

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 20th December 2015

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Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed 9 am

Christmas Eve 9 pm

Christmas Day 10 am

Blessing of the Children's toys at 10 am Mass

Confession Tues 8pm and Thurs 11 am

RECONCILIATION CEREMONIES

Mon 21st Dec: **Tullamore & Portarlinton**

7:30 pm. Tues 22nd Dec: **Rosenallis** 7 pm/

Clonaslee 8 pm. Wed 23rd Dec: **Mountmellick**

7:30 pm, **Ballinagar** 8:30 pm.

CONFESSIONS

Every 1st Friday before 7:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact 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 on

057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 19th December – 8 pm

Months Mind, Annie O'Donovan, Main Streer Derry Keating, Ashbrook

Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

Evelyn Molloy & Molloy Family, Church View & Fennell Family, Portlaoise

Sunday 20th December – 10 am

John & Jane Dunne, Glenkeen

Michael Culleton & deceased members of the Culleton Family, Brittas

Nancy Daly, hillside

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick

Saturday 26th December – 8 pm

Deceased members of McCormack Family, Killart House

Sunday 27th December – 10 am

Sr Teresa Egan, Sant Lucia & Coolnamoney & Family

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Names for the Christmas flower offering must be in by Wed 23rd Dec. If you wish to have a flower on the altar in memory of your beloved dead, there is an envelope in your monthly box for this purpose. Cost €10 each.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas collection is on Dec 25th. Please use your envelopes for this purpose.

VEGETABLE MARKET

Vegetable market will be on in the Heritage Centre on Wed 23rd Dec starting at 10 am.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COLLECTION

A collection will be on Dec 26th/27th in aid of Christmas lights. It costs a lot to keep the lights on for the Christmas season and it makes the village look festive and beautiful, your support is much appreciated. Thank you to all who put them up.

HELP NEEDED

Setting up for the Hospice walk will be on Wed 23rd Dec at 6 pm, help would be appreciated.

Volunteers on the day of the St Stephen's Day walk in aid of Laois Hospice at the Community Centre, also help in the evening to clean up would be much appreciated. For further information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540. Donations of Christmas cakes and fruit cakes are gratefully accepted.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Join us for the St Stephen's Day walk on Sat Dec 26th, in aid of Laois Hospice at the Clonaslee Community Centre. Long walk is approximately 10 miles and starts at 12 noon. Short walk is approximately 3 miles and suitable for families starts at 1 pm. Join us for a great cause, have a good day out and meet your neighbours! For further information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540.

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DONATE A DINNER

Clonaslee Pharmacy in conjunction with Focus Ireland are organising a "Donate A Dinner" campaign. €4 will provide dinner, dessert and tea/coffee for one day over the Christmas period. It's not too late to make a donation.

"THE LOST VILLAGE" BOOK

There is only a limited number of the book left. Make sure and get your copy for your friends and family for Christmas while stocks last. Supplies are available from Clonaslee Pharmacy and Hogans shop in Clonaslee.

THANK YOU

Clonaslee St Manman's GAA thank the community for the great support given to them for Strictly Dancing. A great night was had by a large crowd. Siobhan Conroy and Buster Dunne were the overall winners on the night.

SOCIAL SERVICES

A great day was had by all who attended the Senior Citizens dinner. A big crowd was seated and we thank Marie's Catering and staff for the lovely meal that was provided. Thanks to Patricia Costello for sponsoring a hamper that was won by Joe Young and to all who gave donations and sponsored prizes for the raffle. Thank you for the donated cake and Rock on Paddy for the evening's entertainment. A big thank you to John Troy and John Casey for the setting and cleaning up of the hall. Thank you to all the committee members who worked hard to make the day so enjoyable. We wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas.

THANKS

The Ben and Jake Connolly Trust thank all who have given their time and support during the past year.

LAOIS TRIP BUS

Bus will travel on usual routes on Mon Dec 21st and Wed Dec 23rd and on Dec 28th and 30th at the

same time of 9:30 am. It will return to the normal days of Tuesday and Friday in the new year.

CREDIT UNION

Opening hours for Christmas: Clonaslee Office open Monday 28 December 3 pm- 5 pm. Friday January 1, closed. Mountmellick Office: Monday December 21 and Tuesday December 22, 10 am- 5 pm; December 23 – 26, closed; December 28-29 open 10 am – 5 pm; January 1, closed. Monday January 4 open as usual.

CCDA NEWS

At the recent meeting the following items were discussed: soccer field, Tidy Towns, heating system for centre, senior citizen Christmas party, Strictly Dancing, gym, walking track and grants available, turning on of the Christmas lights, Slieve Bloom walks, parking and lights at Heritage centre, fixing or replacing door in centre, counting votes for new CCDA committee, tree at tunnels, new phone for CCDA texts, sympathy to all who lost loved ones. Next meeting is Monday Jan 11th in the Community Centre.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 22-16-24.

€30 winners: Jim Rigney, Garryheather; Mary O'Keefe, The Green; Eamon & Ann Rigney, Brocca; James Callaghan, Shracullen, Ann Marie Visocchi, Main Street; J Rigney, Garryheather. Voucher: Christy Culleton c/o Flynn's. Bottle: Margaret Corbet, Ballykaneen. Promoter's prize: Larry Costello, Larry Costello, J Callaghan. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. Bottle: Maura O'Gorman. Next week's Jackpot: €950.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 7-15-21-23.

€40 winners: Martina Conroy, Sean Hunt, Heather & Callum, John McCarthy, Joe Dunne. Christmas bonus prizes – Turkey prizes: Andrew Burbage, Marie Fenlon, Nuala Smith, Paddy Friel. €50 shop voucher: Kelly Delaney.

Next week's Jackpot: €9,000.