

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th July 2023

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Theresa Conroy, Shraduff

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am

Friday 7:30 pm

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: 15th/16th July: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 8th July – 8 pm

Months Mind, Colum Dunne, Portlaoise, formerly of Clonabeg

Michael Lambe, Brittas & his grandson Christy Lambe, Birmingham

Nicky Dunne, Ballymacrory & Mountmellick

Sunday 9th July – 10 am

Bridget Hill, Riverview & her sister in law Bridie Conroy, Widnes & Tullamore

Catherine & Patrick Barry, Ballykaneen & members of the Barry Family

Baby John Paul McCann, Brocca & his Grandad Jim McCann, Clonabeg

Saturday 15th July – 8 pm

James & Mary Barrett, Tullamore Road

Sunday 16th July – 10 am

COLLECTION

Diocesan Levy collection is this weekend 8th/9th July. Please use your monthly envelope.

SOCIAL SERVICES OUTING

Our annual outing will be on Thurs July 27th leaving Clonaslee PO at 8:30 am to Kilkenny. Cost €30 per person includes bus and dinner. Tea and scones and evening meal in The Newpark Hotel. We will tour Kilkenny Castle at 11:30 am. A city tour of places of interest and to St Canice's Cathedral. Free raffle on the way with plenty of prizes for all. Names to Secretary on 087-212-2766. Names to be in by July 20th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Clonaslee Community Alert congratulates Sgt Graham Kavanagh, Crime Prevention Officer for Laois/Offaly on being the first Garda in Ireland to secure a diploma in Designing Out Crime. Graham is a very hard worker and always helpful and supportive to us in Clonaslee. Well done Graham and well deserved.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY AWARD

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions? This is your chance to shine a spotlight on them. Laois County Council in conjunction with Laois PPN, and our corporate sponsor People First Credit Union are excited to announce that we're accepting nominations for our upcoming Community & Voluntary Awards. These awards acknowledge groups and individuals who, through their commitment to voluntary and community activities, have played a significant role in enhancing the quality of life in their communities. To submit a nomination, simply go online to [Community & Voluntary Awards 2023 Nominations](#). Don't forget to mention any specific achievements, contributions, or qualities that make them stand out.

NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS ENTRY 2023

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National Tidy Towns Competition Judging continues until September. Clonaslee can be judged anytime. We ask people to please use bins

Mountmellick Art Collective meet on Thursday mornings, ring to find out more. *Lego Free Play* Sat mornings 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Gallery is hosting for July the exhibition "*Lean into the Mountain*" by local artist Antoinette

provided in the village. Anyone who wishes to volunteer an hour with us is most welcome. We would like to see volunteers come forward to help water flowers and beds. Please have pride in your village.

Breen. *Sensory room* available for 30 minute session. Registration required. Library closed any Saturday of a Bank Holiday weekend. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

TULLAMORE CREDIT UNION PRIDE OF PLACE 2023

Clonaslee have entered the Pride of Place 2023 Competition that Tullamore Credit Union are running. Judging will take place through to September. Please keep Clonaslee Litter Free.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 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, 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

WORK EVENINGS

Tidy Towns volunteers will be out every Tuesday and Thursday evenings meeting at 7 pm at Clonaslee Heritage Centre. Anyone who wishes to come on board and volunteer an hour any time the committee look forward to welcoming you.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

Book early to avoid disappointment-limited spaces. *Pirate and Mermaids Story time and craft* on Tues July 11th at 11 am for 3-7 year olds. *Under The Sea Storytime and craft* on Thurs July 20th at 11 am for 5-7 year olds. *Dinosaurs Storytime and craft* on Tues July 25th at 11 am for 3-7 year olds. *Irish History Live: A live interactive event on World War 1*, on Thurs Aug 17th at 10 am for those 7+years. Join Paul from *Dogs Trust* of fun and drama on Wed Aug 2nd at 11 am. *Read a book in the open air.* "What Can I Do?" is now available to read outdoors in Mountmellick Library until July 15th. Is your little one starting primary school in September? A 'My Little Library Book Bag' is available free for every child starting school in September 2023 to help them to prepare for this big step. Drop in to pick up your *brochure for all our summer activities.* *Summer Stars* programme, register and read 8 books and get rewards as you go along.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

Tuesday 11th July in St Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 47 numbers €1,610. Double number €1,370. Lotto €2050.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 18-8-21. €30 winners: Ml Rigney, Clonaslee; Sabrina Delaney, c/o S Langford; Timmy Tynan & Seamus Rigney, c/o Hickeys; Louise & John Cusack, Clonaslee; John O'Keeffe, Brocca; Gerry Hogan, Slieve Bloom Park. Promoter's prize: Maura O'Gorman, Mary Rose Corbet, Downeys. This week's Jackpot: €1,100. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-21-23-28.

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€30 winners: Frankie Horan, Denise Flynn,

OMoores/Faithful/Jackeen, Gerry/Fiona, Michelle

Boyhan. Promoter's prize: Hickeys.

Next week's Jackpot: €18,700 in Hickeys Bar.