

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 19th March 2023

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the Dunne Family

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9 am

Tues, Thurs, Fri 10 am

Wednesday – Confirmation ceremony 11 am

Sunday 26th March – 10 am

Bridie & Tom O'Brien, Ballinahown

Margaret & Martin Delaney, Scaroon

Joe & Peggy Corcoran, Castlecuffe

Pray for Tom Dooley, Hillside who died during the week.

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>

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the 51 students who will receive their confirmation on Wednesday 22nd March at 11 am. We send them prayers and blessings on their journey with God.

'FITNESS FOR ALL' BOOTCAMP

Come join us in the Heritage Centre, *please note new location*, on Saturdays from 11 am – 12 pm. Bring a towel, water and a friend. All ages and abilities welcome.

PARISH / COMMUNITY LOTTO

Would you like to join the Lotto? 5 weeks for €10 or 10 Weeks for €20 at a time. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

If you have bags of clothes ready for collection, please contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

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.

CCDA REPORT

The following was discussed at the recent CCDA meeting: 40% grant received towards cameras and solar panels. No gas in Centre, to be fixed soon, contract with Clonaslee Utd for use of field agreed, Ukrainian grant is pending, climate action grants available, thanks to the sub-committee for all their hard work getting the voting papers out,

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: 25th/26th March: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 18th March – 6 pm

Paddy & Ned Fitzpatrick & deceased members of the Fitzpatrick family, Coolagh

Noel Fitzpatrick Clara, his father Sean Fitzpatrick,

Graiguefulla and his grandparents Joe & Annie McCann, Cush

Sunday 19th March – 10 am

Bernard & Ann Breslin, Glenkeen

Lar, Michael & Sister Finbar Breslin, Glenkeen

Paddy Farrell & deceased members of the Farrell Family, Brocca

Saturday 25th March – 6 pm

Tom & Pauline Horan, & their daughter Lorraine Hogan, The Square

James & Margaret Dunne, Corbally & members of

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votes will be counted by an independent person,

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

Lotto will not increase promoters money, new

road signs requested from Laois County Council, Bootcamp in Heritage Centre, St Patrick's Day parade committee was complimented on all the hard work, CCDA records to be stored in a secure location, congratulations and best of luck to the 51 students receiving confirmation, sympathy extended to Tom Dooley's family who was a previous caretaker of the centre. Next meeting is April 17th.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Presentation of cheque to Laois Hospice takes place shortly. If there are any outstanding donations, please contact Sheila Bourke on 087-633-9540 or send to Capparogan, Clonaslee.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Mountrath, Ballyfin Lourdes Pilgrimage 2nd Aug 2023 for 7 nights from Dublin Airport. €995 per person sharing. Spiritual Director: Fr Noel Dunphy. For information contact: Eleanor Duff 087-767-0915

LIVING WELL FOR LONGER EXPO EVENT

Healthy Laois and Age Friendly Laois Expo Event is on Thurs April 13th from 4-8 pm in Portlaoise College, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise R32 N795. Showcasing the supports, services, groups and activities available to all ages in Laois. 50 stands in attendance. For more info and to preregister contact tcurran@laoiscoco.ie or 086-036-3426.

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.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

Sensory morning in the Library on Friday March 31st from 10-11.30 a.m. for 0-3 year olds and their carers. A showing of the *Ripple Effect* film in the Library on Tues March 28th. Tea/coffee at 7 pm and film shown 7:30-8 pm. 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. The *Gallery* is hosting Laois based artist Orla McDonagh. The pieces are acrylic painted works and ceramic pieces. *Book clubs* for all ages; babies 0-3 years meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am, juniors 8-12 years meeting Tues March 28th at 4 pm. and adult book club is reading Louise Nealon's *Snowflake* for March. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. For further info or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 15-13-3.

€30 winners: Breda Delaney, Larrigan; Hetty & Edel, Clonaslee; Maura O'Gorman, Clonaslee; M Flynn, Ross; Danielle Cusack, Clonaslee; Ben & Alex Peavoy, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Kathleen Blake, Hickeys, Dolores Murray. Next week's Jackpot: €800. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

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CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 3-5-7-9.

€40 winners: Rosie Dean, Mary Tynan, Eileen

Conroy. Promoter's prize: Pat Carroll.

Next week's Jackpot: €16,300 in Fallons Bar.