

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 11th December 2016

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Phone: 057-864-8030

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. They also offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 10th December – 8 pm

Months Mind, Mary Dunne, Tallaght

Helen Hilliard, Shraduff

Willie & Bridget Deegan, Derby & Cadamstown

Ted & Doris Lee, The Green

Christy & Elizabeth Conroy & deceased members of the Conroy Family, Cappinagraigue

Sunday 11th December – 10 am

The Doyle Family, Killoughey

Saturday 17th December – 8 pm

Patrick Hogan, Clonaslee

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick

Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly, Gorrough

Sunday 18th December – 10 am

Micheal Culleton & deceased members of the mCulleton Family, Brittas

Sister Teresa Egan & Family, Coolnamoney

John & Jane Dunne, Glenkeen

Pray for Kathleen (Kit) Mahon, Sliabh Bloom

Park and John O'Donohue, Mucklagh who both died during the week.

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.

CHOIR

Practice every Thursday at 7 pm in choir gallery in preparation for advent and Christmas. All choir members please attend and new members very welcome.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Mon 19th Dec: Mountmellick, Tues 20th Dec: Portarlinton, **Wed 21st Dec: 7 pm Rosenallis, 8 pm Clonaslee**

GIVING TREE

Gifts from the Giving Tree will be brought to the patients in St Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick on Wed Dec 14th at 10:30 am. Carols will be sung by the children from our primary schools and choir members.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

The parish Christmas card is available at all the doors. Included is the mass schedule during the Christmas season. Please take one and give one to your neighbour.

CCDA

The monthly CCDA meeting on Mon Dec 12th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Scoil Bhríde students will dramatize the Christmas Story – Birth of Our Lord during 8 pm mass on Sat 18th Dec.

ALMAS CARDS

Almas Christmas cards and Mass Bouquets available, contact Dolores Murray 087-414-8093.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

The walk takes place on Dec 26th with the 'long' walk starting at 12 noon taking approximately 3-4 hours and the 'short' walk starting at 1 pm taking approximately 1-2 hours with both starting from the Community Centre. Soup and water stations are available on the long walk. Refreshments for all will be served in the Community Centre after both walks. Each walk will be well signposted on the day. Participate at your own risk. Make it a family day out, bring friends, it's a great tradition to begin for all.

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

A church gate collection is on Dec 31st and Jan 1st to help with the cost of running the lights. Please support as our village looks fantastic.

CAROL SERVICE

Christmas carol service with members from Clonaslee choir and Portarlinton choir in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton on Sunday 18th December at 5 pm. All are welcome.

CCE CLASSES

Set dancing classes on Wednesdays at 8 pm in the Parochial Hall. All welcome to attend. Music classes continue weekly, instruments being taught are tin whistle, flute, fiddle, button accordion and keyboard. Classes on Thursdays beginners from 4:15 pm with advance classes from 5 pm. New members welcome. Singing and music session every first Friday in the Parochial Hall at 9 pm and all are welcome.

YOGA

Yoga classes are on every Monday in the Heritage Centre at 6:15 pm. New members are welcome to start.

BINGO

Social Services bingo is on Wednesdays in the kitchen of the Community Centre from 2- 4 pm. We would like to see more people come along for bingo, a chat and a cuppa.

"THE LOST TREASURES" BOOK

LAUNCH

Sean Flanagan, Tinnahinch, has launched his new book "THE LOST TREASURES". The book is a history and folklore of a part of the Slieve Bloom. It contains a very interesting map showing old houses and landmarks in the area covering a couple of generations, which was drawn up in 1997, by the late Joe Egan, Coolnamoney. The Schools Collection of 1937/38 written by the pupils of Tinnahinch School recorded the history of the district at the time. It also includes many topics like the destruction of churches, castles and a village in the area. The legendary buried treasures at "Tinnahinch Castle" and "The Robbers Den". The different stories about how "The Stony Man" was built. How the hermit "Grets" lived in a Cell under the river Barrow.

The major decline of the population, and the life and times of the people, all make interesting reading. The book is available in the local shops.

AGM

The Slieve Bloom Association AGM will be held on Thursday January 19, 2017 at 8 pm in the Community Hall, Kinnitty. Annual membership remains at €10. The Slieve Bloom Association would like to wish the committee, members and all those who supported and attended festivals and events throughout the year, a very merry Christmas and happy New Year..

MONSTER WHIST DRIVE

In Clonaslee Parish Hall on Sunday Dec 11th 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.

CHRISTMAST RAMBLING HOUSE

Christmas Rambling House session at An Sean Chistin Ire, Ballyfin on Sun Dec 18th at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join in the usual music, song, dance, stories and some festive fun added for good measure. Details Maureen 087-648-2038.

CES JOB VACANCY

Vacancy for a Clerical worker/Administrator Job Ref: CES-2024236. Position based in Clonaslee Community Centre. Good communication and interpersonal skills essential. Hours: 19½ per week and CE rates of pay apply. General eligibility requirements for CE – one year in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment and over 25 years of age but please check with your local Intreo Office for confirmation. Please contact Michael Gorman in the Community Centre – 057-864-8277 for further information.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Eoghan O'Donovan, Main Street for winning the Jackpot of €500. Winning no: 9-7-22. €30 winners: Geraldine Kelly, Glenkeen; Rose Smith, Clonaslee; Val Hogan, Clonaslee; Michael Dunne, Cloonagh; Joan Rooney, Clonaslee; Lucy Horan, Clonaslee. Voucher: Nancy & Larry, c/o Peavoys. Bottle: John Cusack. Promoter's prize: S Finnamore,

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Bottle: Fran Bates. Next week's Jackpot: €500.