ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 8th March 2015

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Parish Website:www.clonasleeparish.com

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	8 pm	Sunday	10 am
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri			9 am
CONFESSI	<u>ONS</u>		

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

ALTAR SERVERS Sat March 14th – Team A: Aishling Dunne, Ciara Hyland, Christopher Dunne, Katie Comerford.

Sun March 15th – Team A: Luke Dunne, Christy Conroy, Aoibhe Mulhall

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 7th March – 8 pm

Tom Smith, Bellair & Young Family, Ashbrook Deceased members of Clonaslee United Soccer Club

James & Julia Casey, The Derries

Lil Rosney & her parents, Patrick & Catherine, Broughla

Sunday 8th March – 10 am

Paddy Breen, Sliabh Bloom Park

Peter & Margaret Maher & deceased members of the Maher Family, Ballinalug.

Saturday 14th March – 8 pm

John Moran, Main Street

James, Margaret, Gerry, Andy & Dinny Dunne, Corbally

Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

Sunday 15th March – 10 am

Bernard O'Toole, The Green Maureen Conway, Coolagh Martin & Margaret Delaney, Scaroon Phone: 057-864-8030

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TRÓCAIRE

Trócaire boxes are available at all church doors. Take a box for your family.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues this Sunday March 8th at the 10 am Mass.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Castlecuffe NS Confirmation children will be going on their retreat in Mount St Anne's, Killenard on Mon 9th March.

FIRST CONFESSION

The children from Second class in Scoil Bhríde and Castlecuffe NS will be making their 1st Confession on Wed March 11th at 7 pm in the church.

FRIDAY PENANCE DURING LENT

Make a special effort at family prayer, make the Stations of the Cross, do something to help the poor, sick or lonely, make a special effort to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, abstain from meat or some other food.

CCDA

The monthly CCDA meeting is on Mon March 9th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. This is open to everyone from our community.

PRO-LIFE EVENT AT DÁIL

Pro-Life event on Wed 11th March from 7-8 pm outside the Dáil, challenging media bias on the abortion issue. In one fortnight recently, 33 articles appeared in national newspapers pushing for more abortion, with just 1 pro-life article during the same period. Please attend this event. For more info or to help organise a bus call 0857-266-8702.

HEALTHY FOOD MADE EASY

A 6 week course which will take place in Clonaslee Community Centre at the end of March and will most likely be held in the morning. Exact dates and times to be confirmed. The course will cover: low fat recipes, cooking on a budget, basic nutrition, low fat healthier options, recipes low in sugar, cooking seafood. Course material devised by a Community Dietician. To book your place and more information, please phone the Centre on 057-864-8277. Cost is €2 per week to those on Social Welfare payments. Ingredients will be supplied and are included in cost of the course.

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TABLE OUIZ

Clonaslee Rounders are having Table Quiz in The Swan on Friday March 13 at 9pm. Spot prizes on night. Will be a fun night for all!

THANKS

A big thank you to the Sacred Heart Tullamore Senior Choir for their fantastic singing at last Sunday's mass. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

From March 27th through to Good Friday in Ballylinan outside Athy, Co. Kildare. A cast and crew of almost 200 volunteers will bring this production to life for the 6th time since 1992. All welcome to come and enjoy.

TIDY TOWNS

At the recent AGM the minutes of previous meeting were read, with Secretary and Treasurer Reports following. Thanks were extended to all who helped and particularly Fas who did a lot of work. Thanks was extended to Pat Fenlon who litter picks daily, hail, rain or snow and to our four young people who helped last year. A review of the Tidy Town report was done and a programme for this year's competition will be done at the next meeting. A report was given from a seminar in Portlaoise which was of great interest. The committee thanked Fr O'Reilly and Annette Doolan for publishing reports. Officers elected as follows: Chairman: John Callaghan; Secretary: Maura O'Gorman; Treasurer: Chris Horan; PRO: John Troy. Vote of sympathy was had for all who lost loved ones.

MOUNTMELLICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Annual Drama Festival runs this week up to Friday March 13. Plays commence at 8 pm each night, on Sunday is "Conversations on a Homecoming", on Monday is "The Desert Lullaby", on Tuesday is "Be My Baby", Wednesday is "Trad", on Thursday is "Stolen Child" and on Friday "Beyond the Brookly Sky". Season tickets are €50, nightly tickets are €10 with concession €5. A great night's entertainment. **MUSIC CLASSES**

Clonaslee Comhaltas have music classes starting at 6 pm on Thursdays in the Community Centre.

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They are beginner classes for children and adults; class fee is €6 weekly. If you would like to join come along on Thursday night. For more info contact John Conway on 085-285-1772.

SCOIL BHRIDE NEWS

We continue to wish a speedy recovery to our classmate and friend Noah Flynn, who currently remains in hospital. Hurry back to us, Noah. All pupils are currently enjoying browsing through all the exciting publications at this Year's Book Fair which is located in the School Hall. This annual event promotes a great interest in books and reading among all our pupils. Thanks to the generous support from Laois County Council pupils from 3rd to 6^{th} who participated in an Energy Workshop on Fri March 6th. This is part of our on-going effort to receive our Green Flag for energy. Our Second class have been busy preparing for First Confession. Many thanks to the SBC Parent's Association who will be looking after the refreshments after the ceremony. We hope you enjoyed the Feb/March edition of the School Newsletter. A copy of the Newsletter may be viewed on the school website if you follow links through www.clonasleens.ie under home page/bulletin. Well done to Miss Bermingham who played a major role in Laois win over Antrim in the National Camogie League.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Tom Foynes, Ballykaneen on winning €950. Winning no: 11-5-19. €30 winners: D Bracken, Capparogan; Mick McRedmond, Clarahill; Claire Dunne, Ballymacrory; Niall Corbet, Ballykaneen; Geraldine Kelly, Glenkeen; Annie and Neil Digan, Coolagh. Promoter's prize: Peavoy's, Maura O'Gorman, Ann Rigney. Next week's Jackpot: €500.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-26-12-13. €40 winners: Conor Gorman, Padraig Flynn, Margaret Lalor, Mary O'Donnell, Jimmy Brophil. Promoter's prize: Post Office. Next week's Jackpot: €2,800.