

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 13th March 2016

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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, Fri 9 am

St Patrick's Day – Vigil on Wed 8 pm

Thursday 10 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 on 057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 19th March: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly, Patrick Purcell

Sun 20th March: Team B: Ciara Hyland, Aoibhe Mulhall, Darragh Mulhall, Philip Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 12th March – 8 pm

John Moran, Main Street

Tom Smith, Bellair

James & Margaret Dunne & children Kathleen,

Jerry, Andy, Dinny & Brendan, Corbally

Peter Carroll & the Carroll Family, Castlecuffe

Gerald & Kitty Feeney, Stradbally

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

Jim & Elizabeth Conroy, Boyle

Eamon Conroy, Boyle

Joe Conroy, Ballinahemmy

Sunday 13th March – 10 am

Martin & Margaret Delaney & the Delaney

Family, Scaroon

Thursday 17th March – 10 am

John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle

Catherine O'Reilly, Clonaslee

Saturday 19th March – 8 pm

Months Mind, Nancy O'Neill, Hillside

Sunday 20th March – 10 am

Months Mind, Jim Delaney, Larrigan

Martin O'Dwyer, Clodiagh Way & Rathcabbin,

Co Tipperary

Maureen Conway, Coolagh

Patrick & Mary Delaney, daughter Kathleen & great grandchild Patrick McDonald, Coolagh

Pray for Elizabeth Maher, Killart House who died during the week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cemetery Masses all at 8 pm: June 3rd – Clonaslee; June 24th – Corrigeen; July 1st – Kilmanman.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday March 20th at the 10 am Mass.

CCDA

The monthly meeting of Clonaslee Community Development Association is on Mon March 14th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre.

COLLECTION

Annual Church gate collection for the Irish Society for Autism is on next weekend 20th/21st March. Your support is much appreciated.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Singers from choirs in Clonaslee, Killeigh, Mountmellick and Rosenallis are invited to form Easter Sunday Dawn Mass Choir for Easter Sun March 27th. Mass is in the Festival Field, Rosenallis at 6:30 am with Bishop Denis Nulty. Practice will be in St Brigid's Church, Rosenallis on Fri March 18th at 8 pm.

TRÓCAIRE

"...but no one who drinks the water I shall give will ever be thirsty again..." *John 4:14*. Millions of farmers in Kenya suffer from a lack of rain due to the effects of climate change. Trócaire is installing irrigation systems and piping in drinking water to ensure farmers can grow enough to feed their families and there is clean water to drink. Join the fight for justice and give generously to the annual Trócaire collection. www.trocaire.org

CHRISM MASS 2016

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21st to celebrate the Chrism Mass - the largest diocesan celebration held during the year!

COUNSELLING SERVICE

General counselling service available in the Portlaoise area. Contact Eileen on 087-638-0994.

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CASTLECUFFE NS PLAY

Castlecuffe NS school play is on Tuesday March 15th at 7 pm sharp in the Community Centre. All are welcome to join in the fun. Donations at the door with a raffle on the night. A fun family night.

CLONASLEE NIGHT RUN

For trucks and tractors and anything with an engine and lights! On Saturday March 19th starting at the Heritage Centre at 6 pm. Registration is €20. In aid of Laois Offaly Alzheimer's Carers Association and local charities. Entertainment by Rock On Paddy. There will be music, raffle and refreshments afterwards in Swan's Bar. All welcome to enjoy the craic.

SLEEPING BEAUTY – A PANTO

Looking for something to do with the kids over the Easter holidays? Why not go see the Clodiagh Players Sleeping Beauty Panto. Performances nightly from Monday March 21st to Thursday March 24th at 8 pm in the Parochial Hall. Booking line open on 085-783-1104. Ring and book your seats, this is going to sell out quickly!

LADIES NIGHT

Mark your calendar for the annual Ladies Night coming on Friday April 15th. Dinner and dancing to a band and enjoying the craic! Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 to book your tickets.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY

AWARDS 2016

Entry forms now available. Closing date is April 15th at 5 pm. Contact Geraldine Delaney at Laois County Council on 057-866-4107 for information. Categories are community, environment, social inclusion, arts, culture and heritage and the special category is the Unsung Hero.

SOCIAL SERVICES RAFFLE

The raffle will take place on Monday March 21st after the Lotto in the Community Centre. This is a fund raising event for the Senior Citizens of our community so we can run the Christmas party this year. Cards are in Ger Kelly Butcher, Clonaslee Pharmacy, Post Office, Moira Sherlock and Hogan's. Cost is €2 per line or €20 per card. Great prizes - if you're not in, you can't win. Please support our senior citizens.

TIDY TOWNS

This week our community orchard project commenced as part of our biodiversity plan implementation 2016. A big thank you to Marie Flynn, Horticulturalist with Laois County Council for site identification, Anne Marie Kelly and the environment section who provided support, Seed Savers Scariff for rooting stock, Damien Moran for site preparation and Caitriona Ryan and staff of CE scheme for logistical support. Also to Brian Bourke, Tutor, and the participants of the horticulture course who did the grafting and planting, to Fred Mathews who provided cuttings and to anyone else who gave help along the way.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA CLUB

Membership is now due for juvenile and senior members. Please note that all players membership has to be paid by the end of March. Membership for senior members is tiered as previous years and juvenile membership is €10. Membership can be paid to club registrar Martin Fallon.

CUMANN na mBAN

There is a display of the names of Cumann na mBan members of Laois on Easter Monday 2016 in Mountmellick. As there are no public records available, please contact us with the name of your family member to be included, remembered and honoured on the day. Contact lrc1916@gmail.com or 087-176-4686.

CHIROPODIST

Chiropodist at Clonaslee Pharmacy on Wednesday March 16th. Please call to make an appointment on 057-868-6990.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-16-5.

€30 winners: Martina O'Donovan, Clonaslee; Fr Thomas O'Reilly, Clonaslee; Thomas Horan, Wranglestown; Egan Family, Tinnahinch; Gemma Langford, Clonaslee; Tina Conroy, Brittas. Promoter's prize: Kathleen Blake, Ger Kelly, Eamon Sammon. Next week's Jackpot: €1,100.

CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 5-13-17-19.

€40 winners: Sharon Smith, Catherine Dooley, Mary Whelan, Ruth O'Brien, Val Bracken. Promoter's prize: Ger and Johnny Carroll. Next week's jackpot €10,650.