

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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Donie Conroy, Glebe and Paddy Fitzpatrick,  
Coolagh whom all died during the week.

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am

***PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS***

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 8 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: 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March: Team A**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 8 pm**

Noel Fitzpatrick, Clara, his father Sean Fitzpatrick, Graigueafulla & his Grandparents Joe & Annie McCann, Cush

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 10 am**

Patrick & Mary Delaney, their daughters Kathleen, Maureen & Clare & great Grandson Patrick McDonald, Coolagh Pat Young, Hillside

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 8 pm**

James & Margaret Dunne & members of the Dunne Family, Corbally Peter Hyland, The Green

Pray for PJ Comerford, Castlecuffe

**Special Collection for Ukraine:** The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection on the weekend of 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you

## SYNOD NEWS

Meeting for the local parishes regarding the World Synod 2023 in The Mill/Hares Corner, Mountmellick on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30 pm. We encourage our parishioners to attend and participate.

## **Persevering and Listening in Lent**

In his Message for Lent 2022, Pope Francis reminds us of these words in St Paul's letter to the Galatians: 'Let us not grow tired of praying; let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives; let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours.' This year, as we seek to embrace the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we do so in the midst of our slow emergence from a global pandemic and the terrible events in Ukraine. Let us remember these words of scripture and persevere. We know that God is with us and listens to us. This Lent may we have ears and hearts to listen to God through one another, through our prayers and actions of love, and through God's word to us in the scriptures.

## **A Listening Lent across Kildare and Leighlin**

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about the reality of being part of the People of God right now. He wants us to have a conversation about how we are journeying together and with God in our

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local parishes. He wants us to dream dreams together about our future. And he wants everyone's voice to count. *Listening session on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in*

[cleanupwk@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:cleanupwk@laoiscoco.ie) Date and evening times will be given later.

## **CLONASLEE BADMINTON CLUB**

Training on Tues & Thurs 8 -10 pm in the Community Centre. Ages 16 and over. Cost:

*Mountmellick in The Hares Corner. You can preview the questions being asked on [www.kandle.ie/synod/](http://www.kandle.ie/synod/). If you can't make a local meeting, you can complete the online survey on the webpage.*

€5 Adults, €3 Students. New members welcome. For more information contact Peter 083-891-0017.

**Resources for journeying through Lent:** There are lots of resources on [www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/](http://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/) to accompany you as you continue your Lenten journey. There you will find our Ministry Update with news, resources and ideas for Lent, as well as our Lenten Scripture Sharing Booklet, Stations of the Cross and more.

## **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not entertain callers to your door. Press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

## **CASTLECUFFE NS CLOTHES**

### **COLLECTION**

Castlecuffe NS Parents Association clothes collection is fund raising to support our children in upcoming activities with a portion of the funds raised also going to support families displaced from Ukraine. We accept all clean clothing, paired shoes, curtains, towels, bedlinen \*no pillows or duvets\*. Parents will be in the school carpark to collect your donations on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> before and after school and on Thurs March 31<sup>st</sup> before school. Your support is appreciated.

## **LAOIS OFFALY RURAL LOCAL LINK**

You must book your seat the evening before as it is a door-to-door service. The bus travels to Portlaoise on Tues and Fri and to Tullamore on Thurs leaving at 9:30 am. To book your seat phone 057-869-2168 or 083-012-0836.

## **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

Want to learn more about *how to use your tablet, smartphone or iPad?* The course run by LOETB in Mountmellick Library is a 6 week course starting Thurs March 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-3.30 p.m. Call 057-864-4572 to book a place. *Junior Book Club:* Story explorers wanted from ages 8-12 years of age for some fun, facts and fiction. Mary Slevin from *Mount Henry Art Studios* will be *exhibiting* for the month of March. Laois Libraries to host *mindfulness and poetry* with Orlaith O'Sullivan on Wed March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.. The *Short and Sweet Book Club* meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories. We will be starting an *Adult book club* soon. *Baby Book Club* online on Laois Libraries Facebook page on Tuesdays at 10:30 am

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-12-17.

## **CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK**

After a two-year break spring clean-up week returns to Laois from April 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Laois County Council and their sponsor Bord na Mona are asking all local communities, resident committees and Tidy Towns to register with the environment section of Laois County Council. The litter will be collected in Clonaslee on April 26<sup>th</sup>. When you register, gloves, bags, litter pickers will be provided. Phone 057-867-4322 or email

€30 winners: Nora Flynn, The Green; Geraldine Deane, Reary; Patricia Callaghan, Bellair; Geraldine Kelly, Glenkeen; Jimmy Joe Kelly,

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Glenkeen; Shirley Finnamore, Clonaslee.

Promoter's prize: Eileen Digan, Hogans, Dan

O'Neill. Next week's Jackpot: €1,400. Lotto gift

vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray

on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.