

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday 11th May 2025

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Brendan McCann, Ahakhista West Cork, formerly of Clonaslee

WEEKEND MASSES 17th/18th May
Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 12th – 16th May
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 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.

EUCHARIST: 17th/18th May: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 10th May – 8 pm

Months Mind, Lucy O'Shea, Castlecuffe Ben Egan, Rathcoffey & members of the Egan Family

Eamon & Betty Bourke, Main Street

John Bourke, Dublin

Breda Bourke, Bellair

Gerry Donnolly, Kilcormac

John Hogan, Main St

Terry Conroy & deceased members of the Conroy Family, Clarahill

Thomas & Mary Dooley & son William, Hillside

Saturday 17th May – 8 pm

Sheila O'Connor, Ashbrook

Mary & Joe Hickey, Bridge House

Sunday 18th May – 10 am

Mary & Peter Hogan, Broughla, their baby son,

baby granddaughter Abigail Hogan & deceased

members of the Hogan and Scully Families

John O'Brien, Rearymore

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Saturday evening mass will be at 8 pm

CEMETERY MASSES at 7:30 pm

Clonaslee Cemetery: Friday June 6th

Corrigeen Cemetery: Friday June 13th

Kilmanman Cemetery: Friday June 20th

REARYMORE CEMETERY MASS

On Friday June 27th at 7:30 pm. Please note: if inclement weather mass will be in St Bridget's Church.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Confirmation programme continues next Sun 18th May during mass.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations to the church before or after mass. Do not leave them in the Church at other times.

'The Church needs pastors....capable of saying yes to the Lord with trust and hope' Pope Francis

This Vocations Sunday we find ourselves embarking on a new era in the life of the Church. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

SHARING FROM THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is on Sat 24th May from 10 am – 4 pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Attendees are asked to bring a lunch – tea/coffee will be provided. If you would like to take part in this

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training please contact Fr O'Reilly or Annette
Doolan 087-988-1046.

CCDA

CCDA meeting Mon 12th May at 7:45 pm in the
Community Centre. Members please attend.

COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning is on Wed May 14th from 11
am to 12:30 pm. It is a lovely social event and all
about getting out for a while to meet people and have a
chat. There is a €2 charge per person to cover light and
heating.

THANKS

Thank you to all who supported the Alzheimer's
collection at the coffee morning. Total amount was
€130. It is greatly appreciated.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

We ask all who walk their dogs and particularly those
coming in from the Mountmellick direction to please
take a dog bag from the dispensers. There is one at Hill
View, Slieve Bloom Park, Brittas Avenue. Walkers are
allowing their dogs to poo outside homes and not
collecting it. Why should anyone else have to clean up
after their dog? There is €150 on the spot fine for not
cleaning up after your pet. Have respect for others and
have pride in keeping our village clean. Work evenings
take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings meeting at
7pm at Clonaslee Heritage Centre. More volunteers
would be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Personal monitor alarms available to anyone over 65
years old. First year is free if you have a land line, or
with a mobile phone, you pay for a sim
card, but the alarm is free. The following years will
cost €66 with Task Community Care. These alarms are
monitored around the clock and have saved many
lives. If the alarm is no longer required, there is no
need to return them to the committee. Phone Secretary
if you require one on 087-212-2766.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

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

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY *Ceramics workshop*
on Wed May 21st from 2 – 4:30 pm. Places are limited.

Borrowbox clinic on Tues May 13, drop in and bring
your phone or tablet and the staff will help set up your
Borrowbox account. *Craft sessions* on Wed mornings
at 10:30 am, drop in and crochet, knit, sew or craft
with likeminded people. *Ciorcál Comhrá* on Tuesdays
at 11 am. Beidh fáilte róimh cupán tae a ól agus cúpla
focail Gaeilge a labhairt nó a canadh. Thurs May 22nd
from 2 pm- 5 pm meet with Nathan Smith at the
planning public consultation drop-in session. A 4-
week series of *Tin Whistle Classes* to celebrate
Cruinniú na nÓg. The lessons on Tuesdays, May 20,
27, June 3, with a final lesson showcase on Saturday,
June 7 at 10:30 am. The lessons will be available for
ages 7-10 years from 5:30 pm-6:10 pm and for 11-16
year from 6:20 pm-7pm. Participants must bring their
own tin whistles. Places are limited, booking is
essential. *The Gallery* hosts the artist Oksana
Rohovska and features the historical monuments and
landscapes of Laois using various techniques. *Light
therapy boxes* available to use with a library card. *C-
Pens* which make it easier to read and learn by reading
text out loud are now available to borrow. *Baby Book
Club* on Thurs May 1st at 10:30 am. *Junior Book Clubs*
for all ages, *4-6 years* meeting Tues May 13th at 3:30
pm, *7-9 years* meeting Tues June 3rd at 3:30 pm, *10-12
years* meeting Tues June 3rd at 4 pm. *Adult book club*
meets on the last Friday of the month at 11 am. Last
meetings before the summer break. *Lego Free Play* on
Sat mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If interested
in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-
868-9382 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 23-5-8. €30 winners:
Nan Hill, Killeigh; T Costello, Hillview; Diarmuid
O'Connell, Killeigh; Ava Carroll, c/o Liz Carroll;
David & Adam Downey, c/o K Blake; Larry Rigney &
Sandra. Promoters prize: Eileen Digan, S Fitzpatrick,

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Matt Barrett. Next week's Jackpot: €900. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won, Winning no: 10-11-24-25.

€30 winners: Mary Murphy, Lorcan Callaghan, Colm Downey, Christy & Fiona Kelly, DJ Callaghan.

Promoter's prize: Post Office. Next week's Jackpot: €14,800 in Downeys Bar.