

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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Family, Galway, & Fennell Family Portlaoise  
Fr. Joe Shortall, former PP

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am

### CONFESSION

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec after 10 am mass

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Fri - Christmas Eve 8 pm

Sat - Christmas Day 10 am

*Blessing of Children's toys during mass*

Sat - Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Vigil for Sunday mass 8 pm

Sun - Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - St Stephen's Day 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link

<https://www.churchmedia.tv/camara/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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Team D - 8 pm list**  
10 am 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Team D - 10 am list  
8 pm 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Team A - 8 pm list  
10 am 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: Team A - 10 am list

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 8pm**

Noel Carroll, Ballykaneen

Evelyn Molloy, Main St, her son Pat, Molloy

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 10am

Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - 10 am

The McCormack Family, Killart House  
Elizabeth & Patrick Maher, Killart House

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 8 pm

Derry Keating & the Young Family, Ashbrook

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December - 10 am

Michael & Beth McEvoy, Sliabh Bloom Park  
Matthew Francis Hogan & deceased members of  
Hogan, Tynan & Hayes Families

Isabel & Ralph Loomis, Washington State USA

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December - 8 pm

John O'Toole, Castlecuffe & deceased members  
of the O'Toole Family

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford

### PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

Please sanitise your hands when entering the church and wear a face mask.

### COMMUNION TIME

We need to keep our distance from each other while going up for communion. Please respect others, give them room to return to their seats. Communion must be given into your hand, not the mouth. This is for the safety of all concerned

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec and Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Dec in the morning. *Please note change of day for all visits.*

### COLLECTION

The Christmas collection takes place next weekend. Please use the envelopes provide in your monthly box.

### ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

The walk will resume this year with 2 options. You may choose to walk on Dec 26<sup>th</sup> or walk virtually 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>. Due to Covid the committee are unable to serve refreshments in the

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Centre but the soup station will be operating on the long walk. Sponsorship cards are available in all the local shops.

page Laois Libraries for Christmas opening times. We would like to wish all our customers a safe and lovely Christmas and looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Mountmellick

#### **HOSPICE WALK**

Meeting Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 7 pm in the Community Centre to organise the centre and rota for volunteers to help out on the day, all are welcome.

#### **KILMANMAN RESORATION PROJECT**

The Clonaslee High Nelly Club have compiled a DVD of their recent cycle fundraiser in aid of Kilmanman Church restoration project.

DVD is €10 and for sale in local business and back of church. It would make a lovely Christmas gift. All proceeds go towards Kilmanman Church restoration project.

#### **A DIFFERENT ERA**

A book written by Fr Thomas O'Reilly 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' is now available in local shops. A perfect Christmas book for family and friend, near and far, costing only €10.

#### **CREDIT UNION HOURS CLONASLEE**

Open Thursday December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm to 3pm.

Thursday December 30<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm.

#### **ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS**

Available now for €3 from Dolores Murray 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

#### **LOCAL LINK TIMETABLE FOR**

#### **CHRISTMAS**

Please note the new number to book your seat.

You must book your seat the evening before as it is a door-to-door service. Timetable for

Christmas: The bus travels to Portlaoise on

Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday December 23<sup>rd</sup>,

Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup>. To Tullamore on

Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday December

30<sup>th</sup>. €2 one way, €3 return. You must present

travel pass when boarding the bus and pay the

driver. To book your seat phone 057-869-2168 or

083-012-0836.

#### **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

Please check our library website page or Facebook

Camera Club will be displaying their photographs in the Gallery for the month of December. Why not drop in during library opening hours to browse the collection? The short and sweet book club is back. Discover new authors and amazing stories. We meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories. If interested

email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie) for further details. Our sensory garden is open. Why not check it out when visiting the library and indulge your senses. Sensory Resource Collection: This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. To register for the service, you must have a referral letter from O.T., G.M.P., physio or other professional. For further details call 0578644572 or call to the Library to pick up a booklet

#### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 16-8-20.

€30 winners: Olivia Rigney, Brocca; Áine

Condon, Ballykaneen; Liam Conroy, Clonaslee;

Pat Harding, c/o M O'Gorman; Jimmy Carroll,

Hillview; Billy Crossan, c/o N Dunne. Voucher:

Joan Rooney. €25: John O'Keefe Snr, Brocca.

Promoter's prize: Chris Horan, S Langford, A

Rigney. Voucher: Cosy Bar. €25: Mary O'Keefe.

Next week's Jackpot: €800. Give a gift card for

birthdays or a special occasion. Lotto gift

vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray

on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

Extra prizes for Christmas.

#### **LOTTO CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS**

Why not give a Parish/Community Lotto Gift

Card for Christmas. €10 for 5 weeks or €20 for 10

weeks. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093

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