

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

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John Moran, Main Street

Tom Higgins, Brocca

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9:30 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> March: Team C**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 6 pm**

Loretta Dunne, Main Street

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 10 am**

Noreen Foynes, Ballykaneen

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 6 pm**

Months Mind, Eilish Proctor nee Murray,

Liverpool & Bellair

PJ Comerford, Castlecuffe & his parents

Jack & Mary Comerford, Capparogan

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

The Doyle Family, Killoughey

Tom Flynn, Chapel Street

Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

Tom & Annie Carroll, Ballykaneen

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

Months Mind, Dan O'Neill, Ross & Hillside

## WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES

During Lent mass will be held at 9:30 am to facilitate parents dropping children to school.

Why not do something extra for Lent and attend weekday mass.

## 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION PROGRAMME

1<sup>st</sup> Communion programme is on today Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March during 10 am mass.

## MONTHLY ENVELOPES

The monthly and weekly envelopes have been distributed. If you did not receive a box or wish to use a weekly envelope which helps with Tax Back for the parish, please contact Fr O'Reilly or Annette Doolan 087-988-1046.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Float Applications are OPEN for our 2024 St Patrick's Parade which takes place on Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon commencing from Clonaslee Community Centre. All floats can assemble from 11am at the Community Centre. Float Categories on the Day include: Best Vintage, Best Dressed Dog, Best Club / School, Most Original, Most Entertaining. There is a whopping €600 CASH PRIZE and a Trophy for the Best Overall Float on the Day. AND €150 CASH PRIZE and a Trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Each Section. Entries are FREE to enter. Donations will be accepted in the Community Centre on the day. We would like assistance with more Stewarding on the Day, if you can lend a hand, please make contact with us. Any enquiries can be directed to Brendan on 087-967-5054 or Ronan on 085-148-2296 or through private message on our Facebook page. This group meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm in the Clonaslee Community Centre to organise the

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upcoming St Patrick's Day parade. All are welcome to join us.

more. *Pop up Gaeltacht*- join us for comhrá, ceol, litríocht agus craic on Tues March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm. Light refreshments and all are welcome. *6-week crochet class* beginning Fri March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am. *Sensory "Messy Play" Morning* on Thurs

## TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns and CCDA recently got The Millennial Stone on The Green sandblasted and repainted and a lovely piece of stonework dedicated to members of the community erected many years ago at the Community Centre grounds cleaned and lettering repainted.

## EASTER RAFFLE

In aid of 'We're Doing It For Denny' with 10 fantastic prizes. Tickets cost €2/ strip or 3 strips/ €5 available in shops or contact Edel O'Brien.

## TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 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

## MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

*St Patrick's Day/ Seachtain na Gaeilge Parent and Child Craft Tables* – Make something to celebrate St Patrick's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge at our Craft Table on Sat March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am while stocks last. Fáilte roimh cách! Over *Seachtain na Gaeilge* from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>, bíonn go leor gníomhaíochtaí spráíúla again - Ciorcal Comhrá, Ceol, Craft tables, Am Scéalaíocht, Rince, Litríocht, Treasure Hunts and

March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am for 0-3 year olds and their parents/caregivers. *The Gallery* will host Roksana Rohovska's exhibition during March. Roksana works with oil, pastels, acrylics and wool and is inspired by nature, in particular flowers. *Baby Book Club* takes place on Tues mornings at 10:30 am for ages 0-3 years. *Adult book club* is on every month. *Short story club* meeting is Tues March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. *Junior book clubs: 4-6 year olds* next meeting on Tues March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm, *7-9 year olds* on Tues March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm and *10-12 year olds* on Tues March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. *Shared reading groups* bring people together to talk, laugh and share. *Lego Free Play* on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

*Mountmellick Arts Collective* meet on Thurs mornings. *The Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. You can borrow the kit for 2 weeks. Contact us to be added to the waiting list. If interested in any of the above and find out more call 057-864-4572 or

email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

## GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER BINGO

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, St. Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €2390. Double number €320. Lotto €650. Save the Date: Monster Easter Bingo Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3 pm. Easter eggs left & right.

## CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Margaret Lalor, c/o Ger Kelly on winning €1,250. Winning no: 4-12-20. €30 winners: Pat Dunne, Ballymacrory; Brian Rickard, Ballymacrory; Emily & Ruby

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Kelly, Clonaslee; Kathleen Blake, Clonaslee;  
Mary Margaret Daly, Clonaslee; T Ryan,  
Mountrath. Promoter's prize: C Horan, Hogans,  
Kathleen Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto  
gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores  
Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty,  
Chapel Street.