

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 14th December 2014

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat 8 pm Sun 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

Friday – Penitential Service 8 pm

CONFESSIONS

Every 1st Friday before 7:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact 057-864-8030.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat Dec 20th – Team C: Jessica Baker, John Blake, Darragh Scully

Sun Dec 21st – Team D: Luke Dunne, Sean Lee.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 13th December – 8 pm

William Conroy, Brocca
Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly, Gorough
Thomas & Catherine Smith Chapel Street

Sunday 14th December – 10 am

Doyle Family, Killoughey
Tommy Flynn, Chapel Street

Friday 19th December – 9 am

Derry Keating, Ashbrook
Jim & Rose Young, Ashbrook

Saturday 20th December – 8 pm

Evelyn Molloy, Church View
Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street
Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick

Sunday 21st December – 10 am

John, James & Jane Dunne, Glenkeen
Michael Culleton & deceased members of the
Culleton Family, Brittas

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Friday 19th Dec: Rosenallis 7 pm, Clonaslee 8 pm

Monday 22nd Dec: Mountmellick 7:30 pm

Tuesday 23rd Dec: Ballinagar 7:30 pm

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited for Christmas on Thurs 18th Dec and Fri 19th Dec in the morning.

CHRISTMAS REACH OUT

As we continue our Reach Out campaign in our diocese, Bishop Denis reminds you to

sow your chamomile seeds in a pot indoors and watch them grow and flower. Scholars believe that the flowers in the bible passage of Matthew 6:28 were chamomile. As your seeds grow may they remind you of God's love and care for you. This Advent why not join Bishop Denis in spreading the good news of the peace and hope of Christ by using #peacekandle. Gifts available at doors.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Dec 21st at the 10 am Mass.

BINGO

Bingo in the Parochial Hall on this Sunday Dec 14th at 2:30 pm. All welcome to join the fun.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice for the Christmas season is on Tues at 7 pm in the church. All welcome to join.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The school children are visiting the sick at St. Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick on Tues Dec 16th at 10 am. Cards and gifts to be returned this weekend for distribution to the patients.

CASTLECUFFE NS CHRISTMAS PLAY

Castlecuffe NS will be presenting their Christmas play on Thurs Dec 18th at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

SCOIL BHRÍDE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Annual school Christmas concert on Thurs Dec 18th at 8pm in the school.

NATIVITY PLAY

Scoil Bhríde will perform the nativity play during 8 pm mass on Sat Dec 20th.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COLLECTION

A collection will be on Dec 27th/28th in aid of Christmas lights. The village looks fabulous, great credit to all responsible.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Volunteers on the day of the St Stephen's Day walk in aid of Laois Hospice at the Community Centre would be much appreciated. For further information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540. Donations of Christmas cakes and fruit cakes are gratefully accepted.

CHRISTMAS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

If you dread the holiday season and want to meet with others on how to cope with the Christmas

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season please join us on Mon Dec 15th at 7:30 pm in Wolfe Tone Court, Mountmellick opposite the Garda station, Please ring Eileen to confirm attendance on 087-638-0994.

SANTA ARRIVING

Santa arrives to the Clonaslee Pharmacy to see all the boys and girls of Clonaslee on Sun Dec 21st from 12 noon – 3 pm. All welcome.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Please bring donated items to the Clonaslee Pharmacy for Shoe box appeal and make a difference to the homeless

SCOIL BHRÍDE NEWS

Many thanks to Fr O'Reilly for performing the ceremony at the blessing of our School Crib on Mon Dec 15th. A tradition at Scoil Bhríde is Baby Jesus being carried down to the crib by the eldest child in the school, Sean Lee and the youngest child, Emma Brazil, who placed the baby into the manger. Well done and thanks to all the boys and girls for singing so sweetly on the day

HOLY CROSS ABBEY

The next visit is on Jan 1st, 2015 as a devotion night to Padre Pio. It is a lovely place to visit so come along for New Year's night. Bus leaves Clonaslee at 5:45 pm with collection in Rosenallis and Mountmellick. Thank you to Brendan Mahon for his help and coordination on our last three trips. To book your seat contact 087-212-2766

CCDA REPORT

At the last meeting the following items were discussed: Knit and Chat club resume in Jan, new beginner quilt class in Jan, Clodiagh river needs to be cleaned up in several areas to help prevent flooding, Community Awards are looking for nominations for Young Person award for age 16-25 years. Rubble around Astro pitch needs to be dealt with. Social night for the CCDA members is on Feb 5th, Christmas lights are up, collection Dec 27/28th. Social Services Christmas dinner great success, break in to the shed, lights at the Heritage centre need attention, Fr O'Reilly's book is available in the centre and Post Office for that special Christmas gift. There will be no carol service this year.

Sympathy extended to all who lost loved ones recently. Next meeting Jan 12th.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services committee thank everyone who attended the Christmas dinner at the Community Centre. We had a huge turn out and it was so nice to see many new faces. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We thank Marie's Catering for a fantastic meal, the many people who sponsored prizes for the raffle and gave donations on the day. Thank you to Rock on Paddy for the great entertainment, all who helped with preparation of the centre, to the lady who made and sponsored the beautiful cake and to the CCDA for the use of the Community Centre. There was wonderful feedback by text & cards on how much they enjoyed the day, the obvious hard work and organisation done by the committee

CLONASLEE BRANCH CCE

We have a beginner button accordion and one fiddle to rent for the year which gives a child good chance to see if they like the instrument before the parent go to buy one themselves. Classes resume on Thursday January 9. For further information contact 085-285-1772.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 14-11-2
€30 winners: J McRedmond, Clonabeg; Matt Hogan, c/o S Fitzpatrick; James McRedmond, Clonabeg; Kathleen Blake, Barradoo; Sharon Murphy, Kilmanman; K.B. & P. Conroy. Voucher: Dolores Murray. Bottle: Maura O'Gorman. Sweets: A. G. E. Kelly Biscuits: Paul Nestor. Promoter's prize: John and Mary Rose, S Fitzpatrick, Matt Barrett. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. Bottle: Kathleen Blake. Sweets: Shirley Langford. Biscuits: Shirley Langford.
Next week's Jackpot: €1,250.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 8-4-15-2.
€40 winners: Kathleen and Patrick, Martin Fallon, Julian, Mary C. Delaney, Gearoid Kelly. Vouchers are €25 each from 1-4 Ger Kelly, Post Office, Hogans Shop: Kathleen Blake, Heather and Calum, Ann Stanley, Pat Kenna, Johnny and Nora Casey. Promoter's prize: Hogans.
Next week's Jackpot: €2,800.