

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

*First Sunday of Lent*

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016*

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Friday 9 am**

**Thursday 7:30 pm**

## CONFESSIONS

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.accord.ie)

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: Team B:** Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly, Patrick Purcell

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Team B:** Ciara Hyland, Aoibhe Mulhall, Darragh Mulhall, Philip Dunne

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 8 pm

Richard & Catherine O'Keefe, The Green  
Mary McCann, Glebe

Margaret Dunne & Dunne Family, Cloonagh

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 10 am

Mary Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park  
James & Kathleen Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park  
Seamus & Margaret Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park  
William & Margaret Donnelly, Ballinalug

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 8 pm

**Months Mind,** Larry Costello, Coolnabanch  
Tom Higgins, Brocca

## 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10 am Mass.

## THANK YOU

The mission collection for came to €905. Sincere thanks to all the parish from Fr PJ Clear in Brazil and Sr Bridie Hogan who will take it back to Zambia for their school for disabled children.

## THIS LENT LAY YOUR BURDENS DOWN

A base stone has been placed here together with smaller stones. In your own time during this holy season we invite you to take a stone from this space, or indeed from another place such as your garden, and carry it with you for a while – a day, a week...As you do so, pray and reflect on where in your life you are in need of God's mercy.

Whenever you are ready, place your stone back here as a sign that you are ready to welcome God's mercy into your life and that you are willing to share this mercy with others.

## TRÓCAIRE

Boxes are available at the Church doors. Please bring one home and one to neighbours who cannot get out.

## TIDY TOWNS

The AGM of Clonaslee Tidy Towns is on Mon Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. The present secretary is stepping down, we are hoping for a good turn out to elect a new secretary.

## COMMUNITY ALERT

We are meeting on Mon Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. Sgt Mark Doran from Portlaoise Garda Station will attend on the night. Everyone to please come and voice your opinion on the many issues that affect our community. This is everyone's chance to have a say.

## CLODIAGH PLAYERS

The Clodiagh Players are traveling to Gorey, Co Wexford to present 'I Do Not Like Thee Dr Fell' in the local festival on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>. The play is produced by Fr O'Reilly and Becky Dunne. A bus will leave the Heritage Centre at 6 pm, cost is €15 return. Please give your name as soon as possible as tickets for the play need to be booked. Names to Maura on 087-212-2766.

## TABLE QUIZ

Clonaslee Show Society is holding a table quiz in Swans Bar & Lounge on Friday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. Quiz starts at 9:30 pm. A great night of fun is guaranteed with lots of questions and raffle prizes.

## CLONASLEE ROUNDERS

The Rounder's team are looking for new members, and the contact information on that is Aine Dunne on 087-260-2075

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## **SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT '16 -'17**

The village primary school is currently endeavouring to determine numbers for the school year '16-'17. It is imperative that the parents of all new Junior infants for September '16 contact the school. In your correspondence please give details of your child's name, address, date of birth and P.P.S. number (if known) and your own contact number. Actual Enrolment forms shall be provided later for all those who make contact with us now. Phone 057-864-8334 (between 2pm and 4pm each day) for further details.

## **PRESENTATION**

A presentation on Mon Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> in Killeigh Church at 7:30 pm by Fr Brian Kavanagh on *'Pope Francis text for the Year of Mercy'*

## **BEAUTY BY JENNY**

Make up packages, done locally, covering your entire special needs for weddings, graduations, First Communion, Confirmation or any special occasion. Special Princess Pampers with makeup for girls age 5-10 years old at your home. Monday to Saturday by appointment. Ring Jenny for more information on 089-405-1657.

## **HOLY CROSS**

Next visit is Thurs March 3<sup>rd</sup> with bus leaving Clonaslee at 6 pm. Bus collects in Rosenallis and Mountmellick. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to Maura 087-212-2766.

## **THANK YOU**

David Smith completed the Dublin City Marathon in aid of the Laura Lynn Children's Hospice. Thanks to everyone for their generous donations which amounted to €1,200.

## **CHRISTMAS DRAW RESULTS**

The Clonaslee ICA Annual Christmas Draw results are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>: Kathleen Callaghan, Clonaslee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon Longwork, Tullamore. 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathleen Hyland, Clonaslee. 4<sup>th</sup> Ivor Conroy, Clonaslee. Ham: Maureen Cusack; Christmas Cake: Patrick Blake. Thank you to our sponsors Ger Kelly, Fallons, Swans, Cosy Bar, Hogans, Hickeys and Clonaslee Pharmacy.

## **CLOTHES DRIVE**

Derrylamogue National School Parents Association, Rosenallis are having a recycling

fundraiser for our school on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any old or unwanted clothes, shoes, bags or bed linen we will be collecting at the school on Tues Feb 16<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 -3.30. Please contact Niamh on 086-302-6229 or Martina on 086-803-7828 for further details.

## **CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA CLUB**

Membership is due. All players, existing and new members are encouraged to pay membership as soon as possible. Players' membership has to be paid as league games will be starting for Senior and Junior teams in March. Adult membership is tiered as previous years and Juvenile's is €10.

## **ALL COUNTY DRAW**

Laois All County Draw - €130 tickets is now available from Club Treasurer Martin Fallon 087-904-2570/057-864-8602 or other Committee members. We would ask that you make every effort to support the club in this important annual fundraising event. The clubs main aim on the fundraising side is to pay for the field this year so as we can develop our grounds and dressing rooms. Purchase of a ticket enters you into a monthly draw for 4 months starting in March. Prizes range each month from €10,000 to €500. Tickets can be bought individually or collectively and also can be paid up front or over the 4 months at €32.50 monthly.

## **TIR na nOG**

Tir na Nog playschool are now enrolling for September 2016, we are currently participating in the ECCE scheme (free year). We also have spaces available from now until June 30. We are open Mon – Fri 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The cost is €12.50 per day. For further details or to enrol your child please contact Victoria on 057-864-8988.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot won! Congratulations to E Conroy, Graigue on winning €2,000. Winning no: 4-16-11. €30 winners: Eabha Kelly, c/o N Dunne; Jessica and Daniel Baker, Bellair; Aoife, Chloe and Paul Egan, Glenbarrow; Liam Conroy, 39 Hillside; J.J. Carroll, Shracullen; B and B Multany, Coolagh. Promoter's prize: Eamon Sammon, Conroy's (Swans), Flynn's PO. Next week's Jackpot: €500.