

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th June 2023

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Pray for Pat Murray, Coolaboughlan & Breda

Stack nee Delaney, Coolagh & Chicago who were interred during the week.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Friday 9 am

Wed – Scoil Bhríde End of Year 11 am

Thurs – Castlecuffe NS End of Year 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 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: 24th/25th June: Team D

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 17th June – 8 pm

Teresa Murray, Bellair

Mary Murphy, Kilmanman

Sunday 18th June – 10 am

Bill, Patrick & Sarah Flynn, Reary Valley

Saturday 24th June - 8 pm

Cathy Walsh, Brocca

Terry McRedmond, Glebe

Matthew & Daniel Hogan, Scaroon

Liam Cusack, Dublin & Brittas

OUTDOOR MASS – 8 pm

An outdoor Mass will be held in Hillside Estate on Mon June 19th at 8 pm and in Clodiagh Way on Wed June 21st at 8 pm. If the weather is inclement, mass will be held in St Manman's Church.

REARYMORE CEMETERY MASS

Cemetery mass on Friday June 30 at 7:30 pm. If the weather is inclement, mass will be held in St Brigids Church, Rosenallis.

HIGH NELLY CYCLE & VINTAGE CAR RUN

Clonaslee High Nelly Club are hosting on Sunday July 2nd a High Nelly Cycle at 2 pm followed by Vintage Car Run at 4 pm. Registration from 1 pm. €20 per entry at the Square, Hickeys Pub, Clonaslee. Raffle and live music to follow. For more information contact Tom 087-947-6262. Please support.

TULLAMORE CREDIT UNION PRIDE OF PLACE 2023

Clonaslee have entered the Pride of Place 2023 Competition that Tullamore Credit Union are running. Judging will take place from June through to September. Please keep Clonaslee Litter Free.

NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS ENTRY 2023

National Tidy Towns Competition Judging continues until September. Clonaslee can be judged anytime. We ask people to please use bins provided in the village and not to drive up on islands. Anyone who wishes to volunteer an hour with us is most welcome. We would like to see volunteers come forward to help water flowers and beds. Please have pride in your village.

WORK EVENINGS

Tidy Towns volunteers will be out every Tuesday and Thursday evenings meeting at 7 pm at Clonaslee Heritage Centre. Anyone who wishes to come on board and volunteer an hour any time the committee look forward to welcoming you.

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CLONOHILL GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND

Clonohill Gardens will host an Open Weekend in aid of Laois Hospice Foundation on Sat, July 1st and Sun July 2nd. Located adjacent to Laois Angling Centre, Coolrain, (R32 NF 80), the

gardens feature, Woodland, Jacob's Walk, Lawns punctuated by many colour themed herbaceous borders, with the Slieve Bloom mountains providing a colourful background. Floral Artist and Garden Designer, Enda Thompson- Phelan will welcome visitors to her Clonohill Gardens from 2-6 pm on July 1st/2nd.

FITNESS FOR ALL

Summer Class Timetable May – August. Monday 6:15 pm- 7 pm Circuit Class ICA House, 1 Davitt Rd, Mountmellick. *Wed* Outdoor Circuit Class, Astra Turf, Conor Davis Park, Mountmellick 7-8 pm. *Fri* 11 am – 12 noon older adults (62-87 current age range) for balance, co- ordination, strength, and dance. *Sat* Early Morning Circuit Class 8:30 – 9:15 am. Further info available: FB: [fitnessforall](https://www.facebook.com/fitnessforall) and Instagram: [fitnessforall.irl](https://www.instagram.com/fitnessforall)

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Read a book in the open air. "What Can I Do?" is now available to read outdoors in Mountmellick Library until July 15th. *Junior Book Club* for 8 -12 year olds meets monthly. *Baby Book Club* meets Tuesdays 10:30 am for 0-3 year olds and their parents/carers. *Lego Free Play* Sat mornings 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. *Writing space* on Thursday mornings where people can write/ journal and meet. *Art Exhibition:* 5th Class St Joseph's Girls National school will be exhibiting portraits in mixed media of "I see the world, does the world see me". *Adult colouring* sessions on Friday mornings from 10 am -12 noon. All materials will be provided. *Breast Cancer awareness talk* June 21st at 10:30 am. In the Gallery for June "Time Exhibition" by Laois Quilters. Also a raffle draw for a beautiful double bed quilt to benefit Family Carers Ireland. Closed any Saturday of a Bank Holiday weekend. For further information or to

book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

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. **New 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

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

Tuesday 20th June in St Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1,220. Double number €1,160. Lotto €1900.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 9-18-15. €30 winners: Cassie Corbet, Ballykaneen; Shane & Patsy, Coolagh Cross; Conway Family, Coolagh; Robert Young, c/o Nuala; Parents Association Scoil Bhríde; Edel O'Brien, Chapel Street. Promoter's prize: Mary O'Keeffe, Maura O'Gorman, Mary Rose Corbet. Next week's Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

You May Never Know:

At the beginning of the Second World War, a large number of bombs dropped by the Germans on France did not explode. French bomb experts defusing them were curious about what caused this malfunction. They discovered small handwritten notes tucked inside the bombs. French prisoners of war doing forced labour in German munitions factories had written on tiny pieces of paper, "*We're doing the best we can from where we are with what we got, every chance we get.*" That simple message could be the motto of anyone seeking to make this world a better and more just place. We can mistakenly believe that to leave the world a better place than when we were born it is necessary to do something grand or perform some

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great service. To make the world a better place,
simply do the best you can just where you are – your
neighbourhood or workplace – with the talents and
resources you have, as insignificant as they may seem.
Do it every chance you get! As Mahatma Gandhi said,
“You may never know what results come from your
action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.”