

**ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER**  
**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday** 8 pm

**Sunday** 10 am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday** 10am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link  
<https://www.churchmedia.tv/camara/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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCCHARIST: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> January: Team B**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm**

Derry Keating & the Young Family, Ashbrook

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am**

Michael & Beth McEvoy, Sliabh Bloom Park  
Matthew Francis Hogan & deceased members of Hogan, Tynan & Hayes Families  
Isabel & Ralph Loomis, Washington State  
USA

Mary Tynan, Garryheather

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm**

John O'Toole, Castlecuffe & deceased members of the O'Toole Family

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January – 8 pm**

Anne Conroy & Marie Mahy nee Conroy, Ballykaneen & deceased members of the Conroy Family

James Rigney & deceased members of the Rigney Family, Garryheather

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 10 am**

Joe & Bríd Malone, Ballinahemmy

Sister Teresa Egan & the Egan Family, Coolnamoney

Mary Daly & the Daly Family, Castlecuffe

Michael Culleton, Brittas & Pat Culleton, Hillside & deceased members of Culleton Family

Jim Brady, Kildare

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS**

Please sanitise your hands when entering the church and wear a face mask.

**COMMUNION TIME**

We need to keep our distance from each other while going up for communion. Please respect others, give them room to return to their seats. Communion must be given into your hand, not the mouth. This is for the safety of all concerned

**NEW READER ROTA**

The new rota list for Saturday 8 pm and Sunday 10 am readers is now available on the Sacred Heart Altar.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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Thank you to all who helped and participated in any way to celebrate this Blessed Christmas season. We wish you a Happy Christmas.

#### **ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK**

The walk will resume this year with 2 options. You may choose to walk on Dec 26<sup>th</sup> or walk

virtually 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>. There is no official start time. Both *long walk and short walk* start at the Community Centre where sponsorship cards and donations can be given in. You may also give an online donation at [JustGiving.com](http://JustGiving.com) [www.justgiving.com/campaign/clonaslee-walk-2021](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/clonaslee-walk-2021) Due to Covid the committee are unable to serve refreshments in the Centre but the soup station will be operating on the long walk.

#### **KILMANMAN RESORATION PROJECT**

The Clonaslee High Nelly Club have compiled a DVD of their recent cycle fundraiser in aid of Kilmanman Church restoration project. DVD is €10 and for sale in local business. All proceeds go towards Kilmanman Church restoration project.

#### **A DIFFERENT ERA**

A book written by Fr Thomas O'Reilly 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' is now available in local shops. A perfect gift for family and friend, near and far, costing €10.

#### **CREDIT UNION HOURS CLONASLEE**

Thursday December 30<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm.

#### **LOCAL LINK TIMETABLE**

Please note the new number to book your seat. You must book your seat the evening before as it is a door-to-door service. Timetable for Christmas: The bus travels to Portlaoise on Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup>. To Tullamore on December 30<sup>th</sup>. €2 one way, €3 return. You must present travel pass when boarding the

bus and pay the driver. To book your seat phone 057-869-2168 or 083-012-0836.

#### **MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY**

Please check our library website page or Facebook page Laois Libraries for Christmas opening times. We would like to wish all our customers a safe and lovely Christmas and looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Want to kick start your reading habit or

in a reading rut? Then the short and sweet book club is back. Discover new authors and amazing stories. We meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories. If interested call 057-864-4572 for further details. Our sensory garden is open. Why not check it out when visiting the library and indulge your senses. Sensory Resource Collection: This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. To register for the service, you must have a referral letter from O.T., G.M.P., physio or other professional. For further details call 0578644572 or call to the Library to pick up a booklet

#### **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 7-5-2.

€30 winners: Kathleen Blake, Clonaslee;

Nuala Smith, Clonaslee; Tara Kelly,

Clonaslee; Marcus Cosgrave, c/o Matt; Mary

Margaret Daly, Clonaslee; Weldon Fynamore,

Clonaslee. €150: Mary & Mollie Casey, c/o

Kathleen Blake. Voucher: K Moody. €25:

Delaney Girls. Biscuits: Mary Dunne. Sweets:

Bernadette Hogan. Promoter's prize: Hickeys,

Flynn's PO, Ann Rigney. €150: Maura

O'Gorman. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. €25:

Colm Downey. Biscuits: Ger Kelly. Sweets:

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P. O'Donovan. Ham: Sponsored by Ger Kelly

Butcher – Winner Flynn's PO. Next week's

Jackpot: €950. Give a gift card for birthdays or

a special occasion. Lotto gift vouchers can be

purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-

8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. The

Lotto Committee wish all our promoters and

supporters a Safe and Happy Christmas