

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 15th February 2015

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Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm **Sunday 10 am**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am

Ash Wed - 10 am & 7:30 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.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Ash Wed – Team A, 10 am: Aishling Dunne, Ciara Hyland, Christopher Dunne, Katie Comerford.

Team A, 7:30 pm: Luke Dunne, Christy Conroy, Aoibhe Mulhall

Sat Feb 21st – Team B: John Blake, Olivia Rigney, Patrick Purcell

Sun Feb 22nd – Team B: Rachael O'Meara, Ellen Doyle

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 14th February – 8 pm

Months Mind, Ned Smith, Chapel Street Richard & Catherine O'Keeffe, The Green Margaret Dunne & Dunne Family, Cloonagh

Saturday 21st February – 8 pm

Tom Higgins, Brockagh

Pray for John O'Shea, Coolock, Dublin, who died during the week. Funeral arrangements later.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Collect your Trócaire boxes at any church door.

FUNERAL PRACTICES

A meeting to discuss the funeral practices in our Diocese is open to anyone in the parish including parishioners who have experienced bereavement in the last 2-3 years, parish council, parish liturgy group and music ministries. In Mount St Anne's 7:30 – 10 pm on Thurs Feb 19th. Please contact Fr O'Reilly if you wish to attend.

ETERNAL WORKSHOP

Music workshop with Liam Lawton on Wed Feb 25th in Naas or Thurs Feb 26th in Graiguecullen.

All choirs are invited to attend. For details ring Christine at FDS Office 059-916-4084 to book your place before Friday Feb 20th.

REDEFINING MARRIAGE

A talk on re-definition of marriage and rights of children by David Quinn, Iona Institute takes place in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise on Tues Feb 17th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. Leaflets of a pastoral statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference are available at all church doors.

ROUNDERS

Clonaslee St Manman's Rounders training for Senior Ladies and Mixed team is on Thursday February 19 from 8-9 pm in Community Center. All new members' ladies and men very welcome.

DINNER DANCE

Clonaslee United 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance is on Friday March 6. Tickets cost €40 and available from Flynn's Post Office.

TABLE QUIZ

Castlecuffe Parents Association is holding a table quiz in Swan's on Sat Feb 21st at 9 pm sharp.

Table of 4, €20. All support greatly appreciated

MUSIC CLASSES

There will be no music classes on Feb 19th due to midterm break but they will resume on Feb 26th.

Clonaslee Comhaltas now have a second music teacher with classes starting at 6 pm in the Community Centre. The instruments being taught are tin whistle, banjo, mandolin, concertina, fiddle and button accordion. The classes are beginner classes for children and adults; class fee is €6 weekly. We have a rental system for button accordions and fiddles only. It is a one year rental only. For more information contact John Conway on 085-285-1772.

CLONASLEE COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A meeting will be held in the college on Tues Feb 24th at 8 pm. It is important that parents of 6th year students attend as the 2015 debts will be discussed.

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BINGO

Family bingo on Sun Feb 22nd at 2:30 pm in Parochial Hall. All welcome to join in the fun!

SCOIL BHRÍDE NEWS

Congratulations to Martina Daly in Third Class on achieving her black belt in Kickboxing.

Our school is offering our support for the local GAA Club who are organising a family 5 km Fun Run on Sunday March 8th. Sponsorship cards are available at the school.

TALK ON HEN RESCUE

Karen Rogers, from Laois Hen Rescue group, who will give a talk on re-homing caged hens in the Mountmellick Development Association on Mon March 7th at 7.30pm. All welcome along.

RAMBLING HOUSE

All are welcome to come along to the Rambling House Session on Thurs Feb 19th at 8 pm at An Sean Chistin, Irej, Ballyfin. A night of music, dance, song, stories, poems, cuppa and chat. A night not to be missed. Further details, Maureen 087-648-2038.

CÓR AN EARRAIGH

To afford people an opportunity to sing in our native tongue, members of the public are invited to join an informal sing-along of the traditional songs. The first rehearsal will take place in Portlaoise Library on Wed Feb 18th at 6:30pm. The group will perform the songs as part of the activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge on Wed March 4th. Contact Maureen Culleton on 087-648-2038 or email seanchistin@gmail.com if you are interesting in joining.

TIDY TOWNS

AGM is on Mon 16th Feb at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. Tidy Towns is voluntary and work from May onward for two evenings a week for two hours per evening. We would welcome new ideas and more people getting involved.

HOLY CROSS

Next visit is March 5th leaving Clonaslee at 5:45 pm Collects in Rosenallis and Mountmellick. Cost €15 return. If you require tea and sandwiches €5. Names to 087-212-2766.

FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Friends of St Vincent's at St Vincent's Community Nursing Unit Mountmellick are

presenting a fundraiser on Feb 20th in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise. Doors open at 9 pm and music by Shawn Cuddy. Tickets are €15 available from Jackie Farrington on 087-277-0625. A bus will travel at a cost of €10. Names to 087-212-2766 or 087-137-0929.

KNIT/CROCHET & CHAT

Come join us for a knit or crochet, a chat and enjoy a cuppa on Mondays in the Heritage Centre from 10:30 am – 12 noon. All welcome!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Any group that is involved in community or voluntary work, it is important that groups register with the PPN – Public Participation Network. The PPN is the future means through which local groups will be consulted by the Local Authority on local and county matters. It is important that all groups register by the closing date of Feb 20th. Forms are available from Council Department or online at www.laois.ie

COMMUNITY ALERT

Be extra vigilant as a lot of unwanted people around the area such as vans and cars. Please report anything suspicious you see to 057-867-4100. Text alert is one way of knowing what is happening. You can join by contacting Matt Barrett, Chairman on 087-672-6290. Do not entertain any callers to your door without ID. Elderly people please have your panic button with you at all times. Press it if you are worried or frightened. Contact Teresa Maloney if you have any problems on 087-970-5651.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 21-10-17.

€30 winners: Conway Children, Coolagh; Ciara & Aoife Nolan, Cadamstown; Patricia Barrett, Bellair; Ann Maher, Clonaslee; A & E Rigney, Brocca; Brian Multany, Coolagh. Promoter's prize: Mairead McRedmond, Chris Horan, S Fitzpatrick. Next week's Jackpot: €650.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 28-1-5-9.

€40 winners: Brian Harding, Mary Dunne, John Bates, Fr. O'Reilly, John Kirwan. Promoter's prize: Tommy Smith.

Next week's Jackpot: €2,350.