

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 27th March 2022

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Pray for Tom Horan, The Square and Martin Dunne, Birmingham formerly of Gurteen, Rosenallis, both who died during the past week.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am

1st Friday 7:30 pm

Please note new morning mass time

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.

EUCHARIST: 2nd/3rd April: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 26th March – 8 pm

James & Margaret Dunne & members of the Dunne Family, Corbally
Peter Hyland, The Green

Sunday 27th March – 10 am

Peter Casey Broughla & deceased members of the Casey Family

Bridie & Tom O'Brien, Ballinahown
Margaret & Martin Delaney, Scaroon

Saturday 2nd April – 8 pm

Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Bellair & Tullamore

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs 31st March and Fri 1st April in the mornings.

ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 1st April from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The 1st communion programme is on next weekend at both masses.

Special Collection for Ukraine:

This weekend is a Special Collection to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you

SYNOD NEWS

If you would like to have your say on the future of the church come to The Hares Corner, MDA Mountmellick on Monday 28th March at 7:30 pm.

CASTLECUFFE NS CLOTHES

COLLECTION

Castlecuffe NS Parents Association clothes collection is fund raising to support our children in upcoming activities with a portion of the funds raised also going to support families displaced from Ukraine. We accept all clean clothing, paired shoes, curtains, towels, bedlinen *no pillows or duvets*. Parents will be in the school carpark to collect your donations on Wed March 30th before

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and after school and on Thurs March 31st before school. Your support is appreciated.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Spring clean-up week April 18th – 22nd. Please register with the environment section of Laois County Council. The litter will be collected in

Clonaslee on April 26th. When you register, gloves, bags, litter pickers will be provided. Phone 057-867-4322 or email cleanupwk@laoiscoco.ie

ACCOMODATION NEEDED

Accommodation being sought by a Ukrainian woman and her 16 and 17 year old daughters. Please contact Clonaslee College on 057-864-8044 if you can help.

THANK YOU

Clonaslee St Patrick's Parade wish to thank all our sponsors for their generous support to assist in the running of the parade. A word of thanks to the community of Clonaslee, all who participated with floats, stewards who helped set up the street on the morning and during the parade, those who provided refreshments for the stewards, Grand Marshal Eileen Dunne and family for attending our parade, CCDA for allowing us to use the Community Centre, An Garda Siochana, Civil Defense and local residents for their cooperation. Here is to our 2023 parade.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns will hold their AGM on Thurs March 31st at 8 pm in the Clonaslee Heritage Centre to discuss plans for 2022. A new Secretary is required for Clonaslee to enter in the National Competition this year. Without a secretary, no entry will be submitted in 2022. We are actively looking for new volunteers to come and help. It doesn't have to be during our work

evenings, it can be anytime that suits you to gather litter or weed flower beds. You can get litter pickers, bags and gloves from the committee.

Anyone interested in coming on board or have any queries can contact any of the committee John Callaghan, Maura O'Gorman or Patrick Blake or by phone on 087-468-4213 or email clonasleetidytowns14@gmail.com

EASTER RAFFLE

In aid of Hugh's house for families of critically ill children. In loving memory of baby Thomas Campbell. 10 prizes in total. Tickets €2 per strip/3 strips €5. Draw at Edel O'Brien's on Easter Saturday at 12 noon. Tickets can be purchased from Edel or Ger Kelly's Butcher and the Post Office. Thank you for the support.

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 LIBRARY

Survey: Laois Libraries are looking for those aged 55 and over to help them improve their library services. Fill out a short questionnaire at your local library during April and May. Sensory Room is for the use of children and adults with additional needs with their parent/carer present. For information contact Mountmellick Library at 057-864-4572 *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* for the month of March. 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

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CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-10-23.

€30 winners: A.M. Crossan c/o N Dunne; Mary Rose Corbet, Ballykaneen; Finbar Rosney, Larrigan; Teresa Conroy, Broughla; PV Dunne, Chapel Street; Paddy Digan, Coolagh. Promoter's prize: Nuala Smith, Chris Horan, Eileen Digan.

Next week's Jackpot: €1,550. 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