

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 3rd December 2023

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Kit Mahon, Sliabh Bloom Park

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10 am

**Friday - Holy Day - Immaculate
Conception of The Blessed Virgin
10 am & 6 pm**

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 6 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: 8th Dec: Team B
9th/10th Dec: Team C**

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 2nd December – 6 pm

Tim & Margaret Murray, Bellair
Deceased members of the Blake Family,
Barradoo

Sunday 3rd December – 10 am

Larry Conroy, Brocca
Peter & Christina Dunne, Brocca & members
Of the Dunne Family

Saturday 9th December – 6 pm

Edward & Anna Mary Troy, Brittas & deceased members of the Troy & Kennedy Families

Sunday 10th December – 10 am

Months Mind, Bridie Culleton,
Coolaboughlan & Joseph Culleton,
Coolaboughlan

Noel Carroll, Ballykaneen

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The tradition of placing Poinsettias around the altar will continue this year. If you wish to have one on the altar in memory of your beloved dead, there is an envelope in your monthly box.

PEACE LAMP

Considering all the wars and conflicts across our world, we are lighting the Peace Candle during mass. The lamp was produced in a parish run co-operative in the West Bank village of Taybeh.

ATTENDANCE AUDIT

Bishop Nulty has asked each parish in the Diocese to conduct an audit, on Nov 25th/25th and Dec 2nd/3rd, of numbers attending mass. This is to help with future planning and clustering of parishes.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual Christmas dinner is on today Dec 3rd at 1 pm sharp. Music by Rock On Paddy. Councillor Seamus McDonald sponsored a hamper, it was decided to give each person a ticket and raffle it on the day. Each person will get a gift to bring home and spot prizes. Please arrive early for photos and cutting of the cake.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT CONCERT

Ensure your seat and get a ticket now. An evening of song, faith, hope and love coming to Clonaslee in aid of the church roof on Sunday Dec 10th at 7:30 pm in St Manman's

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Church with Dana, Philomena Begley, Kathy Durkin, Tony Allen, Chrissy Mac. Doors open at 6:30 pm. For your comfort, bring a cushion!

would really be appreciated. For information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540, Niall Bourke 087-411-6274, Lucy Feighery 087-991-2440, Peter Maher 085-174-2217.

Tickets cost €30 and are **available on willwego.com**, local businesses and from Parish Council members. Limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practices for Christmas Eve Mass will be held every Thursday evening at 7 pm on the choir gallery. We encourage all existing members to come along, and new members are needed and most welcome.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

A great gift to give at Christmas is 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' written by Fr. O'Reilly costing only €10. Available after masses.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards pack of 10 only €5, available after masses.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas Mass Bouquets available from Betty Finnerty or Dolores Murray. Donation of €3.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dominic McGorian and Piano Man Tom's Christmas Classics in the Dunamais Arts Centre on Sat Dec 9th at 8 pm. A not to be missed evening will be filled with Christmas classics, Irish ballad, a touch of Opera, musical theatre and many more festive tunes to sing along to and enjoy.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

Sponsorship cards are available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540. Donations of Christmas fruit cakes will continue to be gratefully received. Anyone who would like to help out in any way for an hour or 2 with parking, organising in the Community Centre, at the soup station on the mountain, your help

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 am. Travel pass is accepted. Cost is €3 return for adults and children over 5 years old. *You must book the evening before prior to 5 pm on 057-869-2168.* **Bus service** from Birr to Portlaoise Monday to Sunday. Pick up point is Londis Clonaslee. Weekday times: 6:28, 10:28, 14:13, 17:58, 21:53. Sunday: 8:43, 12:53, 16:58, 20:23. Cost €4 return and Free Travel Pass Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More information call 057-869-2168

Christmas Lotto Gift Cards now available.

Ideal Christmas present. €10 for 5 Weeks or €20 for 10 weeks. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Patricia Costello, Hiullview on winning €800. Winning no: 19-17-7. €30 winners: John & Louise Cusack, Clonaslee; Ellen Delaney, Larrigan; Jamie Langford, Clonaslee, Eoghan & Jama O'Reilly; John O'Keeffe, Brocca; Riggs, Dans, Timmy c/o Hickeys. Voucher: Colette Kelly, Ballykaneen. Bottle: Mary Leahy, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Mary O'Keeffe, Edel O'Brien, Flynn's PO. Voucher: Matt Barrett. Bottle: Hetty Dunne. Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra Prizes for Christmas.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-8-14-18.

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€30 winners: Eimear Rocket, John Hyland,
Yogi, Liam Conroy, Val Bracken. Promoter's
prize: Fallons. Next week's Jackpot: €3,850 in
Fallons Bar.