

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15th December 2024

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Charity Number: 07355

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WEEKEND MASSES 21st/22nd December

Saturday 6 pm

Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 16th –20th December

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

CONFESSIONS – Sat 21st Dec at 12 noon

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 6 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.

EUCCHARIST: 21st/22nd December: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 14th December – 6 pm

Mary Rosney, Clonllyn

Edward & Anne Troy & deceased members of the Troy & Kennedy Families, Brittas
Noel Carroll, Ballykaneen

Saturday 21st December – 6 pm

Francis Hogan & deceased members of the Tynan, Hogan & Dunne Families

Sunday 22nd December – 10 am

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford
Mick & Beth McEvoy, Sliabh Bloom Park

Pray for Danny McRedmond, Clonabeg who died during the past week.

GIVING TREE

Please have gifts back no later than Sun Dec 15th.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited for Christmas on Thurs/Fri 19th/20th Dec at the usual times.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Wed 18th Dec at 7 pm – Mountmellick

Thurs 20th Dec at 7 pm – Rosenallis

Thurs 20th Dec at 8 pm - Clonaslee

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Practice for Christmas Eve masses commence on every Saturday at 6:45pm, after mass, except for Dec 14th. New singers are invited to come along.

NATIVITY PLAY

The Nativity play will be performed by Scoil Bhríde students during Sat 21st Dec at 6 pm mass along with the school choir.

ST STEPHENS DAY WALK in AID OF LAOIS HOSPICE

This time of year again and preparations are in full swing! The Community Centre will be open from 8:30 am – 4 pm approximately, if you have a spare hour or two, any help would be appreciated. Sponsorship cards are available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540,

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Niall Bourke 087-411-6274 or follow us on our Facebook page. Donations of fruit cakes

January 2025 to discuss. *Shared reading sessions* where a staff member will read a

are greatly appreciated. The Centre will be set up on Friday 20th Dec at 6 pm. Volunteers appreciated.

story or poem. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-868-9382 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Christmas Market in Cadamstown car park on Sun Dec 15th at 2 pm. Handmade crafts, cakes and more will be available. Santa will also be paying a visit. All invited to come along.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas mass bouquets are available from Dolores on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Donation €4.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 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.* **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 info call 057-869-2168

CHRISTMAS GIFT

A great gift to give at Christmas is 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' written by Fr. O'Reilly costing only €10. Available after masses and the Post Office.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Christmas Tea/coffee Morning for all our customers: Join us on Tues Dec 17th at 11 am for tea/coffee and chat-there might even be mince pies to thank you for your continued support. *The Gallery* will host 'Unapologetically Me' by Pauline O'Connor. *Baby Book Club* is on Thurs at 10:30 am. *Junior Book Clubs: 4-6 years* meeting on the second Tues of the month at 3:30 pm, *7-9 years* meeting on first Tues of the month at 3:30 pm, *10-12 years* on first Tues of the month at 4 pm. *Adult book club* is reading 'To Kill A Mocking Bird' by Harper Lee meet in

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LOTTO

Why not give a Parish/Community Lotto Gift Card for Christmas. 5 weeks for €10 or 10 weeks for €20. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty 087-773-0734. A great Christmas gift to someone who has everything.

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LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 16-14-21.
€30 winner: Timmy Tynan, Clonaslee; M & M Downey, Cosy Bar; Caroline, Colm, Conor, Eoghan, Caitlin, Michael Guinan; Mary A Hogan, Clonaslee; Aoife, Chloe & Paul Egan; Billy Parkinson, Clonaslee.
Voucher: P.V. & Hetty Dunne. Bottle: Grace, Caoimhe & Molly. Promoter's prize: Mary Rose Corbet, Mary Rose Corbet, Flynn's PO.
Voucher: Mary Margaret Daly. Bottle: Pat

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Dunne. Next week's Jackpot: €1,100. Lotto
gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores
Murray on 087-414-8093.