

*ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER*  
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*  
*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

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**LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS**

**MASS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBCAM.**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am**

**Holy Thursday 8 pm**

**Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 3 pm**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion 8 pm**

**Saturday Easter Vigil Mass – Lighting of**

**Paschal Fire & Blessing of Easter Water 8 pm**

**Easter Sunday 10 am**

You can watch live mass feed on  
[www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) under Clonaslee Parish daily at  
9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am.

**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.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 8 pm**

**Months Mind, Loretta Dunne, Main St**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 10 am**

**Bridget & Thomas O'Brien, Ballinahown**

**Margaret & Martin Delaney, Scaroon**

**Elizabeth, Jim & Eamonn Conroy, Boyle**

**Peter Hyland, The Green**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 8 pm**

**Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Bellair & Tullamore**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 10 am**

**Joe Young, Chapel Street**

**NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on [www.clonasleeparish.com](http://www.clonasleeparish.com) See **[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)** for up to date news & resources.

**ENVELOPES**

**Thanks** to all for your generous donations to the Parish and Clergy. Your envelopes may be left at the Parochial House.

**FUNERALS**

It is important the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed the current guideline which is *10 people*.

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES**

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations to the church before masses during Easter celebrations. Do not leave them in the Church at other times.

**EASTER COLLECTION**

Easter collection is next weekend. Please use your purple envelope for this purpose.

**CHRISM MASS 2021**

You are invited to join Bishop Denis for the celebration of the Chrism Mass which can be viewed via Kildare and Leighlin Facebook page and [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) under Carlow Cathedral. We will share greetings from our parishes from 7:10 pm with Mass beginning at 7:30 pm.

**CLONASLEE MEALS ON WHEELS**

Are you 65 and over? A 2 course meal for €5 a day is available. Contact 087-414-8093 for more information.

**READER LIST**

A new list is available for reader for both Saturday and Sunday readers. Liturgy ministers can collect theirs at the main door of the church.

**LOCAL LINK BUS**

Local link bus will travel to Portlaoise on Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup> and Good Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and to Tullamore on Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>. You must book

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your seat the day before as there are limited numbers allowed on the bus due to Covid 19 to 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444. Family members from one house sit together. Masks must be worn and sanitise hands when boarding.

### **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

Our online services are available 24/7. Grow it Forward: As part of the Keep Well campaign, a free pack containing seeds of beetroot, carrots, salad leaves, peas and tomatoes; a guide to help grow them and a postcard and gift tags to help share them. To register for your pack email your name and postal address to [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie) Access your local library Services on the Internet, download your favourite books or listen to audio books but you're not sure how to do this. Let our Library Digital Ambassadors show you how to get on-line. You don't even have to be a member of your local library already; we'll help you join. To find out more contact: Portlaoise Library, Tel: 057-362-2333, Email: [library@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:library@laoiscoco.ie) For those over 65 and cocooning Laois Libraries will deliver books, talking books or DVD'S to your door. Call 057-864-4572 Tuesday -Friday 10 am-1pm. and 2-5 pm if you wish to avail of this service. Short and Sweet Online Club is on the last Thursday of the month at 11 am. This online short story club runs to May 2021. If interested call 057-864-4572 or email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

### **HOLY WEEK 2021**

#### **A most special week**

For Christians, Holy Week is the most important week of the year. Holy Week lasts from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday and reaches its highpoint in what we call the Easter Triduum – those three great days from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper to Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Reflecting on the Scriptures and turning to ritual and symbols, Christians throughout the world, journey with Jesus through those final days

of his life, his passion, his death and resurrection. In the process, we experience God's redemptive presence, our faith is deepened, our hope is renewed and our commitment to living a life of love of God and one another is strengthened.

#### **A different way of praying as a community of faith**

Again this year, our celebrations will be very different due to the restrictions in place because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a Christian Community we cannot gather together for our usual religious services. This will not prevent us from uniting spiritually and taking time to pray, to reflect and to make this Holy Week a truly enriching experience of the presence of God in our lives.

(Taken from *Bringing Holy Week Home 2021*, Dioceses of Clonfert, Elphin and Kildare & Leighlin)

#### **Some suggestions for Keeping Holy Week**

- Create a sacred space in your home for the week. It can be as simple as a candle and a bible. You can add particular symbols for given days, palm on Palm Sunday, a water bowl & towel on Holy Thursday, a cross on Good Friday, a candle and holy water for Easter Sunday.
- Take time each day for prayer: Join in a livestream liturgy from your parish / use the daily prayer ritual in *Bringing Holy Week Home 2021* on Kandle.ie or the Kandle Facebook page /read the readings of the day and go out for a walk as you reflect on them.
- Visit your local parish church for some private prayer and a physical connection with your parish
- See *Bringing Holy Week Home 2021* for 'to do' suggestions for each day of Holy Week.