ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 4th December 2022

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WEEKEND MASSES **Saturday** Sunday 10 am 6 pm WEEKDAY MASSES Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10 am **Thursday – Immaculate Conception** Holy Day 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/stmanmans-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 premarriage 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.

EUCHARIST: 8th December: Team B 10th/11th December: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Saturday 3rd December – 6 pm</u> Tim & Margaret Murray, Bellair James Blake, Perth, Australia & deceased members of the Blake Family, Barradoo Michael Costello, Graigueafulla Sunday 4th December – 10 am Larry Conroy, Brocca Thursday 8th December – 10 am The Doyle Family, Killoughey Tommy Flynn, Chapel Street <u>Saturday 10th December – 6 pm</u> Kit Mahon, Slieve Bloom Park Edward & Anne Troy & deceased members of the Troy & Kennedy Families

Sunday 11th December – 10 am Fr Joe Shortall, former PP CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY

Christmas party is on today Sunday Dec 4th in the Community Centre. We ask all to be seated by 12:45 pm.. A great day is assured as always.

Phone: 057-864-8030

ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK

Just under 4 weeks to the big day! Help us to celebrate 30 years of walking. Sponsorship cards available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540. A gift of a Christmas fruit cake would be greatly appreciated. The walk can be done virtually at a location that suits you. Donation options are the Community Centre in Clonaslee on Dec 26th from 9 am or online

www.justgiving.com/campaign/clonaslee-walk-2022

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Clonaslee Community Choir will be practicing each Thursday evening at 7 pm in the choir gallery for Christmas Eve Mass. Anyone who wishes to sing must attend the practices. All are welcome to join us.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas concert on Sun Dec 11th, Portarlington Parish Church at 4 pm. Singers Anthony and Victoria McGorian accompanied by pianist Tom Conroy. All welcome, donations only.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas and Mass bouquets now available \in 3. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Bettry Finnerty THANK YOU

The recent clothes collection raised €250 for the Senior citizens Christmas party. Thanks to all.

TRUCK AND TRACTOR RUN

Mountmellick Macra Light Up Truck & Tractor Run takes place on Sat Dec 17th. Registration from the MDA in Mountmellick at 3pm. The trucks will depart at 6:30 pm going through Mountmellick, Killeigh, Clonaslee and Rosenallis. Full proceeds

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of the run will be split equally between St Vincent's Community Nursing Home, Mountmellick and the Irish Air Ambulance which

are both worthy causes. The cost to enter trucks is \notin 30 and tractors \notin 20. They hope to pass through Clonaslee at 7 pm approximately. All donations greatly appreciated and can be made by contacting Chris on 087-1439361.

NEW CE SCHEME VACANCY: PARISH WORKER

The Parish Worker position involves calling to elderly people who live in the locality and having a cup of tea and a chat or doing light household duties such as bringing in firing, helping with dinner etc. If you are interested in the above vacancy please call Clonasee CE Scheme on 057-864-8277 or

email clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com **CONVERSATION GROUP**

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7:30- 8:30 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. The night is conversation based; all you need to be able to do is chat. Can you help each week or every second week? For more information contact Mags on 086-866-8820.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be vigilant. Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. Use your peep hole and press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

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. New 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

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

Join *children's author* Juliette Saumande for a *cozy* tale of cold winters and shiny dragons on Sat Dec 10th at 11 am. Limited availability. Christmas Chair Decoration with Makai on Sat Dec 10th at 12:45 pm. Decorate a household chair as a Christmas adornment using sustainable, natural materials You bring your own chair and Makai will supply the materials. Limited availability. Cookie Decorating on Tues Dec 13th from 5 pm. Limited spaces-there will be four sessions from 5 pm to 5:30 pm, 5:30 pm to 6 pm, 6 pm to 6:30 pm and 6:30 pm to 7 pm. Booking essential. Parent and Child Craft Table on Fri Dec 16th from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. While stocks last-no need to book. *Christmas Family Storytime* on Sat Dec 17th at 11 am. Booking advised. The gallery is hosting an *exhibition* by the students of Mountmellick Community School for the month of December. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

LOTTO GIFT CARDS

Order your Christmas Lotto Gift cards. €10 for 5 weeks or €20 for 10 weeks of the weekly Lotto draw. An ideal Christmas gift supporting the Parish and community. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty on Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 13-12-14. €30 winners: Ritchie O'Keeffe, Clonaslee; Geraldine Deane, Reary; Mary Parkinson, Clonaslee; Marie McCabe, c/o Hogan's Shop; John & Imelda Cusack, Clonaslee; Eileen Daly, Mountmellick. Voucher: Tom Foynes. €25: Emily Kelly. Promoters prize: Chris Horan, Mary Margaret Daly, Kathleen Blake. Voucher: Chris Horan. €25: Ger Kelly. Next week's Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty

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Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra prizes for Christmas.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-15-17-21. €40 winners: Slevin Family, Coolagh, Paddy & Mary Deane, John Callaghan. Promoter's prize: N Digan. Next week's Jackpot: €14,200 in Hickeys Bar.