

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 27th February 2022

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am

Ash Wednesday 10 am & 7:30 pm

1st Friday 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCCHARIST: 2nd March, Ash Wed: Team D
5th/6th March: Team A**

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 26th February – 8 pm

Months Mind, Attracta Fallon, Derryguile & Clonaslee

Loretta Dunne, Main Street

Sunday 27th February – 10 am

Noreen Foyne, Ballykaneen

Tuesday 1st March – 10 am

Annie Flynn & her husband Martin Flynn, Ross

Pray for Claire Brady nee Delaney, England & Coolagh

Loretta Woodgate nee Hyland, Headford, Galway & Main Street, Clonaslee both who died during the past week.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs 3rd March and Fri 4th March in the mornings.

ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 4th March from 10:30 am – 7 pm.

1st HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The 1st communion programme is on next weekend at both masses. Children are asked to leave their candles on the table on the altar.

SYNOD NEWS

Pope Francis is offering us a new way of being church, the synodal pathway, of walking together more closely and being a church that is hope-filled, despite its many challenges. And this is not cliché or jargon; we need each other, now more than ever.

HELP NEEDED

We need basket collectors during mass. Please contact Fr O'Reilly if you are interested/willing.

DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE

Defibrillator course will take place in the church soon. If interested, contact Dolores 087-414-8093.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

If there are any outstanding sponsorship/donations please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or post to Capparogan Clonaslee.

CLONASLEE SHOW

Show meeting on Tuesday, March 1st at 8 pm in the Community Centre. We really need new volunteers to get involved, especially from our younger community-based enthusiasts. Volunteering doesn't require being at all meetings. We the committee, just want to know we will have enough help the week/ day of the Show for a successful event. Please encourage

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family and friends to get involved. Contact:
clonasleeshow@gmail.com

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Thursday March 17th at 12 noon Clonaslee St
Patrick's Day Parade will be a day to remember.
€100 + Glass trophy for Best Overall Float. Other

categories and prizes include: Best Club/School
Float; Most Entertaining Float; Best Vintage;
Most Original Float; Best Dressed Dog. Free
entry. Registration of all floats will take place in
the Community Centre from 10:30 am on
Thursday March 17th with the parade kicking off
at 12 noon. To book in your float, contact Ronan
085-148-2296 or Brendan 087-967-5054.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Are you over 65 or on Disability Benefit? Meals
available Mon-Fri, €5 per day- 2 course. Contact
Tina on 057-936-2755.

Volunteer drivers needed to deliver meals. Are
you free for 1 day a week or fortnight from 1 pm –
2:15pm Mon- Fri? Contact Dolores 087-414-8093

TIDY TOWNS

Please clean up after your dogs. It's a disgrace
with dog waste on the footpaths, grass, _
everywhere. There are three dog mitts installed
around the village so there is no excuse, take one,
clean up and bin it.

AYENGAR YOGA

Yoga in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee on
Mondays from 6 – 7:15 pm. Cost is €10, pay as
you go. Everyone very welcome.

A DIFFERENT ERA

A book written by Fr Thomas O'Reilly 'A
Different Era, Life in a Small Village' is now
available in local shops, costing €10.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Anyone who has not paid their Text Alert fee can
do so by giving it to Matt Barrett, Chairperson.
Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not
entertain callers to your door. Press the panic
button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24
hours and always on hand.

LAOIS OFFALY RURAL LOCAL LINK

You must book your seat the evening before as it
is a door-to-door service. The bus travels to
Portlaoise on Tues and Fri and to Tullamore on
Thurs leaving at 9:30 am. To book your seat
phone 057-869-2168 or 083-012-0836.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Festival will take place 4th – 11th March,
commencing nightly 8 pm. Tickets €12 on door.
Beauty Queen of Leenane; Brighton; Chapatti;
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest; Rabbit Hole;
Little Gem; Eurydice; God of Carnage.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Junior Book Club: Story explorers wanted from
ages 8-12 years of age for some fun, facts and
fiction. Mary Slevin from *Mount Henry Art
Studios* will be *exhibiting* her own work in the
gallery for the month of March. Laois Libraries to
host an evening of *mindfulness and poetry* with
Orlaith O'Sullivan on Wed March 23rd at 7 pm.
Places are limited for this workshop. The
Tovertafel table is a table with interactive light
projection games specially designed for those with
dementia, cognitive challenges, autism and
learning difficulties. Booking is essential-there are
30-minute slots available. The *Short and Sweet
Book Club* meet once a month to discuss two/three
short stories. We will be starting an *Adult book
club* soon. *Baby Book Club* online on Laois
Libraries Facebook page on Tuesdays at 10:30
am. *Sensory Resource Collection:* This service is
for parents of children with additional needs who
live in Co. Laois. If interested in any of the above
notices call Mountmellick Library on 057-864-
4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-7-1. €30 winners:
Jim Multany, Clonaslee; Dolores Murray,
Clonaslee; Nonc Finnamore, Rosenallis; Tricia
Bracken, Clonaslee; Kathleen Blake, Clonaslee;
Liam Conroy, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Sheila

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Bourke, Hetty Dunne, Matt Barrett. Next week's
Jackpot: €950. Give a gift card for birthdays or a
special occasion. Lotto gift vouchers can be
purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093
or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.