

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 26th March 2023

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs Fri 10 am

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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

EUCHARIST: 1st/2nd April: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 25th March – 6 pm

Tom & Pauline Horan, & their daughter Lorraine Hogan, The Square

James & Margaret Dunne, Corbally & members of the Dunne Family

Peter Hyland, The Green & members of the Hyland & Delaney Families

Sunday 26th March – 10 am

Bridie & Tom O'Brien, Ballinahown

Margaret & Martin Delaney, Scaroon

Joe & Peggy Corcoran, Castlecuffe

Peter, Marie, & Margaret Casey, & deceased members of the Casey Family, Broughla

Jim, Elizabeth & Eamon Conroy, Boyle

Saturday 1st April – 6 pm

Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Tullamore & Clonaslee

Sunday 2nd April – 10 am

Alice & Frank Kennedy, Shracullen & Lorrach

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Confirmation day special for the 51 students who were confirmed by the Bishop.

MASS TIMES

Please note starting Sat April 15th Mass will be at 8 pm on Saturdays and 10 am on Sundays with weekday mass at 9 am daily.

CONGRATULATIONS

A fantastic day was had by all at the St Patrick's Day Parade. The weather was kind and the crowds came out to enjoy the entertainment. The competition results are Best Dressed Dog: Dierdre O'Meara. Best club/School: Scoil Bhríde, Clonaslee. Most Original: Eamonn Flanagan. Most Entertaining: Ballyboy Community Development. Best Vintage: Ger Hyland. Best Overall Winner: The Wright Brothers. Thank you to the hard working committee and everyone who helped out in any way to make our parade a brilliant success.

CAROL NOLAN TD

Carol Nolan TD will be in the Parochial Hall on Thurs March 30th from 6 -7 pm if you have anything to discuss.

THANK YOU

Dolores Murray thanks everyone for supporting the Clothes Collections. €1,582.70 was raised in 2021 for the Community Development. €1,603.60 was raised in 2022 for the Community Development. €250 was raised for the 2022 Seniors Christmas Party.

TIDY TOWNS

Please dispose of masks in the bins in the village and not on the ground. There are 3 mutt mitt dispensers in the village for cleaning up after your dog. A fine can be issued for €150 by Laois County Council for not cleaning up after your

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dog. Clean Up Laois Week 2023 takes place April 17th-21st where Tidy Towns group gather litter.

and Free Travel Pass Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More information call 057-869-2168

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

A showing of the *Ripple Effect* film in the Library on Tues March 28th. Tea/coffee at 7 pm and film shown 7:30-8 pm. *Pop up parent and craft table*

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be very vigilant. Please use your panic button and peephole at all times. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. 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.

'FITNESS FOR ALL' BOOTCAMP

Come join us in the Heritage Centre, *please note new location*, on Saturdays from 11 am – 12 pm. Bring a towel, water and a friend. All ages and abilities welcome.

PARISH / COMMUNITY LOTTO

Would you like to join the Lotto? 5 weeks for €10 or 10 Weeks for €20 at a time. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

If you have bags of clothes ready for collection, please contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

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.

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. Sunday: 8:43, 12:53, 16:58, 20:23. Cost €4 return

on Tues April 4th from 10:30 am until stocks last. *Peter Rabbit Treasure Hunt* on Wed April 5th from 11 am – 1 pm. Call to the desk to pick up the clues. *Family Story time* on Thurs April 6th at 10:30 am for an Easter family story time and songs. *Road Safety Talk* on Tues April 11th at 11:30 am which covers pedestrian safety, cycle safety and driver safety. 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. The *Gallery* is hosting Laois based artist Orla McDonagh. The pieces are acrylic painted works and ceramic pieces. *Book clubs* for all ages; Baby book club will not meet April 4, 11, 18 but will resume April 25th, juniors 8-12 years meeting Tues March 28th at 4 pm. and adult book club is reading Louise Nealon's *Snowflake* for March. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. For further info or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 12-16-8.

€30 winners: Tommy Tynan, Clonaslee; Seamie & Caitriona, c/o Hickeys; Mary Hogan, Hillside; Ann Gleeson, c/o Hogans Shop; Pat Dunne, Ballymacrory; Ml McRedmond, Clarahill. Promoter's prize: Nuala Smith, Kathleen Blake, Maura O'Gorman. Next week's Jackpot: €950. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from

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Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty

Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 3-10-23-27.

€40 winners: Pdraig Dunne, James Murray, The

Rowneys. Promoter's prize: Hogans.

Next week's Jackpot: €16,450 in Hickeys Bar.