

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 4th May 2025

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Pray for Paddy Lowry, Camross who died during the week.

WEEKEND MASSES		10 th /11 th May
Saturday	8 pm	Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES		5 th – 9 th May
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri		9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

EUCHARIST: 10th/11th May: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 3rd May – 6 pm

Months Mind Val Bracken nee Daly, Coolagh John Murphy, Kilmanman & deceased members of the Murphy Family

The Foyes Family, Ballinakill

Saturday 10th May – 8 pm

Months Mind, Lucy O'Shea, Castlecuffe Ben Egan, Rathcoffey & members of the Egan Family

Eamon & Betty Bourke, Main Street

John Bourke, Dublin

Breda Bourke, Bellair

Gerry Donnolly, Kilcormac

John Hogan, Main St

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Saturday evening mass will be at 8 pm from next Saturday 10th May.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The 1st Communion programme continues next Sun 11th May during 10 am mass.

CEMETERY MASSES at 7:30 pm

Clonaslee Cemetery: Friday June 6th

Kilmanman Cemetery: Friday June 20th

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.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

A copy of the 2024 Parish accounts is available at the doors of the church.

COFFEE MORNING

A great turnout with 36 people attending, it is going very well. Great feedback on how important it is from a social aspect. A collection was given towards Alzheimer and a big thank you to all who contributed. Thank you to those who set up table, Caroline for the baking and all who brought in something, also to those who cleaned up, Shirley and Angela for all their work. The next Coffee Morning is on Wed May 14th from 11 am to 12:30 pm. It is a lovely social event and all about getting out for a while to meet people and have a chat. There is a €2 charge per person to cover light and heating.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Work evenings take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings meeting at 7pm at Clonaslee Heritage Centre. More volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

TRACTOR, TRUCK, CAR & BIKE ROAD RUN

Ray Delaney, Pat Carroll & John Joe Heaney are heading back to Africa for another school building project. Join us for on the day for some Bank Holiday Fun. Sunday May 4 in Clonaslee Village with an auction, entertainment and refreshments

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on the day. MC is Rock On Paddy. Registration from 1:30 pm. Run from 3 pm. All funds will be put towards Melon Educate and local charities.

Contact Ray Delaney 087-299-6778, Pat Carroll 087-254-5187, John Joe Heaney 087-649-2038.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Personal monitor alarms available to anyone over 65 years old. First year is free if you have a land line, or with a mobile phone, you pay for a sim card, but the alarm is free. The following years will cost €66 with Task Community Care. These alarms are monitored around the clock and have saved many lives. If the alarm is no longer required, there is no need to return them to the committee. Phone Secretary if you require one on 087-212-2766.

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

Bealtaine Festival Events: Monoprinting

Workshop on Thurs May 15th from 12-1 p.m.

Places are limited. *Chair Yoga* on Wed May 7th at 10:30 am for 4 weeks, places limited. *Ceramics workshop* on Wed May 21st from 2 – 4:30 pm.

Places are limited. *Borrowbox clinic* on Tues May 13, drop in and bring your phone or tablet and the staff will help set up your Borrowbox account.

Craft sessions on Wed mornings at 10:30 am, drop in and crochet, knit, sew or craft with likeminded people and enjoy a cuppa. *Ciorcál*

Comhrá on Tuesdays at 11 am starting May 6th.

Beidh fáilte róimh cupán tae a ól agus cúpla focail Gaeilge a labhairt nó a canadh. Drop in on Thurs. May 22nd from 2 pm- 5 pm to meet with Nathan Smith at the *planning public consultation* drop-in session. *Community Climate Action Fund* drop-in clinic on Wed May 14th from 12-1 pm to plan

your project and learn how to apply for funding. There will be many more events during May, keep an eye on social media, noticeboards and newsletter for upcoming events. *The Gallery* hosts the artist Oksana Rohovska. The exhibition will feature the historical monuments and landscapes of Laois using various techniques. *Light therapy boxes* available to use with a library card. *C-Pens* which make it easier to read and learn by reading text out loud are now available to borrow. *Baby Book Club* on Thurs May 1st at 10:30 am. *Junior Book Clubs* for all ages, 4-6 years meeting Tues May 13th at 3:30 pm reading 'The Invisible String', 7-9 years meeting Tues May 6th at 3:30 pm reading 'The Story of Newgrange', 10-12 years meeting Tues May 6th at 4 pm reading 'Shackleton: The Boss'. *Adult book club* meet on the last Friday of the month at 11 am and reading 'The Secret Scripture'. Join us for some *shared reading* sessions where a staff member will read a story or poem. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-868-9382 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 15-12-16.

€30 winner: John Troy, Clonaslee; John Callaghan, Clonaslee; Bridie Conroy, Ballyfarrell; Grace, Tyler, Zara, Athboy; Jessica & Daniel Baker, Clonaslee; Leona Murray, Clonaslee. Promoters prize: Nicky Dunne, Hickeys, S Fitzpatrick. Next week's Jackpot: €800. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won, Winning no: 3-4-8-13.

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€30 winners: Martina McEvoy, Noreen Malone,

Liam Conroy, Olive McEvoy, Anthony Blake.

Promoter's prize: Hickeys.

Next week's Jackpot: €14,650 in Hickeys Bar.