

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 6th March 2016

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Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 12th March: Team A: Ciara Hyland, Christopher Dunne, Gráinne Scully, Ellen Doyle
Sun 13th March: Team A: Aoibhe Mulhall, Paul Mulhall, Emma Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 5th March – 8 pm

James & Julia Casey, The Derries
Lil Rosney & parents Patrick & Catherine, Broughla

Sunday 6th March – 10 am

Paddy Breen, Slieve Bloom Park

Saturday 12th March – 8 pm

John Moran, Main Street
Tom Smith, Bellair
James & Margaret Dunne & children Kathleen, Jerry, Andy, Dinny & Brendan, Corbally
Peter Carroll & the Carroll Family, Castlecuffe
Gerald & Kitty Feeney, Stradbally

Sunday 13th March – 10 am

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch
Martin & Margaret Delaney & the Delaney Family, Scaroon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cemetery Masses all at 8 pm: June 3rd – Clonaslee; June 24th - Corrigreen; July 1st – Kilmanman.

1st CONFESSION

The communion children will be making their 1st Confession on Wed March 9th at 7 pm.

KILMANMAN CHURCH & CEMETERY

Caoimin O'Brien from Offaly Heritage/ Archaeology Committee is giving a talk and slide show on the history of Kilmanman in the Parochial Hall on Tues March 8th at 7:30 pm.

CHOIR INVITATION

Singers from choirs in Clonaslee, Killeigh, Mountmellick and Rosenallis are invited to form Easter Sunday Dawn Mass Choir for Easter Sun March 27th. Mass is in the Festival Field, Rosenallis at 6:30 am with Bishop Denis Nulty. Practices will be in St Brigid's Church, Rosenallis on Fri March 18th at 8 pm.

TRÓCAIRE

"...but no one who drinks the water I shall give will ever be thirsty again..." *John 4:14*. Millions of farmers in Kenya suffer from a lack of rain due to the effects of climate change. Trócaire is installing irrigation systems and piping in drinking water to ensure farmers can grow enough to feed their families and there is clean water to drink. Join the fight for justice and give generously to the annual Trócaire collection. www.trocaire.org

TIDY TOWNS

A meeting is on Mon March 7th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre to make plans for 2016 projects. We ask people to please come and express your views. All ages very welcome. We were bronze medal winners in 2015, let's get Silver in 2016.

CLONASLEE COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOC

Clonaslee College Parents Association is holding a meeting on Wednesday March 9th at 8.30 pm in the college. All parents are asked to attend.

TABLE QUIZ

The Clonaslee Show Society Table Quiz has been reorganized for Saturday March 12th at 9:30 pm in Swans. This is the first of our fundraisers for the 2016 show and promises to be a great night.

CHRISM MASS 2016

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21st to celebrate the Chrism Mass - the largest diocesan celebration held during the year!

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BUS TO GOREY

Anyone interested in traveling to Gorey, Co Wexford on Friday March 11th to support the Clodiagh Players performance of 'I Do Not Like Thee Dr Fell' in the Festival please give your name to Maura on 087-212-2766 no later than Tuesday March 8th.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

Starting Friday March 4th – Friday March 11th each night at 8 pm except on Fri March 11th at 7:30 pm. Plays being performed are Sharon's Grave, the Quiet Moment, Jane Eyre, Moonshine, Where He Lies, The Thrill of Love, Proof, Steel Magnolias. Season tickets (8 nights) €50, 1 night €10. Tickets available on the door.

1916: A TERRIBLE BEAUTY IS BORN by WB YEATS

Portlaoise Active Retirement Association in conjunction with students of C.B.S Transition year and Gaelscoil Phortlaoise will commemorate and re-enact the 1916 Easter Rising, the life and times of that era through words, music, song and dance. Artists include vocalese, mgl harp ensemble and other well-known local personalities. On Wednesday March 9th at 2pm in the Dunamais Arts Centre. Tickets €5 and family of 4 is €15. Bookings directly with The Dunamais Arts Centre on 057-866-3355. Paid parking available beside the Odeon Cinema or free parking available on Mountrath Road and Harpurs Lane.

COUNTRY MARKET

Clonaslee Country Market in the Heritage Centre will be on the second Saturday of the month ie: March 12, April 9th, May 14th etc. from 10 am – 1 pm with fresh vegetables, home baking, knitwear, arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera, goats cheese and milk, flowers, plants and much more. Free tea and coffee available.

LADIES NIGHT

Mark your calendar for the annual Ladies Night coming on Friday April 15th. Dinner and dancing to a band and enjoying the craic!

CASTLECUFFE NS ENROLMENT

Please contact Castlecuffe National School on 864-8238 if you wish to enrol your child for the

school term starting in September 2016. Enrolment forms and information will be given to parents.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT '16 - '17

The village primary school is currently endeavouring to determine numbers for the school year '16-'17. It is imperative that the parents of all new Junior infants for September '16 contact the school. In your correspondence please give details of your child's name, address, date of birth and P.P.S. number (if known) and your own contact number. Actual Enrolment forms shall be provided later for all those who make contact with us now. Phone 057-864-8334 (between 2pm and 4pm each day) for further details.

COUNSELLING SERVICE

General counselling service available in the Portlaoise area. Contact Eileen on 087-638-0994.

ANDY'S FURNITURE

Beside Square Deals in The Square, Mountmellick. All types of furniture on sale, phone 085-835-5333. Also located in Stradbally Shopping Centre.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND

Special Olympics Ireland urgently requires volunteers in the Clonaslee area to help with its charity collection day which takes place on Friday April 22nd. Collection Day is the biggest annual fund raising event in aid of Special Olympics with the funds supporting more than 9,000 athletes in 360 clubs around Ireland. Special Olympics Ireland requires volunteers across the day. If you can commit to the full day or even just an hour, please contact Louise Duffy on 01-869-1626, email: duffy.louise@specialolympics.ie or check out the website www.specialolympics.ie.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 22-24-2.
€30 winners: Jackie Hyland, Tinnahinch; Weldon Finnermore, 37 Hillside; Noel Foynes, c/o Hogans; Finbar Rosney, Larrigan; Kathleen and John Jnr Blake, Barradoo; Tricia Bracken, Capparogan. Promoter's prize: Imelda Cusack, Mary Rose Corbet, Mary O'Gorman.
Next week's Jackpot: €950.