

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 4th December 2016

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Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday 9 am

Wed - Vigil of Immaculate Conception 8 pm

Thurs- Immaculate Conception 10 am

CONFESSIONS

Every 1st Friday before 7:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact 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. They also offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on www.mcmmedia.com under Clonaslee Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 10th Dec: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly

Sun 11th Dec: Team B: Ciara Hyland, Aoibhe Mulhall, Darragh Mulhall, Philip Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 3rd December – 8 pm

Larry Conroy Junior, Brocca
James Dunne, Main Street
Jim & Maura Sweeney, Main Street
Donal Sweeney, Main Street
Peter Dunne, Main Street
McEvoy & Conroy Family, Graigueafulla
Joe Culliton, Coolaboughlan
Fr Joe Shortall, former PP Clonaslee

Sunday 4th December – 10 am

Timothy & Margaret Mary Murray, Bellair & all the Murray Family

Michael Costello & Mrs Annie Costello, Graigueafulla

Saturday 10th December – 8 pm

Months Mind, Mary Dunne, Tallaght

Helen Hilliard, Shraduff

Willie & Bridget Deegan, Derby & Cadamstown

Sunday 11th December – 10 am

The Doyle Family, Killoughey

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Dec 11th at the 10 am Mass.

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 for this purpose. Cost €10 each.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Collection for Epilepsy Ireland is on next weekend 10th/11th Dec. Please support.

CHOIR

Practice every Thursday at 7 pm in choir gallery in preparation for advent and Christmas. All choir members please attend and new members very welcome.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Mon 19th Dec: Mountmellick, Tues 20th Dec: Portarlinton, Wed 21st Dec: 7 pm Rosenallis, 8 pm Clonaslee

THANK YOU

Thank you to all in our parish participating in 1st Friday Adoration from the Diocesan Team.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Social Service Christmas dinner is on today Dec 4th at 1 pm in the Community Centre. Music is by Rock on Paddy. Good day promised.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Clonaslee ICA is having their annual Christmas Market with local craft stalls and Aloe Vera products on Sat Dec 10th in the Heritage Centre starting at 4:30 pm. Santa will arrive in his sleigh between 5:30 – 6 pm. Everyone welcome.

ALMAS CARDS

Almas Christmas cards and Mass Bouquets available, contact Dolores Murray 087-414-8093.

MONSTER WHIST DRIVE

In Clonaslee Parish Hall on Sunday Dec 11th at 8:30 pm sharp. Top score: €200; First gent: €100; Second gent: €50; First lady: €100; Second lady €50; 1st quarter: €25; 2nd quarter: €25; 3rd quarter: €25; 4th quarter: €25. Whist card €10.

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SET DANCING CLASSES

Set dancing classes start on Wed Dec 7th at 8 pm in the Parochial Hall. All welcome to attend. Music classes continue weekly, instruments being taught are tin whistle, flute, fiddle, button accordion and keyboard. Classes on Thursdays beginners from 4:15 pm with advance classes from 5 pm. New members welcome. Singing and music session every first Friday in the Parochial Hall at 9 pm and all are welcome.

BUS TO LIMERICK

On Sat Dec 10th leaving Clonaslee 8:30 am, Rosenallis 8:45 am, Mountmellick 9 am. Seats must be booked before Wed Dec 7th. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost adults/free travel pass/over 16 - €5 return, under 16 - €3 return. To book your seat ring Laois Trip on 057-869-2168 Mon – Fri only.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

The walk takes place on Dec 26th with the 'long' walk starting at 12 noon taking approximately 3-4 hours and the 'short' walk starting at 1 pm taking approximately 1-2 hours with both starting from the Community Centre. Soup and water stations are available on the long walk. Refreshments for all will be served in the Community Centre after both walks. Each walk will be well signposted on the day. Participate at your own risk. Make it a family day out, bring friends, it's a great tradition to begin for all.

CCDA

The monthly CCDA meeting is on Mon Dec 12th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome to attend.

CAROL SERVICE

Christmas carol service with members from Clonaslee choir and Portarlinton choir in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton on Sunday 18th December at 5 pm. All are welcome

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Lovely as always to see Clonaslee Christmas lights lit up. Thank you to CE employees for making this happen and to the CCDA committee. There will be a church gate collection at the end of Dec to help with the cost of running the lights.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be vigilant as the dark nights are in. Check on your elderly neighbour and always wear your panic button. Don't entertain unwelcome visitors, always ask for ID.

EMBROIDERY CLASSES

Come and learn embroidery in the MDA Centre, Mountmellick every Tuesday from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Killeigh Schoolboys/girls Soccer Club hosting a Christmas market on today 4th Dec from 12 noon to 4 pm in Killeigh Macra Hall.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

The 44th Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil at Knock will take place on Wed 7th Dec, beginning with confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation from 10 pm, followed by Vigil at midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Candlelight Procession, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour.

Concelebrated Mass will then take place at 4am. The Vigil is available to watch live on the Knock Shrine website: www.knockshrine.ie/watch

CCE JOB VACANCY

Vacancy for a Clerical worker/Administrator Job Ref: CES-2024236. Position based in Clonaslee Community Centre. Good communication and interpersonal skills essential. Hours: 19½ per week and CE rates of pay apply. General eligibility requirements for CE – one year in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment and over 25 years of age but please check with your local Intreo Office for confirmation. Please contact Michael Gorman in the Community Centre – 057-864-8277 for further information.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Joe Digan, Coolagh for winning the Jackpot of €800. Winning no: 3-19-6. €30 winners: Mary Leahy, Capparogan; Bobby Murray, c/o Liam; David, John, Larry Rigney; Claire Dunne, Broughla; Ava Horan, Wranglestown; Sharon Murphy, Kilmanman. Voucher: MI McRedmond, Clarahill. Bottle: Fr O'Reilly. Promoter's prize: Fallons, Pat O'Connell, Post Office. Voucher: S Finnamore. Bottle: Mary O'Keefe. Next week's Jackpot: €500.