

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 25th February 2024

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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1st Communion programme is next Sunday 3rd February during 10 am mass.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9:45 am

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30 am

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: 2nd/3rd March: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 24th February – 6 pm

Mary & Tom McCann, Glebe & members of the McCann Family

Tom & Winnie Delaney, Brocca

Saturday 2nd March – 6 pm

Loretta Dunne, Main Street

Sunday 3rd March – 10 am

Noreen Foyne, Ballykaneen

WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES

During Lent mass will be held at 9:30 am to facilitate parents dropping children to school.

Why not do something extra for Lent and attend weekday mass.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs 29th Feb & Fri – 1st March at the usual times.

ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 1st March from 10 am – 1 pm.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Float Applications are OPEN for our 2024 St Patrick's Parade which takes place on Patrick's Day 17th at 12 noon commencing from Clonaslee Community Centre. All floats can assemble from 11am at the Community Centre. Float Categories on the Day include: Best Vintage, Best Dressed Dog, Best Club / School, Most Original, Most Entertaining. There is a whopping €600 CASH PRIZE and a Trophy for the Best Overall Float on the Day. AND €150 CASH PRIZE and a Trophy for 1st prize in Each Section. Entries are FREE to enter. Donations will be accepted in the Community Centre on the day. We would like assistance with more Stewarding on the Day, if you can lend a hand, please make contact with us. Any enquiries can be directed to Brendan on 087-967-5054 or Ronan on 085-148-2296 or through private message on our Facebook page. This group meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm in the Clonaslee Community Centre to organise the upcoming St Patrick's Day parade. All are welcome to join us.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT / ROOF ACCOUNT

Thank you all for your generous support to date towards the church roof. The concert income from tickets, donations and raffle was €25,397.70. We were very fortunate with sponsorship and expenses for management, advertising, printing of tickets/posters/signs, catering and port-a-loos was €8,120.58 giving us a very healthy start of €17,277.12 towards the roof.

CAROL NOLAN TD

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Carol Nolan will be in the Parochial Hall on Thursday February 29th from 6 – 7 pm to discuss any issues you may have.

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 Londs 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

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns held their AGM recently. 2023 was a successful year with a 13 point increase in the National Entry. Secretary Patrick thanked all for their help and support, local businesses and residents who assist in keeping their local areas, CE supervisor Francine Ashe and all CE participants for their work, Local organisations especially St Patrick's Day Parade Committee who gave two hard evenings work, Laois County Council and all their staff in the Community, Roads, Environmental and Planning sections and local Cllr Seamus McDonald who does a lot for Tidy Towns. A detailed Treasurers report was provided to the meeting outlining all Income and Expenditure for 2023. Election of Officers for the following year are: Chairperson John Callaghan, Secretary Patrick Blake and Treasurer Maura O Gorman.

TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns and CCDA recently got 'The Millennial Stone', on The Green, cleaned and lettering repainted. It is a lovely piece of stonework dedicated to members of the community erected many years ago at the Community Centre.

EASTER RAFFLE

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

YOGA

Tuesday Yoga class in Gaelscoil an Eiscir Riada, Tullamore at 6 pm with Patricia McLoughlin. Call 085-875-1431 to book a place.

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.

Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More information call 057-869-2168

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

The Gallery will host Roksana Rohovska's exhibition during March. Roksana works with oil, pastels, acrylics and wool and is inspired by nature, in particular flowers. *Pop-Up Gaeltacht!* Caint, Ceol, Litríocht agus Tae/Caife, 12ú Máirt ag 6-7 in Leabharlann Móinteach Milic. Bígí Linn! Fáilte roimh gach leibhéal. *Baby Book Club* takes place on Tues mornings at 10:30 am for ages 0-3 years. *Adult book club* is on every month. *Short story club* meeting is Tues March 26th at 11 am. *Junior book clubs: 4-6 year olds* next meeting on Tues March 12th at 3:30 pm, *7-9 year olds* on Tues March 5th at 3:30 pm and *10-12 year olds* on Tues March 5th at 4 pm. *Shared reading groups* bring people together to talk, laugh and share. *Lego Free Play* on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Mountmellick Arts Collective meet on Thurs mornings. *The Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. You can borrow the kit for 2 weeks.

Contact us to be added to the waiting list. If interested in any of the above and find out more call 057-864-4572 or

email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 24-5-7.

€30 winners: Julie Davis, Gurteen; Maura Gorman, Clonaslee; Patricia Costello, Clonaslee; Ann Gleeson, c/o Hogans; J Barrett, Clonaslee; John Cusack, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Dolores Murray, Mary O'Keeffe, Sheila Bourke. Next week's Jackpot: €1,250. Lotto gift vouchers

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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: 5-8-9-10.

€30 winners: Christy/ Fintan, Ciara McFadden c/o

P Costello, Gordan Murphy, Joseph/Amy Digan,

Sarah/James O'Brien. Promoter's prize: K Flynn.

Next week's Jackpot: €5,500 in Downeys Bar.