

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th February 2022

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 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: 12th/13th February: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 5th February – 8 pm

Tim & Margaret Tynan, Garryheather

Saturday 12th February – 8 pm

Tom & Maryanne Kearney, & their daughter
Kathleen, Shracullen

Sunday 13th February – 10 am

James, Kathleen & Mary Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom
Park

Seamus & Margaret Donnelly, Ballinalug

Brendan Hanhauser, Shanahoe

Bernard Hill, Riverview

Margaret Mitchell, Manchester & deceased

members of the Conroy Families, Brocca & Cush

Pray for Josephine Clancy nee O'Rourke,

Tullamore, formerly of Bonastick and

Attracta Fallon, Derryguile & Clonsalee who both died recently.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

1ST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The 1st communion programme is on this weekend at both masses. Children are asked to leave their candles on the table on the altar.

COLLECTION

Diocesan Levy collection is next weekend, please use the monthly envelopes for this purpose.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

If you want to learn a bit more about the Diocesan Pastoral Council look on the diocesan website

: www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesanpastoralcouncil/

CASTLECUFFE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for admission on January 13th. The application form for admission can be downloaded from www.castlecuffens.com or you may email the school at info@castlecuffens.com with their address and we will send one out in the post. If any difficulties phone the school on 057- 864-8238 between 9:30 and 11 am on weekdays. Our admissions policy and admissions notice for this year are available for viewing on our website. Please note the website address and email address are different to last year's.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT '22-'23

Scoil Bhríde, Cluain na Slí will commence accepting applications for admission to its new Junior Infant Class 2022-2023 from 14/1/22. The closing date for accepting applications falls on 4/2/22. A copy of the school's Admission Policy and Application for Admission form for the 2022-2023 school year is available as follows: To download at www.clonasleens.ie, On request by emailing clonasleens@gmail.com, On writing to: The Principal, Scoil Bhríde, Chapel St, Clonaslee, Co Laois R32 WE51

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Clonaslee St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Thurs March 17th at 12 noon. Meetings will be held every week on Thursday evenings at 8 pm in

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Clonaslee Community Centre. We welcome anyone who would like to come on board.

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

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FLOATS

Float Applications for 2022 Clonaslee St Patrick's Parade are now open. We will have floats for the following: Best Club/School Float; Most Entertaining Float; Best Vintage; Most Original Float; Best Dressed Dog. Any local organisations or interested clubs wishing to put in a float into the Parade can do so from today. You can inform us through a private message on our Facebook page or by contacting Brendan 087-967-5054 or Ronan 085-148-2296. There is no entry fee to enter a float but if anyone would like to give a donation they are most welcome. Each club or school can make up their float on any theme of their choice.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

It's time to start decluttering. A clothes collection will be the week of February 20th more details to follow. Any questions, call 087-414-8093.

CAROL NOLAN TD

Carol Nolan, TD will hold a clinic in the Parochial Hall on Thurs Feb 10th from 6 – 7 pm. Please feel free to attend if you have any issues you wish to discuss or bring to her attention.

A DIFFERENT ERA

A book written by Fr Thomas O'Reilly 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' is now available in local shops, costing €10.

TIDY TOWNS

Please do not throw your masks on the ground, take them home or put them in the bins. There are quite a few thrown on the ground and footpaths.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Anyone who has not paid their Text Alert fee can do so by giving it to Matt Barrett, Chairperson. Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not entertain callers to your door. Press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

LAOIS OFFALY RURAL LOCAL LINK

not travel; if you are experiencing Covid symptoms, tested positive for Covid; are a close contact or living in a house with people who are Covid positive.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Festival will take place 4th – 11th March.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

The *Tovertafel table* is a table with interactive light projection games specially designed for those with dementia, cognitive challenges, autism and learning difficulties. The projections respond to the touch of the players. Blow bubbles, touch flowers, listen to autumn leaves. Booking is essential-there are 30-minute slots available. Call Mountmellick Library on 057-864-4572 if interested. Join us for *Poetry Circle* where we share and listen to poems over Zoom. Over Zoom on Wed Feb 16th at 11 am.

email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie We will be starting an *adult book club* soon. If interested call 057-864-4572 to leave your details. The *Short and Sweet Book Club* meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories. If interested call 057-864-4572. *Baby Book Club* will online on Laois Libraries Facebook page on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. This is for 0-3 years old. *Sensory Resource Collection:* This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. To register for the service, you must have a referral letter from O.T., G.M.P., physio or other professional. For further details call 057-864-4572 or call to the Library for a booklet

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Mary Harrington, c/o Geraldine Fitzpatrick on winning €650. Winning no: 24-1-11. €30 winners: Loren Fallon, Main Street; S Cusack, c/o Pharmacy; S Barrett, c/o Matt; D Downey, Glenkeen; E & B Young,

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c/o N Smith; Martin Dunne, Tinnahinch.

Promoter's prize: Edel O'Brien, Trish Costello,
Kathleen Blake. 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.