

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 10th March 2024

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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 9:30 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.

EUCHARIST: 16th/ 17th March: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 9th March – 6 pm

Months Mind, Eilish Proctor nee Murray,

Liverpool & Bellair

PJ Comerford, Castlecuffe & his parents

Jack & Mary Comerford, Capparogan

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

The Doyle Family, Killoughey

Tom Flynn, Chapel Street

Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

Tom & Annie Carroll, Ballykaneen

Tom Dooley, Hillside & Mountrath, his wife

Mary and son William

Sunday 10th March – 10 am

Months Mind, Dan O'Neill, Ross & Hillside

John Moran, Main Street

Tom Higgins, Brocca

Saturday 16th March – 6 pm

Tom & Pauline Horan & Lorraine Hogan, The Sq
The Dunne & Browne Family, Main St.

Sunday 17th March – 10am

Peter & Marie Casey, Broughla & Deceased members of the Casey Family

John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle & Catherine O'Reilly, Clonaslee

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.

MONTHLY ENVELOPES

The monthly and weekly envelopes have been distributed. If you did not receive a box or wish to use a weekly envelope which helps with Tax Back for the parish, please contact Fr O'Reilly or Annette Doolan 087-988-1046.

CCDA Meeting

CCDA Meeting will be held on Mon 11th March at 7.45pm in Community Centre. All members please attend.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Float Applications are OPEN for our 2024 St Patrick's Parade which takes place on Patrick's Day 17th at 12 noon commencing from Clonaslee Community Centre. All floats can assemble from 11am at the Community Centre. Float Categories on the Day include: Best Vintage, Best Dressed Dog, Best Club / School, Most Original, Most Entertaining. There is a whopping €600 CASH PRIZE and a Trophy for the Best Overall Float on the Day. AND €150 CASH PRIZE and a Trophy for 1st prize in Each Section. Entries are FREE to enter. Donations will be accepted in the Community Centre on the day. We would like assistance with more Stewarding on the Day, if you can lend a hand, please make contact with us.

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Any enquiries can be directed to Brendan on 087-967-5054 or Ronan on 085-148-2296 or through private message on our Facebook page. This group meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm in the

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

Clonaslee Community Centre to organise the upcoming St Patrick's Day parade. All are welcome to join us.

Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More information call 057-869-2168

St. Stephen's Day Hospice Walk

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Donations for Laois Hospice are still being accepted following our St. Stephen's Day Walk. Please contact Sheila Burke 087 6339540 Cheque will be presented shortly.

St Patrick's Day/ Seachtain na Gaeilge Parent and Child Craft Tables – Make something to celebrate St Patricks Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge at our Craft Table on Sat March 9th from 11 am while stocks last. Fáilte roimh cách! Over *Seachtain na Gaeilge* from March 1st to March 17th, bíonn go leor gníomhaíochtaí spráitúla again - Ciorcal Comhrá, Ceol, Craft tables, Am Scéalaíocht, Rince, Litríocht, Treasure Hunts and more. *Pop up Gaeltacht*- join us for comhrá, ceol, litríocht agus craic on Tues March 12th from 6 pm. Light refreshments and all are welcome. *6-week crochet class* beginning Fri March 8th at 11 am. *Sensory "Messy Play" Morning* on Thurs

TIDY TOWNS

Clean Up Laois Week will take place from 1st - 5th April with Collection Date from AES on **Tuesday** 9th April inside the barrier on the grass at Clonaslee Community Centre. The rubbish must be in the branded blue bags which are available from Patrick on **0874684213**.

March 21st at 10 am for 0-3 year olds and their parents/caregivers. *The Gallery* will host Roksana Rohovska's exhibition during March. Roksana works with oil, pastels, acrylics and wool and is inspired by nature, in particular flowers. *Baby Book Club* takes place on Tues mornings at 10:30 am for ages 0-3 years. *Adult book club* is on every month. *Short story club* meeting is Tues March 26th at 11 am. *Junior book clubs: 4-6 year olds* next meeting on Tues March 12th at 3:30 pm, *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. *Lego Free Play* on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Anyone who would like to participate and litter pick in their area can make contact. All help will be appreciated.

Please use the dog mitt dispensers to clean up after your dog and dispose of them in your household bins. The footpaths and approach paths to the village are destroyed. There is no excuse to not clean up after your dog as there are 3 fully filled dispensers located at Hillside entrance, Sliabh Bloom Park and Brittas Avenue. There can be a €150 if you are caught not cleaning up after your dog.

Mountmellick Arts Collective meet on Thurs mornings. *The Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. You can borrow the kit for 2 weeks. 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

EASTER RAFFLE

In aid of 'We're Doing It For Denny' with 10 fantastic prizes. Tickets cost €2/ strip or 3 strips/ €5 available in shops or contact Edel O'Brien.

email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 am. Travel pass is accepted. Cost is €3 return for adults and children over 5

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Gerry Bracken, Capparogan, on winning €500. Winning no: 12-9-2. €30 winners: Ml McRedmond Clarahill, David & Adam Downey, John & Laura c/o Kathleen Blake, T. Horan, Clonaslee, Nora & John Casey, Clonaslee, Edel Dunne c/o Nicky

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Dunne Promoter's prize: M. R. Corbet, Fallons,
Mary O'Keefe.. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto
gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores
Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty,
Chapel Street.