

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 24th July 2016

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

CONFESSIONS

Every 1st Friday before 7:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact 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. They also offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on www.mcmmedia.com under Clonaslee Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 30th July: Team A: Ciara Hyland, Christopher Dunne, Gráinne Scully, Ellen Doyle
Sun 31st July: Team A: Aoibhe Mulhall, Paul Mulhall, Emma Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 23rd July – 8 pm

James Heaney, Hillside
Christina Hogan, Chapel Street

Sunday 24th July – 10 am

Thomas O'Brien, Ballinahown
Paddy & Betty Byrne, Cadamstown
Michael Hickey, Slieve Bloom Park & members of the Hickey Family
Teresa Conroy, Shraduff
Brigid & Bill Murray & deceased members of the Murray Family, Coolaboughlan

Saturday 30th July – 8 pm

Matthew Francis Hogan, Hillview
Evelyn McEvoy, Graiguefulla

Sunday 31st July – 10 am

Jim Farrell, The Green

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Irish Wheelchair Association is holding their Church Gate collection next weekend 30th/31st July. Your support is greatly appreciated.

HOLY CROSS

Bus leaving Clonaslee on Thursday Aug 4th at 6 pm. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to 087-212-2766. Bus collects in Rosenallis and Mountmellick.

ALTAR SERVERS

New altar servers are needed, forms available in the sacristy.

DAY TRIP

A bus will be going to Kilkee, Co Clare on Sat July 30th leaving Ballyfin at 8:30 am, collecting in Mountmellick at 8:40 am, Rosenallis at 8:50 am, Clonaslee at 9 am. Departs Kilkee at 5 pm. Seats must be booked through Laois Trip on 057-869-2168 before Wed July 27th. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost for adults, free travel pass, over 16's is €5 return. Under 16 is €3 return.

TIDY TOWNS

Work evenings continue each Tuesday and Thursday starting at 6 pm from the Heritage Centre. It's a full time job weeding, keeping flower beds, painting watering and mowing. If you are near a flower bed, hanging basket or flower planter it would be great help if you could water or weed them. Please sweep early. Cigarette butts are a major problem on Main Street even though there are bins available for disposing the butts. Thank you to all the businesses that sweep and keep the sidewalk tidy. Church gate collection total including private donations is €602. Thank you to all who contributed. This money goes towards buying flowers, trees, paying refuse collection, spray and many other things. Our thanks to Adrian Dunne of Dunnes Nursery for replacing flower baskets that were taken. Adrian is open daily including Sunday. He has a great price on nonstop begonias at the moment.

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RAMBLING HOUSE FESTIVAL

All roads lead to An Sean Chistin, Rambling House and Cultural Centre this week for what promises to be an amazing celebration. Starting on Mon July 25th with an outdoor céilí at An Sean Chistin at 8:30 pm, music by Danny Webster. Tues July 26th Open House Session at 8pm with special guest Sam O'Doherty, All Ireland Champion accordionist and social dance musician. Wed July 27th Maureen will teach the popular traditional step dances, Garden of Daisies from 11am-4pm, céilí in Community Centre at 8:30 pm. Thurs July 28th a guided Slieve Bloom walk, assemble at Community Centre 2 pm. All abilities welcome, returning at 5 pm. Also on Thursday at 8 pm, it's our Laois Matters Occasion when we celebrate the music, songs, dance, poetry and stories of Co Laois. Fri July 29th from 11am – 4 pm there will be a sean-nós and brush dancing workshop with all ages and abilities welcome. Sat July 30th set dancing workshop 11am – 4 pm. Bring a packed lunch to these occasions. Free tea and coffee. Sun July 31st from 7-9 pm in the Community Centre there will be a special session when visitors from as far away as Japan will entertain. Monster céilí on Bank Holiday Mon Aug 1st at 2:30 pm to complete the week's celebrations. Enquiries to Maureen 087-648-2038.

ARD EIREANN FESTIVAL 2016

The Slieve Bloom Ard Eireann Festival was an ancient pre-harvest festival and was revived 6 years ago by The Slieve Bloom Association. The Ard Eireann Festival begins with a bus tour around the Slieve Bloom Mountains on Sat July 30th. Archaeologist Sean Murray will be the tour guide for the day. Bus leaves Mountmellick at 10 am, with collection in Portlaoise at 10:15 am. The tour will visit Clonenagh, Monahincha, near Roscrea, Seir Keiran, Tober Lughna, Cadamstown and Castlecuffe with lunch in Borris-in-Ossory. The bus tour returns at 5pm. The cost of the tour is €20 and includes lunch. Under 12's are €10. To book your tickets for the Slieve Bloom bus tour call Barry 087-206-1673 or Carole 087-135-0555. On Sun July 31st, is the climb to the top of Ard Eireann (Arderin).

Meeting at the Poet's Cottage in Camross at 2 pm to drive to Glen Kitt. With two walking routes to Arderin available, it should suit most abilities. Returning to Srahan, after the climb, for refreshments and entertainment. This day is free but a donation from attendees is greatly appreciated. For further information www.slievebloomassociation.com

PILGRIMAGE 2017

Kildare & Leighlin 2017 Pilgrimage to Lourdes 16th – 21st July 2017. Cost €719 from Dublin return. Full board, single room supplement: €175, limited number. Application forms are available through Diocesan website. 1040 beds are booked. Nurses, able-bodied men and women needed to work as hand maidens (making up beds, serving food, cleaning up) and Bombardier (pushing wheelchairs to baths & Grotto). Fr Liam Lawton will have choir practices with choir members travelling. Training provided and Garda vetting required for those working with vulnerable adults.

Clonaslee Community Centre CE Scheme

Clonaslee Community Centre CE Scheme requires a caretaker/cleaner for the Clonaslee Community Centre, also environmental workers to work on the local CE scheme. 19.5 hrs per week. Interested parties please contact Mick, Supervisor on 057-864-8277.

SECURITY

Parishioners do not leave valuables in your car when attending mass or visiting cemeteries.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 21-18-10.

€30 winners: Mary Murphy, Kilmanman; Andrew Horan, Wranglestown; Tom Foynes, Ballykaneen; Pat Bourke, Capparogan; Ritchi9e O'Keeffe, Brittas; Jim McManus, Coolagh. Promoter's prize: S Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Blake, Mick Fallon. Next week's Jackpot: €1,100.

CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-7-15-22.

€40 winners: Johnny Barnett, Rose and Hannah Smith, Mick Fallon, Murt Flynn, Peter and Eamon Dunne. Promoter's prize: Post Office. Next week's Jackpot: €1,900.