

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21st January 2024

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am

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>

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: 27th/28th Jan: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 20th January – 6 pm

Mary Multaney, Castlecuffe

Sean Fitzpatrick, Graiguefulla, his parents Ellen & Patrick Fitzpatrick, & his son Noel

Fitzpatrick, Clara

Attracta Fallon, Mountmellick & Main Street

Paddy & Margaret Corbet, Ballykaneen

John & Ellen Ryan, Camross

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Larry Costello, Graiguefulla & deceased members of the Costello Family,

Coolnabanch

Saturday 27th January – 6 pm

Betty Heaney, Gorrough

Ned Smith, Chapel Street & his parents

Thomas & Mary Smith

Elizabeth & James Heaney, Hillside

Pray for Eilish Proctor nee Murray, Bellair who died in England during the week.

EVENING PRAYER FOR ST BRIGID

Feb 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on Feb 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Text alert payment of €10 is now due. Please give payment to Matt Barrett, Chairperson. Anyone wishing to join the text alert scheme may still do so by talking to Matt Barrett. Please phone the Gardi if you see something suspicious in your area. Call Portlaoise Garda Station on 057-867-4100, ask for Garda names and to have it logged in. Please wear your panic buttons and don't be afraid to press it. Help is there night and day. Be vigilant, don't answer the door or chat to anyone you are not happy with. Stay safe.

TIDY TOWNS

Tidy Towns are once again appealing to all dog walkers to please use the Dog Mits. They are at Hillview, Slieve Bloom Park, Brittas Avenue so no need to leave dog poop on the footpaths in front of people's houses. We thank all who are using them. There is €150 fine for not picking up after your dog.

RAMBLING HOUSE

Rambling House to be held in the Community Centre, Rosenallis on Sun 21st Jan from 4 pm – 7 pm. Come along and enjoy songs, stories, music and dance. All musicians are encouraged to bring their musical instruments. Light refreshments. Entry €5. All welcome to attend.

SCOIL BHRIDE, CLONASLEE

Scoil Bhríde, Cluain na Slí will commence accepting applications for Admission to its new

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Junior Infant Class 2024-2025 from 8/1/'24. The closing date for accepting applications falls on 29/1/'24. A copy of the school's Admission

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

Policy and Application for Admission form for the 2024-2025 school year is available as follows:

*To download at www.clonasleens.ie

*On request: emailing: clonasleens@gmail.com

*On the Phone 057 8648334 (Between 2pm-4pm)

*On writing to: The Principal, Scoil Bhríde, Chapel St, Clonaslee, Co. Laois, R32WE51

CASTLECUFFE NS ADMISSIONS

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for September 2024 Junior Infant enrolment on Jan 8th. The application form for admission can be downloaded

from www.castlecuffens.com or alternatively parents may email the school

at info@castlecuffens.com giving their name and address and a form will be sent in the post. The school can also be contacted by phone on (057) 864-8238 during school hours. Our admissions policy and admissions notice are available for viewing on our website. The closing date for applications is Feb 2nd.

AGE FRIENDLY LAOIS

January's newsletter is now available. If you have anything you would like to see or have anything to add from your group/ area, just get in touch by return. If anyone wants to be added to mailing list for this and other information, they can email/ text/ call at the following details: Telephone: 057-866-4150/086-036-3426 or email:

tcurran@laoiscoco.ie

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.* **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.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

On Tuesday 23rd Jan in St. Fiacc's Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 46 numbers €1,610. Double number €740. Lotto €3450.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

In The Gallery the Old School Art Collective have their exhibition for the month of January. We have books clubs for all ages-baby book club for 0-3 year olds, children's book clubs for 4-6,7-9,10-12 year olds and two adult book clubs. Would you like to take some time out, connect with others and explore some great poems and stories. Then, join us for some shared reading sessions where a staff member will read a story or poem. We then talk together about what we think and feel about it. All are welcome. Lego Free Play on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. No need to book, just drop in to meet and create together. Mountmellick Arts Collective meet on Thursday mornings. Sensory Room is for the use of children and adults with additional needs with their parent/carer present. Following registration with a supply letter the room can be booked for 30-minute sessions. Sensory Toy Resource Collection is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. To register for the service, you must have a referral letter from O.T., G.M.P., physiotherapist or other professional. If interested in any of the above call 057-864-4572 or

email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Charlie Multany, c/o Hickeys on winning €1,400.

Winning no: 9-6-15. €30 winners: Michael McRedmond, Clarahill; Cara Fallon, Clonaslee;

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Nancy Thornton, c/o K Blake; John Barrett,
Tullamore Road; Denise Flynn, Main Street; John
Cusack, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Dolores
Murray, Dolores Murray, Dolores Murray. Next
week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be
purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093
or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.