

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday 17th March 2024

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Charity Number: 07355

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:30 am

Wed 8.30am

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: 23rd / 24th March: Team B ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 16th March – 6 pm

Tom & Pauline Horan & Lorraine Hogan, The Sq
The Dunne & Browne Family, Main St.
Donie Conroy, Glebe and his wife Teresa
Noel Fitzpatrick Clara, his father Sean Fitzpatrick
Graiguefulla, his Granparents Joe & Annie
McCann, Cush

Sunday 17th March – 10am

Peter & Marie Casey, Broughla & Deceased
members of the Casey Family
John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle & Catherine
O'Reilly, Clonaslee
Joanne Foynes, Brocca

Sat 23rd March -6pm

James & Margaret Dunne & members of the
Dunne family, Corbally
Tom Smith, Bellair

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.

1st Holy Communion Programme

1st Holy Communion Programme continues on Palm Sunday 24th March

Easter Station Collection

Easter station collection next weekend 23rd/24th March. Please use your monthly envelopes

Penitential Service

Penitential Service for Easter will be on Tues 26th March at 8pm

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. 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.

Local Cemetery

Please bring away any old wreaths, grass trimmings, weeds etc when cleaning up your

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graves over Easter. Don't dump them in the graveyard.

number of children coming out of games and cars leaving different areas.

Sympathy was extended to all who lost loved ones.

Road Sweeper

Laois County Council Road Sweeper will be in Clonaslee village early on Monday morning to sweep the street after the Parade. We kindly ask that cars be moved when sweeper is working allowing them to sweep as much as possible.

EASTER RAFFLE

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

Carol Nolan

Carol Nolan will hold her last Clonaslee Clinic in the hall on 28th March 6-7pm. Please support her.

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 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

Castlecuffe Cake Sale

Castlecuffe Parents' Assoc are holding a cake sale after Mass on both 30th Mar & 31st Mar.

Safe yourself Easter Baking by purchasing homemade treats.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Sensory "Messy Play" Morning on Thurs 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.

CCDA Meeting 11/3/24

Heritage Grant applied for to upgrade Heritage Centre. The Max amount that can be got is €25,000 if successful.

The Wheelchair toilets upgrade is complete. Grant of €14500 was got under Community Recognition Grant. Upgrade cost €16,500. Member praised all involved in getting the grant. Now seeking grant for a hoist.

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. *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 email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Water lodging at the entrance to the Heritage Centre to be drained by freeing holes in the flags. Foreman on upgrade of watermains going out Birr Rd assures us all will be left back as got.

We wish St. Patrick's Day Committee all the best. A detailed account on Planning and tendering for our Bus shelter was given. Tidy Towns are looking after this project. Tenders were sought from companies who specialise in Bus Shelters. People are asked to refrain from learning to drive in the Community Centre Grounds due to the large

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot Not won. Winning no: 16-5-1
€30 winners: Gemma & Maisie, Brittas, Ann Gleeson c/o Hogans, A. Fitzpatrick, Brittas, K.

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Blake, Barradoo, Liam Conroy, Clonaslee, Ger

Gorman, Clonaslee

Promoter's prize: K. Blake, A. Rigney, K. Blake

Next week's Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers
can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-
414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.