

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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First Confessions is on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 7 pm for all the First Communion children.

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10 am

Ash Wednesday 10 am & 7 pm

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: Ash Wednesday: Team C**  
**25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> February: Team D**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February – 6 pm**

Jim Delaney, Larrigan

Paddy & Chrissie Breen, Slieve Bloom Park

Richard & Catherine O'Keeffe, Village View

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 6 pm**

Tom & Winnie Delaney, Brocca

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 10 am**

Loretta Dunne, Main Street

James Dunne, Main Street

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Bishop Nulty is requesting a special collection at all masses this weekend for the people of Syria and Turkey. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### FIRST CONFESSIONS

#### PARISH ENVELOPES

The monthly and weekly envelopes have been delivered. If you did not receive a box and would like one, contact Annette Doolan on 087-988-1046 or talk to Fr O'Reilly after mass times.

#### CLONASLEE ST PATRICK'S PARADE

On St Patrick's Day at 12 noon sharp. Grand Marshal is Garrett Culliton, Paralympian.

Assembly at the Community Centre from 11 am.

€500 cash prize for Best Overall Float, €100 cash prizes for category winners including Best

Vintage, Best Dressed Dog, Best Club/School, Most Original, Most Entertaining. Enquiries

contact Brendan 087-967-5054 or Ronan

085-148-2296.

#### CLONASLEE SHOW NIGHT OUT

The Clonaslee Show dinner night out in appreciation of all your help. €20 per person for a three-course meal and bus transport with remainder subsidized by Show Committee. Venue is Hogans Restaurant, Coolraine on Fri Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Partners welcome. Please contact Garrett Culliton by 20<sup>th</sup> Feb on 086-837-2039.

#### TIDY TOWNS

We appeal to people to please be responsible and clean up after your dog. There are Mit Bins at Hillview, Slieve Bloom Park and Brittas Avenue, please take one when you go walking and do not expect someone else to clean up after your pet.

We request you put your masks in the bin.

#### CLONASLEE COMMUNITY ALERT

Laois County Council will be tendering to engage the services of a provider to develop DPIA's for the remaining schemes for the CCTV cameras which includes Clonaslee. Your €10 fee is now due for Text Alert. Please give it to Matt Barrett, Chairman. Anyone who requires a Monitor Alarm, please contact the committee.

#### CCDA

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At the recent AGM the following items were discussed: sign in/out book for items borrowed from the Centre, grants being applied for, St Patrick's Day parade, residential estates committees, community alert, hoist for wheelchair users needed, grant for second wheelchair toilet

applied for, letter suggesting increase prize for promoters, new cable for Christmas lights needed.

Voting for elections of the new CCDA committee is to be held soon. All households will have a vote for their area. The Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson reports were read. Preliminary elections were held, the new committee is President: Fr Thomas O'Reilly, Chairperson: Maura O'Gorman, Secretary: Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Treasurer: Mary Rose Corbet, Assistant Treasurer: Tricia Bracken. Other positions will be filled once the elections are over. Thank you to outgoing Chairperson Dolores Murray for all her hard work.

#### **BOOTCAMP**

Fitness For All is starting Bootcamp on Sat Feb 25<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks in Clonaslee Community Centre from 11 am-12pm. Registration from 10:45 – 11:15 am on the first day. Class is 45 minutes long. Introduction offer is €50 payable in cash on the first day. This is a fitness class for male and females, once you have a pulse and some energy, we want you! A bottle of water is highly recommended. We want a phone free zone, get back to basics as we exercise and get in tune with our bodies. Check us out on Facebook/Instagram – Fitness For All.

#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Please be very vigilant. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. There have been two incidents recently. Use your peep hole and press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand. Report anything suspicious to the Gardi.

#### **CONVERSATION GROUP**

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7- 8 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Ukrainian English conversation group. The night is conversation based; all you need to be able to do is chat. Can you help each week or every second week? For more information contact Mags on 086-866-8820.

#### **MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL**

The Festival is from 3 – 10<sup>th</sup> March with 8 drama groups performing. Tickets €15, nightly at 8 pm.

#### **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

#### **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

*Poetry Circle:* Fri Feb 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate, share and listen to poetry. During the month of February adults can *check out a mystery book* to read. A *sensory morning* on Fri Feb 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 am for 0-3 year olds and their parents/carers. Booking is essential. The *Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. If you wish to be added to the waiting list for this item call 057-864-4572.

Campaign against *period poverty*, free sanitary products are available in bathrooms of Mountmellick, Portlaoise and Abbeyleix libraries. *Writing space* Thurs mornings where people can meet to write or journal. *Age Friendly Laois:* Free to collect at Mountmellick Library: *I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) cards* provide valuable information to emergency first responders. An *information booklet* to services for older persons in Laois. Keep up to date with all our events by following *Laois Libraries Facebook page*. The *gallery* is hosting artist Siobhan Parkinson. *Book clubs* for all ages; babies 0-3 years, juniors 8-12 years and adult book club. *Young adult online book club* over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572.

#### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 15-5-1.  
€30 winners: Mia Fallon, Main Street; Ber Hogan, Brittas; John & Laura Blake; N Dunne, Ballymacrory; Sean Conroy, Boyle; Eilish Dunne, Clonaslee.  
Promoter's prize: Mary Rose Corbet, Mary Rose Corbet, S Fitzpatrick. Next week's Jackpot: €650.

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Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel St

**CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-10-21-25

€40 winners: Mary Brophil, Dermot Sullivan, David McRedmond. Promoter's prize: Fallons. Next week's

Jackpot: €15,700 in Downeys Bar.