

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 16th March 2025

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Bridie & Tom O'Brien, Ballinahown

Margaret & Martin Delaney, Scaroon.

WEEKEND MASSES 22nd/23rd March
Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 17th – 21st March
Sunday - St Patrick's Day Vigil 7 pm
Monday – St Patrick's Day 10 am
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am
Tues – Ceremony of Light & Penitential Service 8 pm

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link <https://churchmedia.tv/st-manmans-church>

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.

EUCHARIST: 17th March: Team B
22nd/23rd March: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 15th March – 6pm

PJ Comerford, Castlecuffe, his parents Mary & Jack Comerford, Capparogan

Noel Fitzpatrick, Clara, his father Sean

Fitzpatrick, Graiguefulla, his grandparents Joe & Annie McCann, Cush

Donie & Teresa Conroy, Glebe

Jim & Elizabeth Conroy, Boyle

Eamonn & Theresa Conroy, Boyle

Sunday 16th March - 10am

Months Mind, Liam Murray, Clonabeg

Mary Bish & Tommy Casey, Cush

Monday 17th March – 10 am

John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle

Catherine O'Reilly, Clonaslee

Saturday 22nd March – 6 pm

James & Margaret Dunne & members of the Dunne Family, Corbally

Tom Smith, Bellair

Sunday 23rd March – 10 am

Patrick & Mary Delaney, Coolagh, their daughters

Kathleen, Maureen, Breda, Clare & great

grandson, Patrick McDonald

Peter & Marie Casey, Boughla

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Confirmation programme is today 16th March during 10 am mass.

COLLECTION

Emigrants' collection is on this weekend. Please use your monthly envelopes for this purpose.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Ceremony of Light & Penitential Service at 8 pm on Tues 18th March.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available at the doors.

Please take one home.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for Confirmation will be on Tues & Thurs at 7:30 pm on the choir gallery. As many as possible please attend.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning is on Wed March 19th at 11 am to 12:30 pm. There is a €2 charge per person to cover light and heating. The side door is open for those finding stairs difficult. Thank you to Caroline and Deirdre for the scones and help given.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Dog poo is an utter disgrace. People are walking dogs and letting them poo beside where the doggy bags are located and not picking it up. It's on every path around and on the grass. You are responsible to clean up after your dog and there is a €150 fine.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clean Up Laois Week is March 31st to April 4th, Clonaslee Tidy Towns ask if anyone who would like to litter pick in an area to contact Patrick on 087-468-4213 for the branded bags and litter pickers. If all

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groups, organisations, estates and businesses would do their own area, it would be a great help as we only have a few workers. All the main roads entering the village, Brittas Lake and woods will be done. We

would appreciate all the help possible. All bags will be collected by AES on Tues April 8th inside the barrier at Clonaslee Community Centre.

CCDA REPORT

At the recent meeting the following was discussed: Coffee morning was very successful. The next coffee morning is Wed March 19th. Sidewalks around the village, and street lighting was discussed. Grant for the Centre is pending, and a Heritage grant is being readied for the Heritage Centre. The CE scheme needs new applicants. We need to go to Coilte for repair work on the Birr Road. Plaque for the sponsorship of the curtains to be up next month. Best wishes to the St Patrick's Day Parade committee. Fencing in the upper field down due to the storm has been repaired. Suggestion to start a dancing night in Clonaslee with line dancing, waltzing, jiving, etc as it is very popular in Killeigh. Vote of sympathy to all who lost loved ones recently. Next meeting is May 12th.

EASTER RAFFLE

In aid of Gavin Flynn Foundation supporting families whose children need cancer treatment abroad which is not available in Ireland. 10 prizes with bonus prize on the day. Tickets cost €2/line or 3 lines/€5 available from Ger Kelly Butcher or Edel O'Brien. Draw on Easter Sat 19th April at Edel's house, Chapel Street.

Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner

Past Pupils of the Brigidine Convents of Abbeyleix, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are invited to the Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner on Sun 27th April in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise at 12:45pm. Cost €50 and booking to be made before Thurs 17th April.

Contact Sheila Kinane 087-224-944 or 045-867-124 Email: sheilakinane@gmail.com or Dolores Kavanagh Murray 087-414-8093 or Maeve in Mountrath 087-656-9975.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

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

CE SCHEME VACANCIES

1. Office Assistant Community Centre
2. Groundskeeper/Caretaker Community Centre
3. Receptionist Heritage Centre
4. Horticultural/ Environmental Worker (2)

Part-time flexible hours. No experience necessary.

Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Standard Community Employment pay rates.

If interested please contact the Scheme Supervisor on (057)8648277 or

email clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

The Gallery will host for the month of March an exhibition by Michael Comer with acrylic paintings. C-Pens which make it easier to read and learn by reading text out loud are now available to borrow. The Home Energy Saving Kit contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home and can help identify common problems. Baby Book Club returns on Thurs at 10:30 am. Junior Book Clubs for all ages, 4-6 years meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm reading 'Scout's Best Day Ever', 7-9 years meeting on first Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm reading 'The Story of Newgrange' 10-12 years on first Tuesday of the month at 4 pm reading 'Shackleton: The Boss'. Adult book club meet on the last Friday of the month at 11 am reading 'Everything in This Country Must'. Lego Free Play on Sat mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-868-9382 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Mary Brazil, Ferbane on winning €1,250. Winning no: 10-22-13. €30 winner: Fiona Conroy, c/o M O'Gorman; Kitty Dean, Reary; Ava Carroll, c/o Liz Carroll; Jane Gonoud, Brocca; Mary Rose Corbet, Ballykaneen; Joe Digan, Coolagh. Promoter's prize: S Finnamore, T Costello, K Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093

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CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-10-12-23.

€30 winners: Martina Lynam, Diarmuid Conroy,

Dermot Scully, Pardaig Dunne, Padraig Conroy.

Promoter's prize: D Callaghan.

Next week's Jackpot: €13,600 in Hickeys Bar.