

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday - Holy Week

Sunday 24th March 2024

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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Breslin, Glenkeen

Bridie & Tom O'Brien, Ballinahown

Martin & Margaret Delaney, Scaroon

Saturday 30th March – 8 pm

Liam, Larry, William, Elizabeth Flynn,

Garryheather

Paddy & Jack Conroy, Garryheather

Sunday 31st March – 10 am

Frank & Alice Kennedy, Shracullen & Lorrha

Tom Flynn, The Glebe & members of the Flynn

Family

Pray for Mary Brigid Casey, Cush who died during the past week.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed 9:30 am

Holy Thursday 8 pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 3 pm

Both in Church and Outdoor, weather permitting

Good Friday 8 pm

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9:30 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: Holy Thurs: Team C

Good Friday: Team A

30th/31st March – Easter: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 23rd March - 6pm

James & Margaret Dunne & members of the

Dunne family, Corbally

Tom Smith, Bellair

Peter Hyland, The Green

Sunday 24th March – 10 am

Patrick & Mary Delaney, Coolagh, daughters

Kathleen & Claire, & great grandson Patrick

McDonald

Bernard & Ann Breslin, Lar Breslin, Sister Finbar

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Penitential Service for Easter will be on Tues 26th March at 8pm. In Rosenallis at 7 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

Saturday night mass reverts back to 8 pm from 30th March onwards

EASTER COLLECTION

Easter collection next weekend 30th/31st March.

Please use your monthly envelopes.

CASTLECUFFE CAKE SALE

Castlecuffe Parents' Assoc are holding a cake sale after Mass on both 30th Mar & 31st Mar.

Safe yourself Easter Baking by purchasing homemade treats.

LOCAL CEMETERY

Please bring away any old wreaths, grass trimmings, weeds etc when cleaning up your graves over Easter. Don't dump them in the graveyard.

CAROL NOLAN

Carol Nolan will hold her last Clonaslee Clinic in the hall on 28th March 6-7 pm. Please support her.

EASTER RAFFLE

In aid of 'We're Doing It For Dennedy' with 10 fantastic prizes. Tickets cost €2/ strip or 3 strips/ €5 available in shops or contact Edel O'Brien.

Draw takes place 30th March at 12 noon at Edel's.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

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Clean Up Laois Week will take place from April 1st -5th with collection date from AES on Tuesday

Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Scheme 2023-2026. One to One Information Sessions on Tues March 26th from 6-7 p.m. Book your place by emailing rdunne@laoiscoco.ie or call 057-866-4016. In *The Gallery* for the month of April 'Meanderings of a Colourful Mind', an exhibition of paintings by Olivia O'Keeffe, Martina Furlong

April 9th inside the barrier on the grass at Clonaslee Community Centre. The rubbish must be in the branded blue bags which are available from Patrick on 087-468-4213. Anyone who would like to participate and litter pick in their area can make contact. All help appreciated.

and Marja van Kampen. All are welcome. Are you up for a *ten-minute drama/ play challenge-write, direct and produce your own script?*

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

Mountmellick Arts Collective is inviting submissions for their upcoming fringe weekend. They meet every Thurs around 11 am. Keep an eye out for upcoming news of the weekend which will include workshops.

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

Email mountmellickfringe@gmail.com *Crochet and Knitting Group* meet every Thurs at 11 am to create and chat together. 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. If interested, call 057-864-4572 for more information. Please note there will be *no baby book club* over the Easter Holidays. It will resume on Tues April 16th at 10:30 am. *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. It's also fine to just come and listen on Wed March 27th at 11 am. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie to find out more.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Please note Mountmellick Library *will close* from 5:30 pm on Thurs March 28th and re-open on Tues April 2nd at 10 am. Easter Events: Tues March 26th at 3 pm, *family story time* for 0-7-year-olds and accompanying adults. Wed March 27th, *Peter Rabbit treasure trail* from 11 am to 1 pm. Thurs March 28th, Pop up parent and child *Easter craft table* from 11 am to 1 pm until stock lasts. Fri April 5th, from 12- 1 pm, *song and story time* with Sarah Sparkles. Booking essential. Suitable for 4-7-year-olds and accompanying adults. Sat April 6th, *LEGO free play* from 11- 1 pm. *Ciorcál Comhrá* -Gach Máirt sa Leabharlann Mointeach Mílic ag 6.00. Comhrá agus craic agus cupán tae.! Fáilte roimh gach leibheál. *Irish Conversation Circle*: Every Tues at 6 pm. *History talk*: Join us on Tues April 9th at 7 pm for a talk on Irish Immigrants in Michigan. *EU Just Transition Fund*

Jackpot won, congratulations to K Dunne, Clonaslee on winning €650. Winning no: 5-3-15. €30 winners: Mary Rose Corbet, Fionuala McManus, Coolagh; Deirdre & Susie, c/o N Smith; Laura Slevin, Clonaslee; Fionuala McManus, Coolagh, Julie Davis, Gurteen. Promoter's prize: Dolores Murray, Edel O'Brien, Eileen Digan. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty

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Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra prizes next week
for Easter.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-8-14-24.

€30 winners: Annette Scully, Joseph & Amy

Digan, George Leech, Pdraig Dunne, Tom

McRedmond. Promoters Prize: Hogans.

Next week's Jackpot: €6,100 in Fallons Bar.