

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 18th February 2024

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Pat Young, Hillside

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 6 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.

EUCCHARIST: 24th/25th Feb: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 17th February

1 pm Memorial Mass, Enda Corcoran,
formerly of Coolagh

6 pm Jim Delaney, Larrigan
James, Kathleen, Mary, Seamus, Margaret
Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park & the
Downey Family

Sunday 18th February – 10 am

WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES

During Lent mass will be held at 9:30 am to facilitate parents dropping children to school. Why not do something extra for Lent and attend weekday mass.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is on from 10 am – 4 pm on Sat 24th Feb in Emo National School. Please contact Fr O'Reilly or Annette Doolan 087-988-1046 if you would like to take part in this training.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting on Monday 19th Feb at 8 pm in the Fr Shortall Room. Members please attend.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE GROUP

This group meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm in the Clonaslee Community Centre to organise the upcoming St Patrick's Day parade. All are welcome to join us.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Text Alert: Approximately half those receiving texts have not paid the annual €10, please do so as soon as possible if you intend on staying with it. Contact Matt Barrett if you no longer want to receive the text alerts. If you see any suspicious or strange cars around at any time, please phone the Gardi. Anyone over 66 years can install a monitor alarm, although there is no money to install sensor or indoor lights. Those who have monitor alarms, press your panic button as help is

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always on hand. Be vigilant and look out for each other. Keep our community safe.

Places Exhibition: A Selection from the Kenrick Photo Collection 1895 – 1915. *Lego Free Play* on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. *Mountmellick Arts*

Collective meet on Thurs mornings. *Campaign against Period poverty* there are free sanitary

YOGA

Tuesday Yoga class in Gaelscoil an Eiscir Riada, Tullamore at 6 pm with Patricia McLoughlin. Call 085-875-1431 to book a place.

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

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Ireland Reads Day on Sat, Feb 24th, *Parent & Child Craft* table from 11am. *Baby Book Club* takes place on Tues mornings at 10:30 am for ages 0-3 years. *Adult book club* on Fri Feb 23rd at 11am. *Short story club* meeting is Tues Feb 27th at 11 am. *Junior book clubs*: 4-6 year olds to be announced, 7-9 year olds on Tues March 5th at 3:30 pm and 10-12 year olds on Tues March 5th at 4 pm. *Shared reading groups* bring people together to talk, laugh and share.. *The Gallery* is host to The People &

products in the bathrooms of Mountmellick, Portlaoise and Abbeyleix libraries. *The Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. You can borrow the kit for 2 weeks in order to conduct a mini home energy audit. Contact us to be added to the waiting list. If interested in any of the above and find out more call 057-864-4572 or

email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

GRAIGUECULLEN VALENTINES

BINGO

Tuesday 20th Feb in St. Fiacc's Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,130. Double number €1020. Lotto €550.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-2-23.

€30 winners: Ann Gleeson. c/o Hogans; A Dillon, Killeigh; Callan & Kylie Kane, c/o S Finamore; William & Sophie Corbet; Kathleen Heaney, 7 Hillview; PJ Murphy, c/o Hetty Dunne. . Promoter's prize: N Dunne, Matt Barrett, Hogans. Next 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: 4-5-12-16.

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€30 winners: Shane Conroy, The Rowneys,

Shane Molloy, George Leech, Liam Conroy.

Promoter's prize: C Downey.

Next week's Jackpot: €5,200 in Hickeys Bar.