

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 28th November 2021

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Annamay O'Keeffe, Brocca

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm

Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

No morning mass during the week

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link

<https://www.churchmedia.tv/camara/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: 4th/5th Dec: Team D

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 27th November – 8 pm

Mary Conroy, Coolagh Cross & her daughter

Kathleen Quirke, Listowel, Co Kerry

Michael Costello, Graigueafulla

Sunday 28th November – 10 am

Saturday 4th December – 8 pm

Months Mind, Brother Tom Blake, Hong

Kong & Glenkeen

Kit Mahon, Slieve Bloom Park

Deceased members of the Blake Family,

Barradoo

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

Please sanitise your hands when entering the church and wear a face mask.

COMMUNION TIME

We need to keep our distance from each other while going up for communion. Please respect others, give them room to return to their seats. Communion must be given into your hand, not the mouth. This is for the safety of all concerned.

COLLECTION

The Christmas Station is next weekend. Please use your monthly envelope for this purpose.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

The walk will resume this year with 2 options. You may choose to walk on Dec 26th or walk virtually 26th/27th/28th. Due to Covid the committee are unable to serve refreshments in the Centre but the soup station will be operating on the long walk. Sponsorship cards are available in all the local shops.

SOCIAL SERVICE DINNER

Due to the concern of the very high numbers, regarding Covid, and in consultation with the health and safety of all attending the

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committee have decided to cancel the Christmas party on Dec 5th. We sincerely

it is a door-to-door service. The bus travels to Portlaoise on Tues and Fri and to Tullamore

apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Our intention is to hold the party later in the new year. We hope by then the conditions will have improved. Committee John Callaghan, Maura O'Gorman, Mary Rose Corbet.

LOTTO CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Why not give a Parish/Community Lotto Gift Card for Christmas. €10 for 5 weeks or €20 for 10 weeks. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Available now for €3 from Dolores Murray 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please use your panic button and peephole as the longer nights approach. Do not entertain callers to your door. Press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

YOGA

Classes on Mondays from 6 pm – 7:15 pm in the Heritage Centre with cost of €10 per class.

BINGO

Local Link bus will travel on Sunday nights to Bingo in Mountmellick to be in at 7 pm. If you are interested in traveling, you must book the day before on 057-869-2168.

LAOIS OFFALY RURAL LINK

Please note the *new number* to book your seat. You must book your seat the evening before as

on Thurs leaving at 9:30 am. To book your seat phone 057-869-2168 or 083-012-0836.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Mountmellick Camera Club will be displaying their photographs in the Gallery for the month of December. *Parenting talks:* These Zoom programmes are FREE and open to all including parents, caregivers, teachers and all those working with children and young people. It will include speakers such as David Coleman and cover topics from resilience, social anxiety, eating disorders and first aid. Check out the Laois Libraries website for further details. The *short and sweet book club* is a way to discover new authors and amazing stories. We meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories, email Mountmellick library for further details. *Sensory Resource Collection:* This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. For details call 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 3-5-17. €30 winners: Val Rowney, Charlie Multany, Nuala Smith, Mary Murray, Liam Dunne, Ciaran O'Gorman. Voucher: Jimmy Carroll. €25: Eugene & Brigid Young. Promoter's prize: Flynn's PO, Maura O'Gorman, Kathleen Blake. Voucher: Cosy Bar. €25: Imelda Cusack. Next week's Jackpot: €650. Give a gift card for birthdays or a special

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occasion. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased

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Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra prizes

next week.