

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 10th December 2023

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 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.

EUCCHARIST: 16th/17th Dec: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 9th December – 6 pm

Kit Mahon, Sliabh Bloom Park
Edward & Anna Mary Troy, Brittas &
deceased members of the Troy & Kennedy
Families

Sunday 10th December – 10 am

Months Mind, Bridie Culleton,
Coolaboughlan & Joseph Culleton,
Coolaboughlan

Noel Carroll, Ballykaneen

Saturday 16th December – 6 pm

Paddy & Annie McDonald, Mountmellick
McEvoy & Conroy Family, Graigueafulla

Sunday 17th December – 10 am

Mary Rosney, Clonlyon

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Penitential service is on Mon 18th Dec at 8 pm.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT CONCERT

An evening of song, faith, hope and love coming to Clonaslee in aid of the church roof on tonight Sunday Dec 10th at 7:30 pm in St Manman's Church with Dana, Philomena Begley, Kathy Durkin, Tony Allen, Chrissy Mac. Doors open at 6:30 pm. For your comfort, bring a cushion! Tickets cost €30 with limited number of tickets available at the door.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practices for Christmas Eve Mass will be held every Thursday evening at 7 pm on the choir gallery. We encourage all existing members to come along, and new members are needed and most welcome.

CLONASLEE FLOOD PLAN

The third public information event will be held in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee on Tuesday December 12th from 2 pm – 7 pm. It has been six years since Clonaslee was hit by floods. It is in the interest of all to attend this event especially those living on Chapel Street and near the Clodiagh River. Members of the project team will be available to discuss the scheme proposals.

THANK YOU

Clonaslee Social Services committee thank all who came to the recent Christmas dinner. A great day was had by all. The Community Centre was beautifully decorated and a sincere thanks to all who set up and cleaned up. Thank you to Marie's Catering for a lovely dinner, to all who brought gifts, those who gave private

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donations and to businesses for sponsorship. Thanks to Caroline for the beautiful cake, the hamper was sponsored by Councillor Seamus

Bourke 087-411-6274, Lucy Feighery 087-991-2440, Peter Maher 085-174-2217.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 am. Travel

McDonald which was won by Teresa Feighery. Thanks to Angela who made the curtain to split the hall and Greg for transport. It was a lovely social event, and we thank the HSE for the grant and the High Nelly Club for support which allows us to host this event. Thanks to Rock On Paddy who made the day so enjoyable with his great entertainment and Denis Byrne for photos. We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did. Very Happy Christmas and please God all will be well in 2024.

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

CHRISTMAS GIFT

A great gift to give at Christmas is 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' written by Fr. O'Reilly costing only €10. Available after masses.

Christmas Lotto Gift Cards now available.

Ideal Christmas present. €10 for 5 Weeks or €20 for 10 weeks. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 19-5-18.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards pack of 10 only €5, available after masses.

€30 winners: Trish Costello, Clonaslee;

Caitlin, Tyler, Jack, Grandad; Nancy

Thornton, Mucklagh; Brendan Costello,

Clonaslee; Deirdre & Susie, c/o Nuala Smith;

Patricia Barrett, Clonaslee. Voucher: Mary

O'Gorman, Drummond. Bottle: Patsy Byrne,

Cadamstown. Promoter's prize: Eileen Digan,

Emily Kelly, Dolores Murray. Voucher:

Dolores Murray. Bottle: Kathleen Blake. Next

week's Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers can

be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-

414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

Extra Prizes for Christmas.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA

LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 3-9-10-17.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

Sponsorship cards are available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540. Donations of Christmas fruit cakes will continue to be gratefully received. Anyone who would like to help out in any way for an hour or 2 with parking, organising in the Community Centre, at the soup station on the mountain, your help would really be appreciated. For information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540, Niall

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€30 winners: James Young, Tyler & Jack, The Goat, Oisín Conroy, Tricia Bracken.

Promoter's prize: D Callaghan. Meat Voucher

winners: Joseph & Amy Digan, Noleen

O'Rourke. Next week's Jackpot: €4,000 in

Hickeys Bar.