

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Frid 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March: Team B**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – 8 pm**

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch  
Tom Smith, Bellair  
Joanne Foynes, Brocca

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 10 am**

John Moran, Main Street

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS**

## 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The 1<sup>st</sup> communion programme is on this weekend at both masses. Children are asked to leave their candles on the table on the altar.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children

This will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

## SYNOD NEWS

Pope Francis is offering us a new way of being church, the synodal pathway, of walking together more closely and being a church that is hope-filled, despite its many challenges. And this is not cliché or jargon; we need each other, now more than ever.

## HELP NEEDED

We need basket collectors during mass. Please contact Fr O'Reilly if you are interested/willing.

## DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE

Defibrillator course will take place in the church soon. If interested, contact Dolores 087-414-8093.

## ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

If there are any outstanding sponsorship/donations please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or post to Capparogan Clonaslee.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon Clonaslee St Patrick's Day Parade will be a day to remember. Grand Marshall on the day will be Eileen Dunne RTE Newsreader. Eileen's roots come from Clonaslee.

€100 + Glass trophy for Best Overall Float. Other categories and prizes include: Best Club/School Float; Most Entertaining Float; Best Vintage; Most Original Float; Best Dressed Dog. Free entry. Registration of all floats will take place in the Community Centre from 10:30 am on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> with the parade kicking off at 12 noon. To book in your float, contact Ronan 085-148-2296 or Brendan 087-967-5054. Floats are still accepted.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Are you over 65 or on Disability Benefit? Meals available Mon-Fri, €5 per day- 2 course. Contact Tina on 057-936-2755.

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Volunteer drivers needed to deliver meals. Are you free for 1 day a week or fortnight from 1 pm – 2:15pm Mon- Fri? Contact Dolores 087-414-8093

## **Ring was found on day of David Brickley's funeral.**

Contact Fr. O'Reilly or Dinny Finnerty if you have lost it.

## **TIDY TOWNS**

Please clean up after your dogs. It's a disgrace to see dog waste on the footpaths, grass, everywhere. There are three dog mitts installed around the village so there is no excuse, take one, clean up and bin it.

## **AYENGAR YOGA**

Yoga in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee on Mondays from 6 – 7:15 pm. Cost is €10, pay as you go. Everyone very welcome.

## **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, costing €10.

## **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Anyone who has not paid their Text Alert fee can do so by giving it to Matt Barrett, Chairperson. Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not entertain callers to your door. Press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

## **LAOIS OFFALY RURAL LOCAL LINK**

You must book your seat the evening before as it is a door-to-door service. The bus travels to Portlaoise on Tues and Fri and to Tullamore on Thurs leaving at 9:30 am. To book your seat phone 057-869-2168 or 083-012-0836.

## **MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL**

The Festival will take place 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March, commencing nightly 8 pm. Tickets €12 on door. Beauty Queen of Leenane; Brighton; Chapatti; One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest; Rabbit Hole; Little Gem; Eurydice; God of Carnage.

## **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

*Junior Book Club:* Story explorers wanted from ages 8-12 years of age for some fun, facts and fiction. Mary Slevin from *Mount Henry Art Studios* will be *exhibiting* her own work in the gallery for the month of March. Laois Libraries to host an evening of *mindfulness and poetry* with Orlaith O'Sullivan on Wed March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. Places are limited for this workshop. The *Tovertafel table* is a table with interactive light projection games specially designed for those with dementia, cognitive challenges, autism and learning difficulties. Booking is essential-there are 30-minute slots available. The *Short and Sweet Book Club* meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories. We will be starting an *Adult book club* soon. *Baby Book Club* online on Laois Libraries Facebook page on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. *Sensory Resource Collection:* This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. If interested in any of the above notices call Mountmellick Library on 057-864-4572.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 23-13-14.  
€30 winners: Rose Dunne Sliabh Bloom, Ciara & MJ Walshe c/o Ann Rigney, Dolores Murray Clonabeg, Hetty Dunne Chapel St, Betty Callaghan Reary, Niall Corbet c/o M. R. Corbet Promoter's prize: K. Blake, J. Callaghan, N. Dunne  
Next week's Jackpot: €1100. 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.

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