ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 4th October 2015

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Parish Website:www.clonasleeparish.com

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am

Friday 7:30 pm

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 premarriage course. Contact ACCORD on 057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 3rd October – 8 pm

Dinny & Ina Wrafter, Main Street

Monday 5th October – 9 am

Paddy & Mairead Murphy, Bellair

Saturday 10th October – 8 pm

Martin & Rita Fallon, Main Street

John Seery, Dublin

Sunday 6th October – 10 am

Joseph Egan & Egan family, Coolnamoney Please pray for Maura Flanangan, Tinnahinch who died during the week.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs Oct 8th and Friday Oct 9th in the morning

COLLECTION

The October collection is this weekend. Please use your blue envelope for this purpose.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice with Mary O'Gorman on Thurs Oct 8th at 7 pm on the gallery. New members welcome

CLONASLEE VILLAGE MARKET

Diocesan Website:www.kandle.ie

Open Saturdays from 10am to 1pm in the Heritage Centre. Fresh produce, home baking, knitwear, arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera & more.

Phone: 057-864-8030

ALBUM LAUNCH & DEBUT PERFORMANCE

Piano Man Tom has created a new show called "Proud To Be Irish." The debut performance of Tom's new show will take place today Sun Oct 4th in the Clonaslee Parish Hall at 6:00pm. Admission is free. The show is about an American woman who travels to Ireland to trace her family history All the songs from Tom's new album are performed in the show, along with narration and guest appearances from other musicians.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Castlecuffe NS is collecting clothing, etc in aid of the National Council for the Blind. Please bring your bagged items to the school on Tues Oct 6^{th} by 9:30 am. Thank you for your support.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

It was a source of great joy to receive a Bronze Medal in the national Tidy Towns awards on Monday September 28th in the Helix in Dublin. There can be no doubt that it is well deserved by the hard working committee. Points went up by 8 bringing our total to 309. Success isn't easy at national level, it requires good leadership, commitment, hard work, dedication and sacrifice. Big thank you to Pat Fenlon who did great work every morning. To the CES participants and supervisor Caitriona Ryan. Our thanks to all who swept and kept everywhere clean and tidy. To Laois County Council Environment staff, Ger O'Mahony, Coilte and to all who helped us in any way, we thank you. We are now appealing for more to come out and help us as ground work is now done for silver. We would welcome any suggestions as to how we can improve for next year's entry. Results sheets will be distributed during the week. Together we can make it happen.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Bingo at the Heritage Centre is on Wednesdays from 2 pm - 4 pm everyone welcome. Please come along for bingo, a cuppa and a chat.

SPONSORED WALK

The Slieve Bloom Association annual walk is on Sat Oct 10th starting from the church car park in Rosenallis at 1:45 pm and will be approximately 5 km. Refreshments will be served upon return. Sponsorship cards available from Matt Barrett 087-672-6290 or Carol Nolan 087-774-3709.

INFORMATION SEMINAR

Laois IFA is holding an information seminar on Thursday October 8th from 6-9 pm in the Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix. Among the wide range of topics covered will be fire prevention, grants for home improvements/insulation, farm grants, new Partnership funding, your health, legal matters and social entitlements. All are welcome to come along. For further information please contact Owen Conroy 086-347-0182, Kevin Flynn 087-299-8506, Noel Fitzpatrick 087-948-2486.

SCOIL BHRÍDE NEWS

Well done to SBC Girls who beat Derrylamogue and Ballyroan in two closely contested matches. On Tuesday September 29th. Lieutenant John Lee from Irish Defence Forces presented a specially commissioned National Flag and a copy of 1916 Proclamation to SBC. A great celebration took place at the school. Pupils from 1st to 6th gave renditions of many favourite traditional tunes whilst also belting out a rousing performance of Amhran na bhFiann. Many thanks to all parents who helped with refreshments etc.

CCDA

The Clonaslee Community Development Association meeting resumes on Mon Oct 12th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be vigilant as the dark nights approach. Please wear your panic button at all times and Call Phone: 057-864-8030

Diocesan Website:www.kandle.ie

Teresa if you have any problems with the alarm on 089-413-4679. Sign up to text alert by contacting Matt on 087-672-6290.

CHIROPODIST

Chiropodist at Clonaslee Pharmacy on Wednesday October 7th. Please call to make an appointment 057-868-6990.

<u>ARTHRITIS IRELAND - LAOIS BRANCH - OFFICIAL LAUNCH</u>

Arthritis Ireland Laois Branch invites you to their Official Launch on Tues Oct 13th at The Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise at 7pm. An information talk to include the following speakers: Dr Killian O'Rourke (Rheumatologist), Ms Angela Camon (Clinical Nurse Specialist) and Mr Brendan Behan (Pharmacist). There will be a limited question and answer opportunity on the night. Tea and coffee will be served. Admission free. We look forward to welcoming you on the night. Free underground parking to the rear of the hotel with lifts to the main lobby.

LAOIS CONNECTS – MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The following activity takes place during Laois Connects – Mental Health Week which runs from Mon Oct 5th to Sun Oct 11th. On Wed Oct 7th Clonaslee Community Centre – 10.30am there is Active Meditation with Yogilibrium. Booking Essential on 057-866-4107 or dce@laoiscoco.ie For details on the full brochure please contact Community & Enterprise Section, Laois County Council 057-866-4107 or email dce@laoiscoco.ie

DANCING

Dancing at An Sean Chistin, Irey, Ballyfin as follows: Mon Oct 12th, set dancing 8.30pm. Tues Oct13th, line dancing 11am-12 noon. Social dancing lessons commencing soon on Tuesday nights, details to follow. Private tuition available by request. All abilities welcome. Contact Maureen 087-648-2038.

WELL DONE

Well done to St Manman's Intermediate team for playing a great match in the final last weekend.