

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday 24th July 2022

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If you wish to book the Parochial Hall, contact John on 083-471-2546.

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 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: 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> July: Team A**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 8 pm**

James Heaney, Hillside

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July – 10 am**

Michael, Michéal, Dan & Sarah Maher,  
Graigueafulla

Marie Conroy, Shraduff

Eamon, Sadie & Patrick Kennedy, Cloonagh

Tom & Bridie O'Brien, Ballinahown

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July – 8 pm**

Matthew Francis Hogan, Hillside

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July – 10 am**

Christina Hogan, Chapel Street

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS**

#### PAROCHIAL HALL

#### VISITATION OF THE SICK

*Please note change of days.*

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Mon & Tues 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Aug at the usual time.

#### World Day For Grandparents & Elderly

This Sunday we celebrate our grandparents and elderly. The theme is *"In old age they will still bear fruit"* Psalm 92:15. Grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift for society.

#### REEK SUNDAY

The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage is on Sun July 31<sup>st</sup> at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30 am – 2 pm, Mass hourly from 8 am to 2 pm.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES OUTING

The annual outing will take place Thurs Aug 25<sup>th</sup>. Leaving Clonaslee at 8 am – *please note change of time*, with a stop at Toughers Restaurant, Naas for tea and scones. We will travel on to Glasnevin Museum and then to the Botanic Gardens. We will return to Liffey Valley Shopping Centre and evening dinner at Toughers Restaurant. Lots of prizes on the way with a free raffle. Total cost €35. Names must be in by Aug 15<sup>th</sup> to book the tour. Contact Secretary Maura on 087-212-2766 or John 083-471-2546.

#### CONVERSATION CLASSES

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7- 8:30 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee, English classes for our Ukrainian community will be held each Tuesday. We are seeking volunteers to help with the running of these classes. The classes are conversation based; all you need to be able to do is chat. Can you help each week or every second week? For more information contact Mags on 086-866-8820.

#### TIDY TOWNS NATIONAL JUDGING

First round of National Judging has concluded in the Tidy Towns National Competition. If Clonaslee is worth a second visit judges will return in August. We will continue to look after

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our village keeping it litter free and welcoming to all. We wish to thank all who are watering flowers or beds near them and all local businesses for their support. Please dispose of your face mask in the bins and do not throw it on the ground. Please

pick up after your dog using the Mutt Mitt bag Dispensers in the village. Thanks to CE workers for all their help. Work evenings continue Tuesdays and Thursdays meeting at 7pm at Clonaslee Heritage Centre.

#### **PRIDE OF PLACE**

First round of Judging has taken place in 2022 Pride of Place Awards organised by Tullamore Credit Union. Feedback received on the first judging: *Tidiness & Litter Control* – tidy bit of litter in the centre of the village but in general a lovely feeling of tidiness & cleanliness – keep it up. *Landscaping & Open Places* – the open areas in the village centre were all clean & tidy; the seats in the square obviously recently painted – keep it up. *Wildlife & Natural Amenities* – great use of colour and beautiful flowers throughout the village – plenty of birdsong to be heard. *Creativity & Special Features* – new seated area and signage in the centre look great; the church area looks fabulous, as well as the old bicycle flower display – Keep it up and looking forward to seeing the completed signage area. *Environmental Aspect* – good use of stones & old blocks for the flowerbeds; up cycling the old bicycle is great. Second Round of Judging continues with Pride of Place 2022.

#### **BEST VILLAGE**

Clonaslee Village will also take part in the Best Village competition organised by Laois Federation of Tidy Towns which includes all tidy towns groups in Laois. Judging will take place August 2<sup>nd</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. We ask everyone to keep up the great work being done.

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Volunteer drivers needed from 1 to 2 Monday to Friday. If you have spare time that would be great. Contact Dolores: 087 4148093.

#### **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.*

#### **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

We are hosting a *Cumann na mBan* exhibition for the month of July. The exhibition is bringing back into the light women's experience of the revolutionary period. *Summer Stars 2022* for children up to 12 years of age and it's free. Register for a reading card and get a free bag. Do you have a child starting primary school in September? Drop into your local library to collect your "My Little Library Book Bag" which contains three books on starting school, making friends and being comfortable to be yourself to help children to navigate starting school. Join us for *stories, songs and rhymes the whole family can enjoy* on Tues July 19<sup>th</sup>, Tues Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thurs Aug 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am for ages 0-7. 11:30 am. Limited places so booking essential. Pick up a *treasure hunt page* at the desk and follow the clues around the library. Starts at 10:30 am on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> till lunchtime. For all ages no need to book. *Teddy Bears Picnic*, join us with your teddy for fun with songs, stories, and rhymes on Tues Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm for ages 0-5 years. Booking essential. *Lego Free Play* Saturdays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If interested in any of the above events, contact Mountmellick Library, call 057-864-4572 or email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

#### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot won, congratulations to Ann Mathews, Camross on winning €2,150. Winning no: 7-14-11. €30 winners: Jimmy Carroll, Hillview; Susan Flynn, The Green; Liz Kennedy, Clonaslee; Edel O'Brien, Chapel Street; Phil Davis, Gurteen; Mary Harrington, c/o S Fitzpatrick. Promoter's prize: Ger Kelly, Hickeys, S Langford. Next week's

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Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

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

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 11-21-22-23.

€40 winners: Ann Casey, Gordon Murphy, Liam

Conroy. Promoter's prize: Hickeys. Next week's

Jackpot: €11,350 in Fallons Bar.