

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10th May 2015

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Phone: 057-864-8030

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after morning mass on Wed until mid-day as it is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

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 on 057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat May 16th – Team A: Aishling Dunne, Ciara Hyland, Christopher Dunne, Katie Comerford.

Sun May 17th – Team A: Luke Dunne, Christy Conroy, Aoibhe Mulhall

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 9th May – 8 pm

Mary Dooley, Hillside

John Kelly & deceased Kelly family members,
Glenkeen

Sunday 10th May – 10 am

James Mahon, Chapel St & late of Australia

Sunday 17th May – 10 am

John Murphy & all the Murphy family,
Kilmanman

John Conway, Coolagh

Nora Coady, Kilcormac

Pray for Eileen Malone formerly of Graigueafulla who died in Shaen Hospital during the week.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from Scoil Bhríde and Castlecuffe NS who made their 1st Holy Communion this weekend.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Some Pastoral Thought on the Referendum on Marriage May 2015. "As I make my Confirmation visits these days, many priests and people ask for some guidance or direction in relation to the

upcoming referendum. I know this referendum on marriage is a complex and sensitive topic.

Therefore I feel that, as your bishop, I cannot in good conscience neglect to address this issue; I pray my words will in no way offend or hurt anyone. That is certainly not my intention....In making your referendum decision, I encourage you to value the model of Christian marriage which is the fundamental building block of our society." Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin. *The complete text of Bishop Nulty's reflections are available on a loose page at the doors of the church.*

CLODIAGH PLAYERS

Our new production Just Outside Mountmellick directed by Danny Hyland is booking up fast. Book your seats for Tues May 19th, Wed May 20th and Sat May 23rd by ringing 085-783-1104. Play starts at 8 pm sharp in the Parochial Hall. A fun night of laughs and mystery guaranteed.

CCDA

The monthly meeting of the CCDA is Mon 11th May at 8.30 pm in the Community Centre. The sponsoring committee meeting incorporated into same. The CE Supervisor will present her report to the meeting.

TRÓCAIRE

Thank you to all who supported our Trocaire Lenten campaign. Total amount raised to date is €3241.22

PIETA HOUSE FUNDRAISING WEEKEND

Swans Bar and Café are hosting a fundraising weekend for Pieta House -Suicide Awareness and Prevention. Kicking off is a Fashion Show on Fri May 29th at 8 pm in the Community Centre. Prizes for the best dressed lady and gent on the night plus loads of arts and craft stands on display. Tickets cost €10 available at local shops and Swans Café. Sat May 30th will be a coffee morning from 10 am to 2 pm in Swans Café with a table quiz that night at 9:30 pm. Loads of prizes to be won with a table of 4 costing only €20. On Sun May 31st there is a cake sale from 10 am to 2 pm in Swans Café and a 5K Fun Run/Walk starting at 11:30 am. Adults €10, children €5, family €20. For more info on the above events contact Tom McRedmond 087-947-6262 or Yvonne Comerford 087-191-6727.

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TIDY TOWNS

Clean Up Laois Week was a great success with 68 bags of rubbish taken from the Clonaslee area.

Our thanks to Laois County Council C.E.Scheme, our young workers, Scoil Bhríde students, those who did the main roads, Pat Fenlon who litter picks every morning and all those who helped in any way. We please ask that everyone be more vigilant about litter, use the bins provided for litter and cigarette butts, as the National judging will be starting in June. Congratulations to Castlecuffe NS on getting their fourth green flag. A wonderful achievement. Well done to all. We wish Scoil Bhríde well in aiming for their second green flag. Work evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting from the Heritage Centre at 6 pm.

WOODCRAFT COURSE

This course was run at the Community Centre and the participants have made some lovely coffee tables, bird tables, swift boxes and many more beautiful things. Well done to all.

FLY POSTING

All fly posting must go outside the 50 and 60 km speed signs. Our village looks much cleaner and a lot of other towns and villages are following our example. We thank everyone for their cooperation.

MASTER COMPOSTER PROGRAMME

The programme continues in the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise. May 29th/30th will be in Clonaslee at the compost demo site. This is a most interesting course on how to do your own compost.

STOP FOOD WASTE

This course finish last week. It was a very interesting and worthwhile course, the first to be run in Co Laois. The participants extend a big thank you to Anne Marie Kelly, Environment Awareness Officer from Laois County Council and to Caitriona Cashin at the Community Centre.

SOCIAL SERVICES BINGO

Bingo is on Wednesdays at 2 pm in the Heritage Centre. We hope to see all there for a cuppa and chat. All welcome.

CLONASLEE BRANCH MUSIC CLASSES

Clonaslee Comhaltas now have two music teachers on Thursdays in the Community

Centre. Karen McCormack teaches button accordion, flute, tin whistle, keyboard and fiddle from 4:15-8 pm. Maria Hearnett teaches beginners from 6-8 pm. Instruments being taught are tin whistle, banjo, mandolin, concertina, fiddle and button accordion. If your child has an interest in any of the classes please contact branch chairman John Conway on 085-285-1772.

CEMETERY MASSES

Clonaslee cemetery Friday June 5 at 8 pm;
Corrigeen cemetery Friday June 26 at 8 pm;
Kilmanman cemetery Friday July 3 at 8 pm.

SHOWCASE

A Showcase/Information Day for the Over 55's will take place on the 21st May in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix. The Showcase is on from 10 am – 4 pm. There will be a number of speakers and stands, refreshments will be provided and the day will end with some entertainment. Booking is Essential – Numbers Limited. Contact Geraldine 057-866-4107.

CCE SCHEME

Tidy Towns Worker for the Clonaslee Community Development Association. Duties: litter picking, grass cutting, weeding, painting, strimming etc. An interest in gardening/horticulture is essential. Ability to work as part of a team is important. Please contact local DSP (formerly FAS office) on 057-867-8010 to place your name on the interview list. You cannot be interviewed unless your name is on the interview list.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 11-1-22.

€30 winners: Edel Dunne, Chapel Street; Jim Rigney, Clonaslee; Niall Murphy, Broughla; Julia Davis, Gurteen, Mary Delaney, Coolaboughlin; Maura O'Gorman, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Eamon Sammon, Mary Rose Corbet, Mary O'Keefe. Next week's Jackpot: €1,850.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 25-28-1-6.

€40 winners: Deirdre Blake, Helena Dunne, Ger Kelly, Denis Guckivan, Peter and Emma Dunne. Promoter's prize: Hogan's Shop. Next week's Jackpot: €4,200.