page to keep updated.

ENVELOPES

Your weekly donations, monthly envelopes can be dropped into the Parochial house or at Collection Boxes before/after weekend Masses. Alternatively the Diocesan Donation button on Kandle website can be used on www.kandle.ie

FUNERALS

It is important the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed the current guidelines. We know this causes huge hardship to bereaved families and is difficult to police, but they are mandatory guidelines.

1ST COMMUNION

Castlecuffe NS children will be celebrating 1st Communion on Sept 5th and Scoil Bhríde on Sept 6th. This will be a family only event.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteer drivers needed one day a week for one hour to deliver meals on wheels. Please contact Dolores on 087-414-8093.

TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns are out each Tuesday at 7 pm meeting at the Heritage Centre. New volunteers are most welcome. Meeting for

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August 17th was postponed due to lockdown in Laois and will be rescheduled. The sweeper was out to clean the street, we thank those for organising it and for locals who moved cars and allowed it to sweep the street.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won by Ger Kelly, Clonaslee congratulations on winning €1,250. Winning no: 11-7-22. €30 winners: The Famous Five c/o H Dunne; Mary Delaney, Coolaboughlan; Josie Groome c/o Fergal Hogan; Nonie Finnermore, Rosenallis; Edel & T O'Brien, Chapel Street; Patricia Barnett, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Matt Barrett, Dolores Murray, Kathleen Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Appointed browsing service is now operating. Call 864-4572 to get a 30 minute time slot to browse and pick up books. Masks required and your library card. **Summer stars** reading adventure is back! Just call to arrange an appointment to pick up your child's "Books in a Bag". **Help us to build a story!** Think of a line to add to the story or a few lines. Get Mum or Dad to add your line as a comment under Build a Story on the library Facebook page and your first name only or email your lines to buildastory2020@gmail.com. **Short Story competition:** This competition is open to all 6-18 year olds to write a story, no more than 500 words, on An Unexpected Adventure. You can submit as many stories as you want. All entries to be submitted in digital copy to summerstarsstory@lgma.ie by 5 pm on Aug 31st including your name and age. There are tablets and book tokens to be won in the different age categories : 6-9, 10-14 and 15-18 years old.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God,

we, the people of Kildare & Leighlin turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family and friends. Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe.

O God of creation and life,

we place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow. St Brigid, pray for us. St Conleth, pray for us. St Lazerian, pray for us. May all the saints of God, pray for us. AMEN.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen