

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

### CONFESSIONS

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or [accordtull@eircom.net](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Also on offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on [www.mcmmedia.com](http://www.mcmmedia.com) under Clonaslee Parish

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 8 pm: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Amelia Dunne, Sineád Hobhan Garry, Corrine Greene

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 10 am: Team B: Darragh Mulhall, Paul Mullhall, Peter Foynes, Eimear Kelly, Martina Connolly Daly, Corrine Greene

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January – 8 pm

Clifford Mills, Cush

John O'Keeffe, The Green

John & Mary Anne Delaney, Larrigan

James Rigney, Garryheather & members of the Rigney Family

Julia Casey, The Derries & members of the Casey Family

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 10 am

Darren Campbell, Coolagh

Mary Daly & the Daly Family, Castlecuffe

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January – 8 pm

William & Mary Moran & the Moran Family, Coolagh

Sr Julia Egan, Rathcoffey

Timothy & Mary Ryan, Terenure

Nora Conroy, Clarahill & the Conroy Family

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – January

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian Countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

### 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am Mass.

### CCDA

The monthly CCDA meeting is Mon Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre.

### HOSPICE WALK

A meeting is on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8 pm in the Community Centre. Everyone involved on St Stephen's Day are kindly asked to attend.

### ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual walk in aid of Laois Hospice was a wonderful success. The largest crowd ever seen descended on Clonaslee to participate in our annual walk, and what a day of crisp winter sunshine greeted all who walked the 10 miles in the Sliabh Bloom Mountains or the 3 ½ miles around Brittas Lake, returning to the Community Centre for well-deserved refreshments. Sincere thanks to all volunteers who worked tirelessly over the Christmas period to prepare for the walk, to everyone who helped out on the day at car parking, the Community Centre, erecting signs, soup & water stations, etc. Special thanks to everyone who donated Christmas cakes – always a great treat. A huge thanks to all our sponsors, your sponsorship means so much to the great success of the day. To Sean & Denise Flynn who bake 1,300 bread rolls on the morning. You can return your sponsorship cards and money to Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540.

### RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Please recycle your Christmas tree along with your cans and bottles at the bottle and can bank

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at the back of the Community Centre. Let's keep our village tidy.

### **THANK YOU**

Thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas light collection. Total amount collected was €1115. Thanks to the collectors. The village had great comments on how festive it looked.

### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Please take down the registration number and phone in anything suspicious to the Garda station on 057-867-4100. Be a good neighbour and check on the elderly. Wear panic button and press it if you require help. Call Teresa if there are any problems on 087-970-5651.

### **THANKS**

Thank you to all who support the Almas charity. See more on [www.Almas.ie](http://www.Almas.ie)

### **MONTHLY BINGO**

Bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre on Sun Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors open at 2:15 pm. First number called at 3 pm. Books cost €3, €6 and €11. Sheets €2. Over €1,800 in prize money to be won. Extra prizes on the day.

### **TEENY TOTS**

Clonaslee Teeny Tots Parent & Toddler Group on every Tuesday during the school term in the Community Centre from 9:30 am – 12 noon. All welcome with lots of fun activities for children from babies to pre-school. Cost is €3 per family. For more information contact Cheryl on 087-633-1528.

### **ALL WELCOME**

Laois Public Participation Network invites you to a public meeting and discussion about the following Laois County Council Social and Cultural Strategies. The Creative Ireland Laois Plan 2018-2022, The Arts Strategy 2018-2022, The Recreation, Play and Sports Strategy 2018-2022, The Library Development Strategy 2018-2022 in The Killeshin Hotel, Dublin Road, Portlaoise on Wed Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please arrive at 6.45 pm for registration, meeting will commence at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

### **AN SEAN CHISTIN**

Dancing schedule in An Sean Chistin, Ire, Ballyfin: Mon Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, set dancing at 8 pm. Tues Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, line dancing 11 am, Wed Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, line

dancing 8 pm. Enquiries to Maureen 087-648-2038.

### **LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK**

Bus travels each Tuesday and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thursday leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Bus travels to Bingo each Sunday leaving Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. It is a door to door pick up. The bus will also drop you at hospitals or train stations. Any queries or to book your seat you must phone or text the evening before to 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444.

### **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY**

Would you be interested in beginner or intermediate computer classes in the New Year? If so leave you contact details at the desk in Mountmellick Library or call us on 057-864-4572. The Gallery is delighted to be exhibiting a selection of beautiful photographs from Veronica Nicholson's book project, called *Observing Offaly*, for the month of January.. Thinking of trying something new for the New Year? Learn a new language, start a writing course, learn how to make your own soap, music appreciation or upgrade your business skills. There are hundreds of free online courses available to library members that you can do from the comfort of your own home in your own time. Why not ask the staff the next time you're in your local library?

### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 13-23-8.

€30 winners: Lance Finnamore, Rosenallis; Sarah Casey, c/o Whist; Jacinta Davis, Gurteen; Noel Carroll, c/o Peavoy's; Jim Rigney, c/o Kathleen Blake; Nora Casey, Castlecuffe. Voucher: Josh Flynn. Promoter's prize: Mary O'Keeffe, Mary O'Keeffe, Kathleen Blake. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €650.

### **CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-3-8-28.

€40 winners: Edward Conroy, Diarmuid Conroy Gemma Hyland, OPD Department, Portlaoise Hospital. Promoter's prize: Neil Digan. Next week's Jackpot: €13,000.