ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 23rd January 2022

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am WEEKDAY MASSES 9 am Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link

https://www.churchmedia.tv/camara/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 premarriage 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: 29th/30th January: Team C

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

Saturday 22nd January – 8 pm

Mary Multaney, Castlecuffe
Elizabeth Heaney, Hillside
Joe Flynn, Graigueafulla
Donal & Anne Maher, Clarahill
Hugh & Angela O'Gorman & their grandson Enda
Comerford, Brocca

<u>Sunday 23rd January – 10 am</u>

Larry Costello, Graigueafulla & deceased Costello Family members Sean Fitzpatrick, Graigueafulla, his son Noel, Clara, his parents Patrick & Ellen Fitzpatrick, Killurin Patrick Stack, Coolagh & Portlaoise Sr Julia Egan, Brother Philbert Egan, Rathcoffey

Saturday 29th January - 8 pm

Betty Heaney, Gorrough

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

Please sanitise your hands when entering the church and wear a face mask ensuring nose and mouth are covered.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Celebrated from Sun 23rd Jan – Sun 30th Jan with the theme for 2022 "Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full".

CASTLECUFFE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for admission on January 13th. The application form for admission can be downloaded from www.castlecuffens.com or you may email the school at info@castlecuffens.com with their address and we will send one out in the post. If any difficulties phone the school on 057- 864-8238 between 9:30 and 11 am on weekdays. Our admissions policy and admissions notice for this year are available for viewing on our website. Please note the website address and email address are different to last year's.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT '22-'23

Schoil Bhríde, Cluain na Slí will commence accepting applications for admission to its new Junior Infant Class 2022-2023 from 14/1/22. The closing date for accepting applications falls on 4/1/22. A copy of the school's Admission Policy and Application for Admission form for the 2022-2023 school year is available as follows: To download at www.clonasleens.ie, On request by emailing clonasleens@gmail.com, On writing to: The Principal, Schoil Bhríde, Chapel St, Clonaslee, Co Laois R32 WE51

BIODIVERSITY GREEN CODE

In Castlecuffe NS, we recently held a Biodiversity Green Code Competition among all the students in the school. We were delighted by the effort put in

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by so many of the children and their families. The standard was incredibly high, and it made picking a winning code extra difficult. However, we are

sure you will agree the code created by William Corbet and included below is a worthy winner. Thanks to all who entered and congratulations to William, your Green Code will represent us well as we submit our renewal application for our fifth Green Flag in the next few weeks.

Don't Be Mean - Keep it Clean Pick the litter along the road, Don't forget the safe cross code. Plant some flowers and you'll see, Lots of happy, busy bees. Get some pallets, stack 'em well, You'll create a big hotel. Grow your hedges nice and tall, For all the animals big and small. Castlecuffe students lead the way, To a brighter, better day.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

It's time to start decluttering. A clothes collection will be the week of February 20th more details to follow. Any questions, call 087-414-8093.

KILMANMAN RESORATION PROJECT

The Clonaslee High Nelly Club have compiled a DVD of their recent cycle fundraiser in aid of Kilmanman Church restoration project. DVD is €10 and for sale in local business. All proceeds go towards Kilmanman Church restoration project.

A DIFFERENT ERA

A book written by Fr Thomas O'Reilly 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' is now available in local shops, costing €10.

TIDY TOWNS

Please do not throw your masks on the ground, take them home or put them in the bins. Please clean up after your dog; there is no excuse as dog mutts installed at Hillview, Sliabh Bloom Park, Brittas Avenue. €150 fine if caught or reported.

COMMUNITY ALERT

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

Phone: 057-864-8030

LAOIS OFFALY RURAL LOCAL LINK

Passenger Covid 19 notice: Please be respectful and do not travel; if you are experiencing Covid symptoms, tested positive for Covid; are a close contact or living in a house with people who are Covid positive. 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.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

Join us for Poetry Circle where we share and listen to poems over Zoom. Over Zoom on Wed Feb 16th at 11 am.

email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie New year new you. Mountmellick Library has a range of books on diet, exercise and sleep. Check out the Healthy Ireland Section. The Short and Sweet Book Club meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories. If interested call 057-864-4572. Baby Book Club will online on Laois Libraries Facebook page on Tues Feb 1st at 10:30 am. This is for 0-3 years old and consists of action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage preliteracy skills. Sensory Resource Collection: This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. To register for the service, you must have a referral letter from O.T., G.M.P., physio or other professional. For further details call 057-864-4572 or call to the Library for a booklet

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Imelda Murphy on winning €500. Winning no: 6-20-23. €30 winners: Liam Conroy, Clonaslee; Tom Dillon, Killeigh; Delaney Girls c/o C Horan; Jim Costello, Clonaslee; Nuala Sherrin, c/o PO;

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Maeve Bates, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Ann Rigney, Kathleen Blake, Hickeys. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Give a gift card for birthdays or a special occasion. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.