

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 5th December 2021

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Barradoo

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm

Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tuesday – Vigil – Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 8 pm

**Wed - Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link

<https://www.churchmedia.tv/camara/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: 7th/8th Dec: Team A

11th/12th Dec: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 4th December – 8 pm

Months Mind, Brother Tom Blake, Hong Kong & Glenkeen

Kit Mahon, Slieve Bloom Park

Deceased members of the Blake Family,

Sunday 5th December – 10 am

Months Mind, Gerard O'Rourke, The Green Christina & Peter Dunne, Brockagh

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

Please sanitise your hands when entering the church and wear a face mask.

COMMUNION TIME

We need to keep our distance from each other while going up for communion. Please respect others, give them room to return to their seats.

Communion must be given into your hand, not the mouth. This is for the safety of all concerned.

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.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all who sent cards, text and good wishes for my recovery. It is appreciated Fr Thomas O'Reilly

A DIFFERENT ERA

A book written by Fr Thomas O'Reilly 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' will be launched this Sat evening after mass with special guest Bishop Nulty. It is now available in local shops. Read interviews connecting readers to significant memories, times, places and events of individuals. A perfect Christmas book for family and friend, near and far, costing only €10.

TRUCK AND TRACTOR RUN

On Saturday Dec 18th, a Christmas themed Light Up Truck and Tractor Run in aid of the Cuisle Centre will depart from the car park of

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Mountmellick Development Association

Please note the *new number* to book your seat.

Mountmellick and will pass through Clonaslee at approximately 6.45 pm turning right at Hickeys

You must book your seat the evening before as it is a door-to-door service. The bus travels to Portlaoise on Tues and Fri and to Tullamore

Pub heading towards Killeigh. Locals are encouraged to come out and show your support for the parade

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

The walk will resume this year with 2 options.

You may choose to walk on Dec 26th or walk virtually 26th/27th/28th. Due to Covid the committee are unable to serve refreshments in the Centre but the soup station will be operating on the long walk. Sponsorship cards are available in all the local shops.

LOTTO CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Why not give a Parish/Community Lotto Gift Card for Christmas. €10 for 5 weeks or €20 for 10 weeks. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Available now for €3 from Dolores Murray 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please use your panic button and peephole as the longer nights approach. Do not entertain callers to your door. Press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

YOGA

Classes on Mondays from 6 pm – 7:15 pm in the Heritage Centre with cost of €10 per class.

BINGO

Local Link bus will travel on Sunday nights to Bingo in Mountmellick to be in at 7 pm. If you are interested in traveling, you must book the day before on 057-869-2168.

LAOIS OFFALY RURAL LINK

on Thurs leaving at 9:30 am. To book your seat phone 057-869-2168 or 083-012-0836.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

Mountmellick Camera Club will be displaying their photographs in the Gallery for the month of December. Our next *Poetry Circle* which takes place over Zoom on Thursday Dec 16th at 11am to noon where you can read, share or just listen to poetry. Call Portarlinton library at 057-864-3751 for further details. *Parenting talks:* These Zoom programmes are FREE and open to all including parents, caregivers, teachers and all those working with children and young people. It will include speakers such as David Coleman and cover topics from resilience, social anxiety, eating disorders and first aid. Check out the Laois Libraries website for further details. The *short and sweet book club* is a way to discover new authors and amazing stories. We meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories, email Mountmellick library for further details. *Sensory Resource Collection:* This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. For details call 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Danny Larkin on winning €650. Winning no: 6-13-22.
€30 winners: Liam Murray; Rigney's, Brocca; Christopher Horan, Egan's c/o Nuala Smsith; Rachel & Leah Hogan, Eileen Daly. Voucher: Mary Margaret Daly. €25: Ann Maher. Promoter's prize: Mary O'Keefe, Matt Barrett, Maura O'Gorman. Voucher: Maura O'Gorman. €25:

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Mary Rose Corbet. Next week's Jackpot: €500.

Give a gift card for birthdays or a special occasion. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra prizes next week.