

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 10th December 2017

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Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

CONFESSIONS

Every 1st Friday before 7:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact 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. Also on offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on www.mcmmedia.com under Clonaslee Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Thurs 16th Dec: Team A: Eimear Kelly, Lily May Owens, Amy Thornton, Emily Lambe

Fri 17th Dec: Team A: Emer Dunne, Daniel O'Meara, Michael Poole, Ciara Breen, Niamh Kelly, Cadhia McCann

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 9th December – 8 pm

Kit Mahon, Slieve Bloom Park
Christopher & Elizabeth Conroy & deceased members of the Conroy Family, Capanagraigue
Fr Joe Shortall, former PP of Clonaslee
Thomas & Mary Smith, Chapel Street
McEvoy & Conroy Families, Graigueafulla

Sunday 10th December – 10 am

Doyle Family, Killoughey

Sunday – 17th December – 10 am

Molly & Tommy Conroy, Ballyfarrell
Rose, Ernest & Carmel Cully, Ballyfarrell
Michael Culleton, Brittas & deceased members of the Culleton Family

MONTHLY BINGO

Bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre on Sun Dec 10th. Doors open at 2:15 pm. First number called at 3 pm. Books cost €3, €6 and €11. Sheets €2. Over €1,800 in prize money to be won.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the gallery in preparation for Christmas Eve mass. All welcome to join.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Dec 17th at the 10 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Clonaslee/Portarlinton Christmas carollers are hosting a Christmas concert on today Sunday Dec 10th at 5 pm in St Manman's Church, Clonaslee. The Clodiagh Players and Clonaslee Comhaltas will have a presentation during the concert. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

CCDA

The monthly CCDA meeting is Dec 11th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

In aid of Scoil Bhríde Parents Assoc is next weekend 16th/17th Dec. Your support is appreciated.

CANTOR TRAINING

If you are interested in cantor training please contact julie.kavanagh@kandle.ie or leave your name with Fr O'Reilly.

GIVING TREE

Gifts for the giving tree will be brought by school children to patients in St Vincents hospital, Mountmellick on Mon 18th Dec and they will sing carols

PLAYSCHOOL NATIVITY

Tir na Nog Playschool Christmas Nativity will take place on Wed Dec 13th at 6:00 pm in the hall at Scoil Bhríde. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Light refreshments served afterwards.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONCERTS

Scoil Bhríde concert is on Tues Dec 19th at 7 pm. Castlecuffe NS concert is on Thurs Dec 21st at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.

MONSTER WHIST DRIVE

In Clonaslee Parish Hall on Sun Dec 10th at 8:30 pm sharp. Top score: €200; First gent: €100; Second gent: €50; First lady: €100; Second lady €50; 1st quarter: €25; 2nd quarter: €25; 3rd quarter: €25; 4th quarter: €25. Whist card €10.

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ALMAS CHRISTMAS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas bouquets cards are available from Dolores Murray 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty 087-773-0734.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

In aid of Friends of Calcutta, please leave bags of clothing in the church car park before 11 am on Wed Dec 13th. Thank you for your support.

SCOIL BHRÍDE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Scoil Bhríde Parent's Association recently held their AGM which saw some old members leaving and new members joining. The new committee are as follows Chairperson Caroline Brazil, Vice chairperson Sharon Smith, Secretary Sabrina Ryan, Treasurers Jackie Farrington and Carmel Breen and PRO Karen Hyland. Our first fundraising event will be a Church gate collection on 16th/17th Dec. Anyone wishing to volunteer for collecting can get in contact with any member of the committee. We will also be holding our annual raffle at the school concert on Dec 19th. Again anyone wishing to donate a prize for this can leave it in to the school or with any committee member.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Chairman John Callaghan and Secretary Maura O'Gorman thank everyone who attended the Christmas dinner in the Community Centre. A wonderful day was had by all. Our thanks to Marie's Catering and staff for a beautiful meal and for the baker of the fabulous cake, to all who brought or sent gifts for the free raffle, to the businesses for their generosity and to those who gave private donations. Thank you to Patricia Costello and Jane Gounod who gave the hampers which were won by Bridie Kelly, Kitty Deane and Bridie Culleton. The centre was beautifully decorated, thanks to Dolores Murray for lights. Thank you also to Nuala Smith for selling tickets, John Troy and John Casey for getting the centre ready and cleaning up, the CCDA for use of this fine facility, to John Conway and some of the Comhaltas children for playing such beautiful music which was enjoyed by all, to Rock on Paddy for providing music and making it an enjoyable event and to all who helped in any way, it is much appreciated.

ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK

We are celebrating our Silver Jubilee, 25 years of helping Laois Hospice. The Community Centre will be set up with table and chairs on Friday Dec 22nd at 6 pm. Volunteers welcome please.

Donation of fruit cakes would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who would like to help out in the Community Centre on Stephen's Day please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or come along on the day, many hands make light work. For information re: the walk or sponsorship cards please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540, Niall Bourke 087-411-6274 or Lucy Feighery 087-991-2440

DONATE A DINNER

Clonaslee Pharmacy with Focus Ireland is organising a "Donate a Dinner" campaign. €4 will provide dinner, dessert and tea/coffee for one day over the Christmas period for someone in need. Please call to the pharmacy if you would like to donate.

HOLY CROSS

Bus will travel on Jan 4th. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

From Monday December 11 the bus will travel on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and to Portlaoise on Tuesdays and Fridays. You must phone or text 087-743-7444 the evening before by 6 pm to book your seat. The extra days to Tullamore will continue up to Christmas only.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 4-15-8.
€30 winners: Kathleen Blake, Barradoo; Arthur Hatton, c/o Maura; Eileen & Grace Digan, Coolagh; Clair Dunne, Broughla; Tina Conroy, Brittas, Ava Horan, Clonaslee. Voucher: John & Imelda Cusack. Bottle: Hetty Dunne. Promoter's prize: Flynn's PO, Maura O'Gorman, Shirley Finnermore. Voucher: Ger Kelly. Bottle: Matt Barrett. Next week's Jackpot: €1,550.

CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-13-25-26
€40 winners: Margaret Lee, Breeda Hally, Joe Dunne. Promoter's prize: Shane Conroy. Next week's Jackpot: €12,550.