

*ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER*  
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*  
*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012*

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday 9 am**

**Tuesday – Penitential Service 8 pm**

**Wednesday – Communion Service 9 am**

**Holy Thursday 8 pm**

**Good Friday –**

**Stations of the Cross 3 pm**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion 8 pm**

**Holy Saturday –**

**Easter Vigil Mass 8 pm**

*Please bring you own candles to  
participate in ceremonies.*

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat April 7<sup>th</sup> - Team D:** Aislinn McRedmond, Sarah Jane Purcell, Lorcan Callaghan, Kathleen Blake. **Sun April 8<sup>th</sup> – Team D:** Emma Lawlor, Shay Foyne, Emma Conroy, Mary Hyland, Grace Callaghan, Roisin Scully.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

10 am Teresa Conroy, Glebe

10 am Ann Kelly, Glenkeen

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

10 am Mary Scully, Coolagh

**VISITATION OF THE SICK**

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited

Tuesday & Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> April in the mornings.

**EASTER COLLECTION**

The Easter collection takes place next weekend.

Please use the monthly envelope for this purpose.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

Choir practice is on Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the Fr Shortall Room with Tom Conroy.

**NOTE**

If anyone wishes to volunteer for washing of feet on Holy Thursday night please leave your name in sacristy.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April we are having an outdoor Station of the Cross, weather permitting.

Procession commencing from the Church at 3 pm.

Stations will take place in the Church for anyone who finds it difficult to walk.

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES**

Please return your Trócaire boxes on Holy Thursday and leave them in the baskets. If possible, exchange coins for notes, as this makes counting easier

**PARISH ACCOUNTS**

Parish end of year 2011 accounts are available at church doors.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Clonaslee College Parents Council needs the help of parents and students over 16 years to sell Raffle Cards in the Bridge Centre Tullamore, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April to make the Easter Raffle a success. Please text or phone 0877440930 with the date and time you are available to help. Many thanks to all parents for donations towards prizes. .

**EASTER PENANCE SERVICE**

Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mountmellick 7:30 pm, Killeigh 8:30 pm. Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosenallis 7 pm, Clonaslee 8 pm, Portarlinton 7:30 pm. Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> Ballinagar 7:30 pm, Raheen 8:30 pm.

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**LAOIS FLEADH**

Closing date for entries to the Laois Fleadh is April 20 which is earlier than usual due to the fleadh being held earlier this year. Please contact Barbara Tynan for information on 086-815-7342.

**SLIEVE BLOOM WALK**

A Slieve Bloom Walk in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation on bank holiday Monday April 9 at 11 am starting from the Clonaslee Community Centre. Light refreshments will be served on return. Sponsorship cards in all business in village or get a card by contacting John on 087-613-2044. Please join in and support this worthy cause.

**TABLE QUIZ**

In aid of Laois Branch of Irish Wheelchair Association on Good Friday April 6 in the Clonaslee Community Centre starting at 9 pm. Table of 4 is €20. Refreshments served. Please come support and enjoy the craic.

**LAOIS HOSPICE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE**

Liam Dunne, originally from Clonaslee is coming to tackle the epic challenge of running non-stop for 52 miles around the way marked Slieve Bloom Way on Friday April 6 – Good Friday. Liam hopes to do it in 10 hours and raise money for the Laois Hospice Foundation. To make a donation and support this worthy cause use sponsorship cards which will be distributed locally.

**SLIEVE BLOOM RUN/WALK**

On Easter Sunday April 8 starting from the Community Centre a 10 km run/walk event will be taking place. Details and information can be found on posters displayed at local shops. For more information on the challenge and events visit [www.runalong.net](http://www.runalong.net)

**MOUNTMELICK CREDIT UNION**

Clonaslee Office will be open Holy Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Closed on Good Friday.

**COMMUNITY ALERT**

Be very aware of bogus collectors re: household charge. Laois Co Council got tip offs about fraudsters calling to homes this week. The charge is not being collected. If you have bogus callers contact the gardi on 864-8022. Elderly people use your panic button for you monitor alarm. Use your

peepholes, don't answer your door to any strangers.

**TIDY TOWNS**

More people need to get involved. Please help out if only keeping your own front free of weeds and swept. Major problem with litter at lunch time. Students please use bins provided. We invite schools to get involved in Clean Up Laois Week April 16-20<sup>th</sup>. Win a green flag for your school.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Bingo in the Community Centre every Thursday evening from 6:30 – 9 pm. All are welcome.

**TIR NA N'OG PLAYGROUP**

Tir na n'Og Playgroup is participating in the ECCE scheme and is taking names for September 2012. To enrol your child please contact Mary on 057-864-8988 or 086-361-8905 or you can call in to the playgroup at The Old Boys' National School, Clonaslee

**ST MANMAN'S CHURCH BICENTENARY YEAR**

We invited individuals and representatives from all groups, organisations and schools to go on a subcommittee to prepare a variety of events to celebrate the Bicentenary of our church 1813-2013. If you are interested in helping to plan these events please leave your name with Fr O'Reilly.

**CLONASLEE CCE**

Singing classes will resume on Friday April 20. For further details contact John Sullivan, Scoil Bhríde on 057-864-8334 after 2 pm or John Conway on 085-285-1772.

**CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-5-11.

€30 winners: Christopher Horan, Clonaslee; Rose Smith, Hillview; Kit Murphy, Chapel St; Two Lucky Easter Bunnies c/o Peavoy's; Ann O'Keefe, c/o M O'Gorman; Ronan Dunne, Chapel St. Promoter's prize: Michael Dunne, E Sammon, K Blake.

Next week's Jackpot: €1,550.

**CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 23-24-5-11.

€40 winners: Larry Rigney, Lorna Burke, Andy Gilligan, Elaine, John, Edel, Micky Mahon. Promoter's prize: Ger Kelly.

Next week's Jackpot: €9,350.