

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3rd April 2022

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 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: 9th/10th April: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 2nd April – 8 pm

Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Bellair & Tullamore

Saturday 9th April – 8 pm

Months Mind, PJ Comerford, Castlecuffe

Tom & Annie Carroll, Ballykaneen

Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

Sunday 10th April – 10 am

Benedict & Brigit Egan, Rathcoffey, & their son

Sean Egan, Limerick

Joe Young, Chapel Street

Alice & Frank Kennedy, London & Shracullen

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

PAROCHIAL HALL

If you wish to book the Parochial Hall, contact the interim caretaker Noel on 086-316-6791

SYNOD NEWS

This is the last week to take part in the online survey in the diocesan phase of the Universal Synod which can be accessed on www.kandle.ie/synod

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis in Carlow on Mon April 11th at 7:30 pm. People are welcome to come to the Cathedral for this Diocesan celebration.

TRÓCAIRE

Please fill and return your boxes during Holy Week. Or give on trocaire.org There is an urgent need to help families suffering in forgotten crises like climate change, poverty, and Covid worldwide. Let us never tire of doing good.

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

ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Presentation of a cheque to Seamus O'Donoghue, Laois Hospice Foundation on Sun April 10th, Palm Sunday at 11:15 am in the Heritage Centre. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there, those already involved and if you would like to help in any way please come along, we would love to see you.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Work evenings commence this week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 7 pm. This week we are meeting at the Clonaslee graveyard at

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7 pm. All welcome to join us. AGM report will be published later. 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.

HOME RESCUE

RTE's TV series "Home Rescue" is currently looking for applicants for the newest series of the programme. If you are really struggling with CLUTTER and need a FREE HOME MAKEOVER with help from architect and designer Roisin Murphy and builder Peter Finn, we want to hear from you. Whether you own or rent, the team could help you to clear some space and breathe new life into your house. You can find lots of pictures and information and apply at the link below <https://cococontent.ie/homerescue>

GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER BINGO

Tuesday April 5th at 8:30 pm in St. Fiacc's Hall. Over €9000 in prize money to be won. Including Jackpot on 50 numbers €3980, Double number €1020, Lotto €1100. Great prizes, bring a friend!

BINGO

Bingo at Portarlinton GAA Centre every Tuesday night at 8 pm. Over €3,000 in prize money to be won. Portarlinton GAA Clubs brand new website is now live www.portarlingtongaa.ie.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Easter Activities: Parent and child *Easter craft table* on Tues April 12th from 10:30 am. -12:30 pm. until stocks last. Why not drop in and create with your little one? *Family Interactive Song and Story time* with Sarah Sparkles on Wed April 13th at 11:30 am. Limited places so booking essential. *Family Story time* on Wed April 20th at 11:30 am. Limited places so booking essential. *Lego Free Play* on Sat April 23rd from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Drop in and create together! *Easter Treasure Hunt:* Ask at the desk for your treasure hunt page, follow the clues and win a treat. While stocks last. *Ring the Bell Story Times:* if the story time bell is on the counter, ring it for a family story time with a library staff member. The Gallery is hosting the *Laois African Support* group for their *exhibition* celebrating African culture for the month of April. The exhibition will display hand carved wooden figures and framed hand paintings and some traditional musical instruments. 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. *Junior Book Club:* Story explorers wanted from ages 8-12 years of age for some fun, facts and fiction. 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. If interested in any of the above events, contact Mountmellick Library, call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 9-17-18.

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€30 winners: Thomas Horan, Clonaslee; Martin

Delaney, c/o E Sammon; F McManus, c/o E

Sammon; Ritchie O'Keeffe, Clonaslee; Colette

Kelly, Ballykaneen; Martin Fallon, Clonaslee.

Promoter's prize: Hogans, S Fitzpatrick, Ann

Rigney. Next week's Jackpot: €1,700. Lotto gift

vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray

on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.