

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs & Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March in the mornings.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10 am

Friday – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6 pm

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 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: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March: Team A**

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 6 pm**

Tom & Winnie Delaney, Brocca  
Mary Daly, Castlecuffe & all the Daly Family  
Mary & Tom McCann, Glebe & all deceased relatives

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 10 am**

Loretta Dunne, Main Street  
James Dunne, Main Street  
Pat Young, Hillside

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 10 am**

Annie & Martin Flynn, Ross

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 6 pm**

Noreen Foyne, Ballykaneen

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

### ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

### 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

*Confirmation* programme continues next Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6 pm mass. *1<sup>st</sup> Communion* programme continues Sun 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am mass.

### Simple acronym on the word LENT:

L – to do with less

E – to examine our life and make amends

N – to say 'No' not in a negative way, but in the knowledge that denying ourselves sometimes is good for us

T – to give God a little more time this year, it might be making Mass more often, it could be saying a prayer as we walk, drive or go out for a run.

### PARISH ENVELOPES

The monthly and weekly envelopes have been delivered. If you did not receive a box and would like one, contact Annette Doolan on 087-988-1046 or talk to Fr O'Reilly after mass times.

### CLONASLEE ST PATRICK'S PARADE

On St Patrick's Day at 12 noon sharp. Grand Marshal is Garrett Culliton, Paralympian.

Assembly at the Community Centre from 11 am. €500 cash prize for Best Overall Float, €100 cash prizes for category winners including Best Vintage, Best Dressed Dog, Best Club/School, Most Original, Most Entertaining. Enquiries contact Brendan 087-967-5054 or Ronan 085-148-2296.

### TIDY TOWNS

We appeal to people to please be responsible and clean up after your dog. There are Mit Bins at Hillview, Slieve Bloom Park and Brittas Avenue, please take one when you go walking and do not expect someone else to clean up after your pet. We request you put your masks in the bin.

### CLONASLEE COMMUNITY ALERT

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Your €10 fee is now due for Text Alert. Please give it to Matt Barrett, Chairman. Anyone who requires a Monitor Alarm, please contact the committee.

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

#### **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

The *Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. If you wish to be added to the waiting list for this

#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Please be very vigilant. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. There have been two incidents recently. Use your peep hole and press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand. Report anything suspicious to the Gardi.

#### **CONVERSATION GROUP**

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7- 8 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Ukrainian English conversation group. The night is 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.

#### **ROAD REPAIRS**

If the road in your area needs repairs, contact Laois County Council - Roads Department on 057-86 6-4000.

#### **MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL**

The Festival is from 3 – 10<sup>th</sup> March with 8 drama groups performing. Tickets €15, nightly at 8 pm.

#### **BINGO**

In Graiguecullen on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb in St.Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Over €12,000 in prize money. Jackpot on 50 numbers €6,160. Double number €1,930. Lotto €1,050.

#### **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.* **New 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.

item call 057-864-4572. Campaign against *period poverty*, free sanitary products are available in bathrooms of Mountmellick, Portlaoise and Abbeyleix libraries. *Writing* space Thurs mornings where people can meet to write or journal. *Age Friendly Laois*: Free to collect at Mountmellick Library: *I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) cards* provide valuable information to emergency first responders. An *information booklet* to services for older persons in Laois. Keep up to date with all our events by following *Laois Libraries Facebook page*. The *Gallery* is hosting Laois based artist Orla McDonagh. The pieces are acrylic painted works and ceramic pieces. *Book clubs* for all ages; babies 0-3 years, juniors 8-12 years and adult book club. *Young adult online book club* over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572.

#### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot won, congratulations to Billy Crossan c/o N Dunne on winning €650. Winning no: 16-23-11 €30 winners: John Comerford, Brocca; Olive & Jim Gallagher, c/o Hickeys; Killian & Oisín Dunne, c/o N Dunne; Josh Flynn, Main Street; Afra & Clodiagh, c/o K Blake; Annette Doolan, Castlecuffe. Promoter's prize: Pat Dunne, Pat Dunne, C Horan. Next week's 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: 1-9-12-16.

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€40 winners: John Callaghan, Caomhan

Sherridan, Clara, Denis Foynes. Promoter's prize:

D Callaghan. Next week's Jackpot: €15,850 in

Fallons Bar.