

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday 8 pm**                      **Sunday 10 am**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am**

**Christmas Eve 6 pm & 8 pm**

**Christmas Day 10 am & 12 noon**

**St Stephen's Day 10 am & 8 pm**

We are adding masses to follow Covid guidelines. If you arrive and the church is full, please come to another mass time. Families with young children are encouraged to come to Sat 6 pm mass, alternatively, during Sunday mass, the toys will be blessed while staying in your seats.

You can watch live mass feed on [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv) under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am.

## 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Evelyn Molloy, Church View; Molloy Family, Galway; Fennell Family, Portlaoise  
Rose Cully, Ballyfarrell & deceased members  
Cully Family

Mollie & Tommy Conroy, Ballyfarrell

Casey Family, Coolnabanch

Margaret & Thomas Fingleton, Portarlinton

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

Months Mind, Peter Hogan, Broughla  
Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford  
John & Jane Dunne, Glenkeen

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Derry Keating & Young Family, Ashbrook  
John & Bridget O'Gorman, Graiguefulla

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Edward & Anna M. Troy, Brittas & deceased  
members of the Troy & Kennedy Families

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

John O'Toole, Castlecuffe, his brother Jim &  
sister in law, Chrissie.

Pray for Noel Carroll, Ballykaneen who died  
during the past week.

## NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it  
out on [www.clonasleeparish.com](http://www.clonasleeparish.com) See  
[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) for up to date news and resources.

## ENVELOPES

**Thanks** to all for your generous donations to the  
Parish and Clergy.

## FUNERALS

It is important the numbers attending a funeral  
should not exceed the current guidelines. We  
know this causes huge hardship to bereaved  
families, but they are mandatory guidelines.

## COLLECTIONS

Christmas collection is this coming week.

Collection boxes are located at all entrances. On  
entry to Mass, please put all envelopes, donations,  
contributions into these boxes before sanitizing  
your hands. We appreciate your continued support

## HELP NEEDED

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help  
steward for Christmas masses. Please contact John  
Cusack, Parish Council Chairperson on 087-351-  
5805 if you can help us out.

## CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

The entire diocese is invited to join a live  
streamed service of carols, readings and prayers at  
8:30 pm on Sun Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, available on  
[www.iCatholic.ie](http://www.iCatholic.ie)

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## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT BROADCAST**

Get into the festive cheer with Portarlinton & Clonaslee Christmas Carollers broadcast of their 2019 Christmas Concert. Premiering on YouTube at 4 pm on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Type in the following to view online: <https://youtu.be/avwCwjbm8Dk>.

## **ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS CARD**

SVP Christmas cards are on sale at both masses.

## **TINNAHINCH SCHOOL ROLL BOOK**

The names of the pupils who attended the school have been recorded in book form by Sean Flanagan. A short history is included of the 104 year period of the school. An ideal Christmas book and is available in Hogans Shop.

## **LOCAL LINK**

Local Link bus will be travelling on Mon Dec 21<sup>st</sup> and Wed Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas week. You must book your seat before 6 pm the evening before on 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444. Limited numbers can travel so booking your seat is essential.

## **ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK**

We are doing a virtual walk this year. During 26-28<sup>th</sup> Dec period: **1. Walk** 5 or 10 km. **2. Donate** on JustGiving.com "Annual Clonaslee St Stephens Day Walk In aid of Laois Hospice" or contact Sheila Bourke on 087-633-9540. **3. Tag** your photos on our Facebook "Clonaslee St Stephen's Day Walk. We look forward to your continued support.

## **TIDY TOWNS**

We appeal to all to not throw your masks on the street or on walks. Dog owners, please clean up after your dog. The footpaths and green areas are quite bad. It is important to keep our village clean and tidy more than ever with the virus.

## **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Gardi and community alert ask you to please be extra vigilant as the dark evenings are here. There are people going around Laois offering to

disinfect your home and demand money. Don't open your door to strangers. Use your peep hole before you answer the door, press your panic button if you are worried. If you notice anything unusual please report it to the Gardi. Those with monitor alarms, please wear your panic buttons at all times. Stay safe, be vigilant.

## **ALMAS Christmas Mass Bouquets.**

Available from Dolores Murray 087 414 8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 16-2-12.

€30 winners: Trish Bracken, Capparogan; Gary Delaney, Larrigan; Anne Hooke, Rosenallis; Pat & Carol Dunne, E Conroy, Graigue; Mick Kelly, c/o Whist. Voucher: Nora Casey, Castlecuffe.

€25 Breda McEvoy, 27 Hillside. Promoter's prize: Paddy O'Donovan, Hogans, Dolores Murray.

Voucher: N Dunne. €25: Maura O'Gorman. Next week's Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

## **MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY**

Mountmellick Library is open for appointed browsing and call and collect. To book your appointed slot call at 057-864-4572. Our online services are available 24/7. The library will be closed for business from 3 pm on Wed Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> and will reopen for call and collect/appointed browsing on Wed Dec 30<sup>th</sup> and close at 4 pm on this day. The library will close at 3 pm on Thurs Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Mountmellick library will be closed on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan and reopen on Tues Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **SAMARITANS**

Available 24/7 today and all over Christmas. Don't suffer in silence, Freephone 116 123.

**Stay safe, wear your Face Mask**  
**Keep your Distance & wash your hands**