

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday

Sunday 20th April 2025

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Nicholas & Mary Anne Dunne, Ballymacrory

WEEKEND MASSES 26th/27th April

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 21st – 25th April

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9 am

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: 26th/27th April: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 19th April – 6 pm

Edward & Mary Holton, Gorrough & the Holton Family

Sunday 20th April – 10 am

Packie Dooley, Ballynahown & deceased members of the Dooley, O'Rourke & Davis Families

John & Mary Ellen Feery

Saturday 26th April – 6 pm

Jo Bracken, Capparogan

Patrick & Mary Fitzpatrick, Brittas

Julienne O'Neill, Kilkenny

Kathleen Connolly, Castleknock

Alan Mangan, Clonaslee

John & Catherine Kelly, Coolnabanch

John, Mary, Martin Dunne, Tinnahinch

Michael, Micheál, Dan, Sarah Maher,

Graigueafulla

Thomas O'Brien, Reary

Pray for Mary Multaney, Killyon, Kinnitty &

England who died during the week.

PLEASE NOTE

For the foreseeable future, Saturday evening mass will continue at 6 pm.

HAPPY EASTER

We hope this Easter you will experience the mercy, compassion and inner peace that the Risen Lord promises. Thanks to all who prepared or participated in any way in the Holy Week Ceremonies; Sacristans, Altar Servers, Choirs, Ministers of the Eucharist and of the Word.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations to the church before or after mass. Do not leave them in the Church at other times.

THANK YOU

The Clonaslee Community Development Association thank Mountmellick Credit Union for the €1000 under its Community Fund. We look forward to the opening of its newly built office on Chapel Street, Clonaslee.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK IN AID OF LAOIS HOSPICE

Presentation of cheque to Laois Hospice Foundation will be on Fri 25th April at 8 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. Everyone welcome to attend and light refreshments will be served.

COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning was a great success with 34 attending. Wonderful to see so many attend, meet, chat and having new faces is brilliant. We had a free raffle of Easter eggs. Thank you to those who set up tables, to Shirley and Angela for your great help, to all who gave in things, the ladies for the scones and the men who helped with tables. The next Coffee Morning is on Thurs May 1st from 11 am to 12:30 pm. It is a lovely social event and all

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about getting out for a while to meet people and have a chat. There is a €2 charge per person to cover light and heating.

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

TRACTOR, TRUCK, CAR & BIKE ROAD RUN

Ray Delaney, Pat Carroll & John Joe Heaney are heading back to Africa for another school building project. Join us for on the day for some Bank Holiday Fun. Sunday May 4 in Clonaslee Village with an auction, entertainment and refreshments on the day. MC is Rock On Paddy. Registration from 1:30 pm. Run from 3 pm. All funds will be put towards Melon Educate and local charities. Contact Ray Delaney 087-299-6778, Pat Carroll 087-254-5187, John Joe Heaney 087-649-2038.

THANKS

Clonaslee Social Services thank and acknowledge €500 received from Mountmellick Credit Union Community Fund.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Personal monitor alarms available to anyone over 65 years old. First year is free if you have a land line, or with a mobile phone, you pay for a sim card, but the alarm is free. The following years will cost €66 with Task Community Care. These alarms are monitored around the clock and have saved many lives. If the alarm is no longer required, there is no need to return them to the committee. Phone Secretary if you require one on 087-212-2766.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The programmes are fun, interactive and very popular with couples. Applicants receive free professional training at venues around the country. Closing date for application form is Friday 30th May. Contact Aisling on 01-505-3112 or email marrigepreparation@accord.ie

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving

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

The Gallery hosts a solo exhibition by Anna Kupper's of acrylic and acrylic fluid art. *Light therapy boxes* available to use with a library card. *C-Pens* which make it easier to read and learn by reading text out loud are now available to borrow. *Baby Book Club* on Thurs May 1st at 10:30 am. *Junior Book Clubs* for all ages, 4-6 years meeting Tues May 13th at 3:30 pm reading 'The Invisible String', 7-9 years meeting Tues May 6th at 3:30 pm reading 'The Story of Newgrange', 10-12 years meeting Tues May 6th at 4 pm reading 'Shackleton: The Boss'. *Adult book club* meet on the last Friday of the month at 11 am and reading 'The Secret Scripture'. Join us for some *shared reading* sessions where a staff member will read a story or poem. *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 Rose Corbet on winning €1,100. Winning no: 6-2-16. €30 winner: Anna Snell, Clonaslee; Damien McEvoy, Clonaslee; Martin Flynn, Clonaslee; Trish Costelloe, Clonaslee; Mary Margaret Daly, Clonaslee; Larry, Helen, Angela Rigney. Voucher: Essie Rosney. €50: Leona Murray. Promoters prize: Chris Horan, Maura O'Gorman, Mary O'Keeffe. Voucher: Larry Rigney. €50: N Smith. 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: 2-5-11-15.

€30 winners: Barry Kelly, Erin Goode, Liam

Conroy, Declan & Pauric Carroll, Edel Conway.

Promoter's prize: D Callaghan. Next week's

Jackpot: €14,350 in Downeys Bar.