

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th May 2023

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, 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: 20th/21st May: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 13th May – 8 pm

Months Mind, Kathleen Kit Brown nee Fitzgerald, Killurin, London & formerly of Garryheather

Mamie Poole, Main Street

Sunday 14th May – 10 am

Dick & Sheila Underwood, The Old Rectory & Cappanagraigue

John & Kit Carroll, Shracullen

Saturday 20th May

Mary & Joe Hickey, Bridge House, Clonaslee

Tom & Julia May Horan, Shracullen

Sunday 21st May – 10 am

Mary & Peter Hogan, Broughla, baby son & baby granddaughter Abigail Hogan, deceased members of the Scully & Hogan Families

John O'Brien, Rearymore

Monday 22nd May – 9 am

Michael English, Clonmel, Co Tipperary

CEMETERY MASS – 8 pm

Clonaslee Cemetery masses are being held at 8 pm June 2 – Clonaslee cemetery, June 9 – Corrigeen cemetery, June 16 – Kilmanman cemetery. If the weather is inclement, mass will be held in St Manman's Church.

OUTDOOR MASS – 8 pm

An outdoor Mass will be held in Hillside Estate on Mon June 19th at 8 pm and in Clodiagh Way on Wed June 21st at 8 pm. If the weather is inclement, mass will be held in St Manman's Church.

REARYMORE CEMETERY MASS

Cemetery mass on Friday June 30 at 7:30 pm. If the weather is inclement, mass will be held in St Brigids Church, Rosenallis.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the teachers, parents and all who help in any way to make the First Communion a special day for all the students.

CAROL NOLAN TD

Carol Nolan TD will be in the Parochial Hall on Thursday May 25 from 6 -7 pm if you have anything to discuss.

NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS ENTRY 2023

National Tidy Towns entry was submitted during the week. Best of luck to Clonaslee. Anyone carrying out painting or any improvement works please try to have works completed prior to judging starting in June.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

A huge word of thanks to all who participated in Clean Up Laois Week 2023. A total of 40 bags were collected by AES. Thank you to Laois County Council for arranging.

TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns wish to thank members from Clonaslee St Patrick's Parade Committee who came out Wednesday evening last and worked 2.5 hours with Tidy Towns. They weeded the flower bed at Slieve Bloom Park, removed the second flower bed in this area, emptied the bed at

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Kate Youngs corner which is now ready to be refilled with fresh soil and they brought clay up to bed at Slieve Bloom Park, the corner bed at Chapel Street was dug and shrubs and trees

Rathangan and Clonaslee. You must make the application to the Board of Directors. Closing date is May 26th. Rules are found online.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The following job is available for *Caretaker /Groundskeeper, Clonaslee Community Centre*. Ref

removed. A huge community effort by this new committee and is gratefully appreciated by all in Clonaslee Tidy Towns. Well done to one and all who support and help us in our work.

no.CES-2276290. 19.5 hours per week, with Community Employment Programme rates. Closing May 24th, 2023.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Clothes collection on May 23rd. Please leave clean, dry clothes at the shed at the back of the Community Centre. If you have bags of clothes ready for collection, please contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Adult Book Club next meeting Fri May 26th at 11 am. *Junior Book Club* for 8 -12 year olds meets monthly. *Baby Book Club* meets Tuesdays 10:30 am for 0-3 year olds and their parents/carers. *Lego Free Play* Sat mornings 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. *Writing space* on Thursday mornings where people can write/ journal and meet. *Bealtaine Events: Adult colouring sessions* from 10 am - 12 noon Fri May 19th and 26th. All materials will be provided. No need to book. Fri 19th May at 11 am *celebrate, share and listen to poetry*. Email to book a place. Wed May 24th at 11 am join in a cuppa and a *game of cards*. Call if interested. The *Gallery* to host for May, Heather and Nadia Rice. Closed any Saturday of a Bank Holiday weekend. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

CCDA REPORT

At the recent meeting the following was discussed: solar panels for the Centre are up but not yet working. We rent Brittas Lake from Coillte and are looking to see if we are eligible to apply for Clar grant. We looked to Mountmellick Credit Union for sponsorship. We hope the community at large will support the local lotto. The next dividends will be paid out in June to the Community Centre, both primary schools and the church. We thank Francine and the CE scheme for all the work they do. Mary Rose Corbet was thanked for all the work she does in the Centre. It is hoped to varnish the main hall floor in the Centre this summer. A curtain was donated for the main hall in the Centre to divide it when needed.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 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. New 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

COMMUNITY ALERT

At the AGM, Sgt Graham Kavanagh, Sgt Mick O'Connell and Garda Mick Greaney were thanked for attending. They gave a very informative talk about where we stand with the CCTV. We were assured we will get it in time, it is all down to Data Regulations. It was proposed that Matt Barrett, Maura O'Gorman and Mary Rose Corbet stay in their current committee positions until we see the cameras installed. Sgt O'Connell asked that we please report anything suspicious in the area and gave us an information sheet about the right way to do it.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 8-16-21. €30 winners: Pat Bourke, Clonaslee; Liam Conroy, Clonaslee; Leona Murray, Clonaslee; Colm Downey, Clonaslee; Kathleen Blake, Barradoo; Ava Horan, Wranglestown. Promoter's prize: Maura O'Gorman, Matt Barrett, Hickeys. Next week's Jackpot: €1,250.

SPONSORSHIP

The Board of Directors of Mountmellick Credit Union are delighted to announce we are open for sponsorship and application for 2023 from Clubs and Community groups in our Common bond Mountmellick,

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Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-4-7-26.

€40 winners: C Downey, R Smith, S Bourke.

Promoter's prize: Hickeys. Next week's Jackpot:

€17,500 in Downeys Bar.