

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

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Tom & Pauline Horan, The Square, Lorraine

**WEEKEND MASSES** 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March  
**Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES** 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March  
**Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am**  
**Tuesday – Confirmation Mass 11 am**

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March: Team A**

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 6 pm**

James & Margaret Dunne & members of the

Dunne Family, Corbally

Tom Smith, Bellair

Joanne Foyne, Brocca & members of the Foyne  
& Blake Families

Peter Hyland, The Green

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 10 am**

Patrick & Mary Delaney, Coolagh, their daughters

Kathleen, Maureen, Breda, Clare & great  
grandson, Patrick McDonald

Peter & Marie Casey, Boughla & deceased  
members of the Casey Family

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 9 am**

Hogan, The Square & deceased members of  
the Dunne & Browne Families, Main Street

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 6 pm**

James & Michael Costelloe, Graigueafula

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10 am**

Tom Flynn, the Glebe

*Pray for* Fr Paddy Mooney, formerly of The  
Green, Jack Fitzgerald, Blackrock & Garryheather  
& Mick Kelly, Chicago & Killougheyall who died  
recently.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation for 48 students will be celebrated on  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am. We wish them all  
blessings on their journey with Christ.

## **COLLECTION**

Easter station collection is available in your  
monthly envelopes.

## **ANNUAL MIGRANTS COLLECTION**

In support of migrant people, whether they are  
coming to Ireland or indeed those Irish who have  
left these shores and are still very much part of our  
church and communities around the world. Funds  
raised through this collection will be used to  
support the work of the Council and other projects  
that provide pastoral outreach to marginalised and  
vulnerable communities within Ireland and among  
Irish people abroad.

## **TROCAIRE BOXES**

Are available at the doors. Please take one home.

## **JUBLIEE – 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD**

A worldwide initiative to encourage opportunities  
for extended periods of Eucharistic Adoration  
before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, as well as  
the Sacrament of Confession.

In St Michael's Church, Portarlinton, Friday  
28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March with Mass and Penitential Service  
at 7 pm on Friday. Other elements include The  
Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy & Adoration  
spread over the 24 hours. Mass Sat morning at 10  
am. Opportunity for confession ending with mass  
at 7 pm on Saturday. Those wishing to volunteer  
for one or two hours of adoration time please

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contact Portarlinton Parish Office on 057-864-3004. All welcome.

In aid of Gavin Flynn Foundation supporting families whose children need cancer treatment abroad which is not available in Ireland. Tickets cost €2/line or 3 lines/€5 available from Ger Kelly Butcher or Edel

## COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANT

Big changes on the way for the Community Centre thanks to the Community Centre Investment Fund 2024. We have secured the highest funding amount available of €100,000 to upgrade the centre. Great work by Mary Rose Corbet, Sabrina Delaney and Francine Ashe in applying and submitting all the paperwork. Upgrades to include energy efficient windows, energy efficient lighting, replacing emergency doors, new changing room facilities with wheelchair accessible showers, public toilet upgrades, kitchen upgrade of ovens, hobs, washer, dryer. Thanks to all who helped and supported this effort.

## CLONASLEE SHOW SOCIETY

Clonaslee Show Society AGM is on Thurs March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the Clonaslee Community Centre. All welcome. We would be delighted to see more people getting involved for this year's show.

## COFFEE MORNING

Coffee morning was a huge success with 31 in attendance. Next Coffee Morning is on Thurs April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am. Sincere thanks to the ladies for scones, chocolate brownies, lovely fruit cake and buns and to all who gave in as well. Thank you to those who set up tables and Shirley for help on the day and to all who washed up, put away tables and chairs, it's much appreciated. It is a lovely social event and all about getting out for a while to meet people and have a chat. Thanks so much to all who came; it was a pleasure to having you all. There is a €2 charge per person to cover light and heating.

## CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clean Up Laois Week is March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>, Clonaslee Tidy Towns ask if anyone who would like to litter pick in an area to contact Patrick on 087-468-4213 for the branded bags and litter pickers. If all groups, organisations, estates and businesses would do their own area, it would be a great help as we only have a few workers. All the main roads entering the village, Brittas Lake and woods will be done. We would appreciate all the help possible. All bags will be collected by AES on Tues April 8<sup>th</sup> inside the barrier at Clonaslee Community Centre.

## EASTER RAFFLE

O'Brien. Draw on Easter Sat 19<sup>th</sup> April at Edel's house, Chapel Street.

## Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner

Past Pupils of the Brigidine Convents of Abbeylax, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are invited to the Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner on Sun 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise at 12:45pm. Cost €50 and booking to be made before Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Sheila Kinane 087-224-944 or 045-867-124 Email: [sheilakinane@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakinane@gmail.com) or Dolores Kavanagh Murray 087-414-8093

## TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 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. 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.

## CE SCHEME VACANCIES

1. Office Assistant Community Centre
2. Groundskeeper/Caretaker Community Centre
3. Receptionist Heritage Centre
4. Horticultural/ Environmental Worker (2)

**Part-time flexible hours. No experience necessary.**

**Accredited training will be provided to support your**

**career. Standard Community Employment pay rates.**

**If interested please contact the Scheme Supervisor on (057)8648277 or**

**email [clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com)**

## COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 23-14-7. €30 winner: Gerry Hogan, Slieve Bloom Park; Brendan O'Gorman, "Lissane"; Jim McEvoy, Slieve Bloom Park; Hillary Fallon, Main Street; Angelina & Larry, c/o Kathleen Blake; Liam Conroy, Afoley. Promoters prize: Hetty Dunne, Edel O'Brien, Ann Rigney. Next week's

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Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093

## **CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 3-7-16-21.

€30 winners: Lorna Garry, Frankie Horan, Colm Downey, Ger, Johnny, Jack, Noreen, Eilish Flynn.

Promoter's prize: Downeys. Next week's Jackpot: €13,750 in Downeys Bar.