

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## Easter Sunday

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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We hope this Easter you will experience the mercy, compassion and inner peace that the Risen

Lord promises. Thanks to all who prepared or participated in any way in the Holy Week Ceremonies; Sacristans, Altar Servers, Choirs, Ministers of the Eucharist and of the Word.

#### TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations to the church before or after mass. Do not leave them in the Church at other times.

#### VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs and Fri - 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April at the usual times.

#### ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10 am – 1 pm.

#### CASTLECUFFE CAKE SALE

Castlecuffe Parents' Association are holding a cake sale after Mass on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March & Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Save yourself Easter Baking by purchasing homemade treats.

#### CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clean Up Laois Week will take place from April 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> with collection date from AES on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> inside the barrier on the grass at Clonaslee Community Centre. The rubbish must be in the branded blue bags which are available from Patrick on 087-468-4213. Anyone who would like to participate and litter pick in their area can make contact. All help appreciated.

#### TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns will be out this Tues April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thurs April 4<sup>th</sup> evenings at 7 pm to take part in Clean Up Laois Week. We will meet at Clonaslee Heritage Centre and litter pick different routes. Branded bags, gloves and litter pickers will be provided both evenings and are available from Patrick on 087-468-4213. Please wear your hi viz jacket when out on Tidy Towns work for insurance purposes. All rubbish collected must be in the blue bags or they won't be taken by AES. Collection point is inside the Barrier at Clonaslee Community Centre on Tuesday morning April 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April: Team C**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 8 pm**

Liam, Larry, William, Elizabeth Flynn,  
Garryheather

Paddy & Jack Conroy, Garryheather

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 10 am**

Frank & Alice Kennedy, Shracullen & Lorrha  
Tom Flynn, The Glebe & members of the Flynn  
Family

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 8 pm**

Bend & Brigid Egan, Rathcoffeuy  
Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Tullamore & Bellair

#### \*PLEASE NOTE\*

Saturday night mass reverts back to 8 pm from 30<sup>th</sup> March onwards

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#### **HOSPICE WALK**

Presentation of a cheque to Laois Hospice will be on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the Heritage Centre. Light refreshments served. All welcome.

#### **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:**

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Please ring 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Full bus details

on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

#### **EASTER CAROL SERVICE**

'Carol Service' on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Dominican College Church, Newbridge. Sing-along and listen to hymns old and new, singing our belief in the Lord's conception, birth, epiphany, transfiguration suffering, rising, and ascending, and return in glory. The service is in aid of Lauralynn Children's Hospice.

#### **THE SONG OF BERNADETTE – FILM:**

Cinema Night in the Balcony Cinema Mountmellick Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.15pm. Limited places so book with Antoinette on 086-080-3047 between 9:15 am-1:30 pm & 7-9 pm. Donation €10.

#### **GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER BINGO**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, St. Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €3040. Double number €670. Lotto €900.

#### **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**

Fri April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 12- 1 pm, *song and story time* with Sarah Sparkles. Booking essential. Suitable for 4–7-year-olds and accompanying adults. Sat April 6<sup>th</sup>, *LEGO free play* from 11- 1 pm. *Ciorcál*

*Comhrá* -Gach Máirt sa Leabharlann Mointeach Mílic ag 6.00. Comhrá agus craic agus cupán tae.! Fáilte roimh gach leibheál. *Irish Conversation Circle*: Every Tues at 6 pm. *History talk*: Join us on Tues April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for a talk on Irish Immigrants in Michigan. In *The Gallery* for the month of April '*Meanderings of a Colourful Mind*', an exhibition of paintings by Olivia O'Keefe, Martina Furlong and Marja van Kampen. Are you up for a *ten-minute drama/ play challenge-write, direct and produce your own script?* Mountmellick Arts Collective is inviting submissions for their upcoming fringe weekend. They meet every Thurs around 11 am. Upcoming news of a weekend which will include workshops. Email [mountmellickfringe@gmail.com](mailto:mountmellickfringe@gmail.com) *Crochet and Knitting Group* meet every Thurs at 11 am to create and chat together. We have *books clubs* for all ages-baby book club for 0–3-year-olds, children's book clubs for 4-6, 7-9, 10-12-year-olds and two adult book clubs. If interested, call 057-864-4572 for more information. Please note there will be *no baby book club* over the Easter Holidays. It will resume on Tues April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-864-4572 or email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie) to find out more.

#### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot won, congratulations to M.E.E.Gilsonan, c/o N Dunne Ballymacrory on winning €500. Winning no: 7-5-4. €30 winners: Kathleen Blake, Clonaslee; David & Adam Downey; Maddie & Archie c/o Rose Sheeran; Rachel, Ava, Killian Rickard; Ita & Tommy Delaney; The Lucky Black Cat. Voucher: Bobby O'Keefe, the Green.

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Voucher Colin Snell. €15: Hetty Dunne.

Promoter's prize: Hogans, Edel O'Brien,

Kathleen Blake. Voucher: Hetty Dunne. Voucher:

Hetty Dunne. €15: 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.