

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 7th April 2024

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

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: 13th/14th April: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 6th April – 8 pm

Ben & Brigid Egan, Rathcoffey
Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Tullamore & Bellair
Jim Costello & his son Michael, Graigueafula

Sunday 7th April – 10 am

Joe Young, Chapel Street
Leo Doyle, Brockagh

Saturday 13th April – 8 pm

Kathleen Browne nee Fitzgerald, London & Garryheather
Elizabeth Mortimer & Family, Tinnahinch & Dublin

Pray for Paddy Flynn, London & Garryheather who died during the week. Funeral arrangements to be announce later.

PLEASE NOTE

Saturday night mass reverts back to 8 pm from 30th March onwards

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

1st Communion programme is next Sunday 14th April during 10 am mass.

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.

TIDY TOWNS - CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clean Up Laois Week took place from April 1st - 5th with collection date from AES on Tuesday April 9th inside the barrier on the grass at Clonaslee Community Centre. The rubbish must be in the branded blue bags which are available from Patrick on 087-468-4213. Anyone who would like to participate and litter pick in their area can make contact. All help appreciated.

CCDA

CCDA meeting is on Mon 8th April at 7:45 pm in the Community Centre. All members please attend.

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY ALERT

The AGM of the Community Alert is on Tues 9th April at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting will be held on Mon 15th April at 8 pm in the Fr Shortall Room. Members please attend.

HOSPICE WALK

Presentation of a cheque to Laois Hospice will be on Friday April 12th at 8 pm in the Heritage Centre. Light refreshments served. All welcome.

CLONASLEE PARADE RESULTS

The Committee would like to thank all our very generous sponsors for their continued support financially to help in keeping the parade going. Your continued support is phenomenal and greatly appreciated. Our sponsorship board was on display the day of the parade listing all our

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sponsors to date. We also wish to thank everyone who gave private donations on the day at the Community Centre. *2024 CLONASLEE PARADE RESULTS*: Best Dog - Ted led by owner Kathleen

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,

Spain. Best Club/School: Castlecuffe NS. Most Original: TY Clonaslee College. Most Entertaining: RTE Pay Scandal Mountbolus. Best Vintage: Pat Callaghan. Overall Winner: Ballyboy Community Development/Tidy Towns. Congratulations to all our winners and participants.

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

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April 2024. Please ring 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Full bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Ciorcál Comhrá -Gach Máirt sa Leabharlann Mointeach Mílic ag 6.00. Comhrá agus craic agus cupán tae.! Fáilte roimh gach leibheál. *Irish Conversation Circle*: Every Tues at 6 pm. *History talk*: Join us on Tues April 9th at 7 pm for a talk on Irish Immigrants in Michigan. In *The Gallery* for the month of April *'Meanderings of a Colourful Mind'*, an exhibition of paintings by Olivia O'Keeffe, Martina Furlong and Marja van Kampen. Are you up for a *ten-minute drama/ play challenge-write, direct and produce your own script?* Mountmellick Arts Collective is inviting submissions for their upcoming fringe weekend. They meet every Thurs around 11 am. Upcoming news of a weekend which will include workshops. Email mountmellickfringe@gmail.com *Crochet and Knitting Group* meet every Thurs at 11 am to create and chat together. We have *books clubs* for all ages-baby book club for 0-3-year-olds, children's book clubs for 4-6, 7-9, 10-12-year-olds and two adult book clubs. If interested, call 057-864-4572 for more information. Please note there will be *no baby book club* over the Easter Holidays. It will resume on Tues April 16th at 10:30 am. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie to find out more.

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE – FILM:

Cinema Night in the Balcony Cinema

Mountmellick Tues 16th April at 8.15pm. Limited places so book with Antoinette on 086-080-3047 between 9:15 am-1:30 pm & 7-9 pm. Donation €10.

Brigidine Past Pupils Lunch (Boarders & Day Pupils from across the Diocese)

Past Pupils of the Brigidine Convents of Abbeyleix, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are invited to the Lunch on Sun 21st April in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge at 12:45 pm. Cost €40 and booking to be made before Thurs 11th April. Contact Sheila Kinane 087-224-9544 or 045-867-124. Email: sheilakinane@gmail.com

GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER BINGO

On Tuesday 9th April, St. Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €3170. Double number €740. Lotto €950.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 21-23-22.

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€30 winners: Jackie Hyland, Tinnahinch; David Rigney, Brocca; Brendan O'Gorman, "Lissane"; John Barrett, Clonaslee; S & M Rosney, Larrigan; Jim Rigney, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: K Blake, L Murray, Hetty Dunne. Next week's Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.