

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15th December 2013

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat Dec 21st – Team C: Eoin Conroy, Kathleen Blake, Roisin O'Donovan, Jake Smith

Sun Dec 22nd – Team C: Orla Conroy, Rachel O'Meara, Ciaran Fitzgerald.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 14th December

8 pm Derry Keating, Ashbrook

8 pm Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly, Gorrough

Saturday 21st December

8 pm Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

8 pm Evelyn Molloy, Main Street

Sunday 22nd December

10 am Michael Culleton, Brittas

10 am John, Jane & James Dunne, Glenkeen

Pray for Eddie Troy, Brittas who died during the week.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice for the Carol Service is on Mon 16th Dec at 7:30 pm in the church. Anyone wishing to participate is very welcome.

CONFESSION

Mon 16th Dec: Mountmellick 7:30 pm, Tues 17th

Dec: Killeigh 7:30 pm. **Wed 18th Dec: Rosenallis**

7 pm, Clonaslee 8 pm.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited for Christmas on Thurs 19th Dec and Fri 20th Dec in the morning.

CAKE SALE

Clonaslee Rounders is having a cake sale this Sun Dec 15th after 10 am mass in the Fr Shortall Room. Lots of homemade goodies will be available to buy and enjoy.

NATIVITY PLAY

Scoil Bhríde will perform the nativity play during 10 am mass on Sun Dec 22nd.

CAROL SERVICE

An Ecumenical Carol service is on Sunday December 22 starting at 6 pm in the Heritage Centre. This is our final bicentenary celebration. Come join in the festive Christmas atmosphere and enjoy light refreshments.

RAFFLE

Clonaslee ICA is holding their annual raffle in AJ's, Main Street on this Sat 14th Dec at 9:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

It is not too late to get a poinsettia on the altar for your loved ones. Please use your monthly envelope for this purpose.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Almas Christmas cards at €4 and Christmas bouquets at €3 are available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Volunteers on the day of the St Stephen's Day walk in aid of Laois Hospice at the Clonaslee Community Centre would be much appreciated.

For further information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or Niall Bourke 087-411-6274.

'TALKING MEMORIES'

Fr O'Reilly's book is now available to buy. A great gift for those near and far. Available after all masses. Contact Fr O'Reilly on 057-864-8030 or Annette Doolan on 087-988-1046.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COLLECTION

A collection will be on Dec 28th/29th in aid of Christmas lights. Your support is much appreciated. The village looks fabulous, great credit to all responsible.

SANTA'S VISIT

Children come along and visit Santa at the Clonaslee Pharmacy on Sat Dec 21st at 11 am. Christmas colouring competition, spot prizes, refreshments, free draw entry all on the day. The

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management and staff thank everyone for their support and wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas

CLONASLEE ROUNDERS

Rounders training begins on Tuesday February 4th from 8-9pm in astro pitch at Community Centre. Age group is over 16 both men and women. Closing date for registration and affiliation is February 18th. All new members very welcome.

OLD PHONES NEEDED

Scoil Bhríde is collecting old phones in an effort to win an i-pad for the school. The competition is in association with Irish Autism Ireland. All donations of old phones are greatly appreciated. Please give your old phones to a Scoil Bhríde child or drop into the Fr Shortall room after mass.

COLLECTION

Scoil Bhríde Parents Association will be holding their annual Church Gate collection on Sat Dec 21st and Sun Dec 22nd. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

FAMILY IN CRISIS

Discussion questions on a document about the family in crisis, which was received by all parishes worldwide, was issued by Pope Francis. If anyone wishes to take part in the discussion please leave your name in the sacristy after mass or contact Fr O'Reilly on 864-8030.

FREE PARKING MOUNTMELLICK

On behalf of Business Mountmellick there is free parking in Mountmellick Town Centre on Sat Dec 21st, Mon Dec 23rd and Tues Dec 24th.

CCDA REPORT

At the recent CCDA meeting the following was discussed: elections, gym Gift certificates are available, new heating system, Fas have two new workers, waiting on vetting. No advertising was done for the community lotto. Social services dinner went well. Fr O'Reilly's book available from shops and after all masses. Laois Community Forum awards were well attended.

Clonaslee received many certificates. Congrats to Jason Finnerty on his successful book launch. Books will be available in shops and from his home. Subcommittee set up to organise an American Tea Party. Other fund raising events suggested, Strictly Come Dancing, fashion show with a difference. Ladies Night will be on in late March. Christmas lights look well. Carol singing on December 22 in Heritage Centre at 5:30 pm with donations going to Simon Community to help the homeless. Social night for CCDA members is provisionally set for Jan 29th in the Heritage Centre. Sympathies to all who have lost loved ones recently. Next meeting on Jan 13, 2014

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY GYM

Gift vouchers now available for the new Community Gym which is now open. Contact the Centre for details on 864-8277. Opening Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 6 pm to 9 pm. Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm. Everyone over 16 years old welcome to join.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 12-2-22.

€30 winners: Bill and Eilish Dunne, Broughla; Ger Kelly, Clonaslee; E & H Dunne, Clonaslee; Sharon Murphy, Kilmanman; Jackie Hyland, Clonaslee; Jane Gonoude, Clonaslee. Voucher, A.K.N Dunne; , c/o N Dunne, bottle, Lawlor family, Cloonagh. Promoter's prize: Flynn's PO, Kathleen Blake, Peavoys. Voucher, S Fitzpatrick; bottle, Matt Barrett. Next week's Jackpot: €650.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won Winning no: 5-24-23-3.

€40 winners: Noah Flynn, Noel Carroll, Kevin and Niall, Michael McRedmond, Louise Hilliard. Promoter's prize: Ger Kelly. Extra prizes, Turkeys: Phil Davis, Winnie Scully, Oisín Delaney, G and R McRedmond. Hogan's voucher: Anne Carroll. Post Office voucher: Caroline Saunders, Martin Dunne. Next week's Jackpot: €2,050.