

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

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Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am

Friday – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7:30 pm

*Confessions before Mass*

## ALTAR SERVERS

Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Team A: Aaron Lambe, Jennifer Sheeran, Jessica Baker, Mary Ellen Tynan.

Sun Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Team A: Shauna Mulhall, Luke Kelly Cusack, Rachel O'Meara.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

8 pm Julieanne O'Neill, late of Brittas

8 pm Alan Mangan, Main Street

8 pm Mary Conroy, Coolagh Cross

8 pm Kathleen Quill, Listowel

8 pm Margaret Comerford, England & Kilmanman

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

10 am Michael Costello & Mrs Annie Costello, Graigueafulla

10 am Peter & Christina Dunne, Brocca

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

8 pm Timothy & Margaret Mary Murray, Bellair

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

10 am James Dunne & his father Peter Dunne, Ballinalug

10 am Larry Conroy, Bedford & formerly Brocca

10 am Jim & Maura Sweeney, Main Street

10 am Donal Sweeney, Main Street

10 am Doyle Family, Killoughey

Pray for Joe Fitzgibbon, Clondalkin, Dublin who died during the week and was interred in Killoughey cemetery on Friday last.

## VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec and Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec in the morning.

## ADORATION

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament takes place Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 7 pm in the Fr Shortall Room.

## PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting for the Parish Council will be held on Wed Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the Fr Shortall Room

## ST VINCENT de PAUL

The monthly SVP meeting is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8 pm after mass in the Fr Shortall Room.

## STATION MASSES

Christmas station masses will be held Mon, Tues & Wed morning at 9 am.

## THE GIVING TREE

Cards are now on the Giving Tree to give a gift to the patients in St. Vincents' Hospital, Mountmellick. Please return gifts by 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. The school children will visit the patients where they will distribute your gifts.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The tradition of placing Poinsettias around the altar will continue this year. If you wish to have one on the altar in memory of your beloved dead, there is an envelope in your monthly box for this purpose. Cost €10 each.

## THANKS

Thank you for your generous contribution for the Trócaire Syria & Philippine's collection. Total to date is €2115.

## CAKE SALE

A Cake sale in aid of the Clonaslee Parent Toddler group is on this weekend after 8 pm and 10 am masses in the Fr Shortall Room.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Party & dinner will be on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm in the Community Centre. Music by Rock on Paddy. This is a social event and we hope everyone will come for the few hours to meet, chat and enjoy a great day.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Almas Christmas cards are available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

## COMMUNITY ALERT

Text Alert forms to be returned to Matt Barrett, Chairperson. We need more people to sign up for this if Clonaslee is to get it up and running. It is working very well in other villages & towns. Its all about protecting each other and our community. All details will be explained by phoning Matt on 087-672-6290. There is a small

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charge to get started as signs will have to be installed in the area.

## **SPONSORED WALK**

Clonaslee branch CCE are holding a sponsored walk on today Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 am starting from the Parochial Hall.

## **'TALKING MEMORIES' BOOK**

The second printing of the book written by Fr O'Reilly will be available for anyone who ordered or anyone who wishes to buy a copy for collection next Sat & Sun 7/8<sup>th</sup> Dec after both masses in Fr Shortall Room. Cost is €10.

## **SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN**

Through the efforts of Clonaslee ICA and Clonaslee CCE they have worked out a deal to have Santa Claus come to town by sleigh on Saturday evening December 14 at 5 pm. Santa's sleigh will be parked at A.J.'s on Main Street.

## **TRIP TO LIMERICK**

A bus will be leaving Clonaslee on December 7 at 9 am and leave Limerick at 4r:40 pm. Cost is adults €5 return and children under 16 €3 return. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To book your seat call Laois Trip on 057-869-2168.

## **CCDA**

The monthly CCDA meeting will be held on Monday November 9 at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. There is plenty to discuss and we ask that all members please attend.

## **MUSIC AND SINGING SESSION**

Join us on Fri Dec 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parochial Hall for a music and singing session from 8.30 till 11pm, singers and musicians especially welcome.

## **CLONASLEE COLLEGE PARENTS**

### **COUNCIL**

Our AGM was held on Thurs Nov 21<sup>st</sup> in the school. The committee for year is as follows: Chairperson, Pat Carroll; Vice Chairperson, Tony Hartnett; Secretary, Pauline Fitzgerald; Assistant Secretary, Sheila Fitzpatrick; Treasurer, Sarah Bennett. A special thanks to all parents who helped out with our fundraising during last year and to the parents who helped the Debs committee.

## **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

Clonaslee College Parents Council annual church gate collection will be held in Clonaslee on Dec

7/8<sup>th</sup> and we would appreciate your help with this fundraiser. We are currently seeking a permit to hold a collection in Rosenallis as they already have a collection on this weekend. Can you please ring or text a committee member if you are available to collect in Clonaslee and what time would be most suitable for you? Pat Carroll 087-254-5187, Tony 087-933-0645, Pauline 087-685-9515, Sheila 087-744-0930, Sarah 086-379-7650.

## **WORK4YOU – INFORMATION STAND**

'Work4You' set up by Acquired Brain Injury Ireland provides a free vocational assessment service for individuals who have an acquired brain injury and would like assistance and guidance in returning to work, training or education. It is free to anyone with an acquired brain injury and in receipt of a payment from the Dept. of Social Protection. If you are interested in the service or would like more information, Work4You are holding a Pop-Up Information Stand in Portlaoise Library on Thursday December 12 between 1-3pm. All are welcome. For further information please call 044-933-8773.

## **EMPTY JARS**

Please leave your empty Kenco coffee jars into the Heritage Centre for a future project. Thanks!

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 15-22-6.

€30 winners: Teresa Fitzpatrick, Brittas; Bill and Eilish Dunne, Broughla; Roisin O'Donovan, Clonaslee; Rose Smith c/o PO; Mary O'Neill, 8 Hillside; E Conroy, Graigue. Voucher, Paddy Farrell, Chapel Street; bottle, Mary Flanagan, Rosenallis. Promoter's prize: Imelda Cusack, Kathleen Blake, Ger Kelly. Voucher, Mary O'Keefe; bottle, Ger Kelly.

Next week's Jackpot: €2,300.

## **CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won Winning no: 11-13-17-19

€40 winners: P.V. Dunne, Marty Corcoran, Siobhan Conroy, Evelyn Carrol, Pat Feery. Promoter's prize: Post Office. Extra prizes, turkeys sponsored by Ger Kelly. Turkeys: Tommy Smith, Dara and Roisin Scully, Bernie Lynch, J.A.C.D. Hogan's voucher: Joe Digan. Post Office voucher: Mary Whyte, Murt Flynn.

Next week's Jackpot: €1,750.