

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 15th March 2015

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Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – St Patrick's Day Vigil 7:30 pm

Tuesday – St Patrick's Day 10 am

Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

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

Mon March 16th – Team B: John Blake, Olivia Rigney, Patrick Purcell

Tues March 17th – Team B: Rachael O'Meara, Ellen Doyle

Sat March 21st – Team C: Aisling Dunne, Mary Ellen Tynan, Christy Conroy

Sun March 22nd – Team C: Seán Lee, Aoibhe Mulhall

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 14th March – 8 pm

John Moran, Main Street

James, Margaret, Gerry, Andy & Dinny Dunne, Corbally

Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

Sunday 15th March – 10 am

Bernard O'Toole, The Green

Maureen Conway, Coolagh

Martin & Margaret Delaney, Scaroon

Tuesday 17th March – 10 am

Deceased members of the Casey Family, Broughla

John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle

Catherine O'Reilly, Clonaslee

Saturday 21st March – 8 pm

Months Mind, Mary Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Pk

Peter Hyland, The Green

Bridie Hogan, Scaroon

Sunday 22nd March – 10 am

Months Mind, Mary McCann, Glebe

Anne Conroy, Brittas

CEREMONY OF LIGHT

The Ceremony of Light and penitential service for Easter is Wed 18th March at 7 pm.

NOTE

Volunteers needed for washing of the feet on Holy Thurs April 2nd. We are looking for new-born babies to be baptised on Sat April 4th at 8:30 pm during the Easter ceremonies with the newly blessed Easter water. Easter is a lovely time and is certainly appropriate for new baptisms. Please contact Fr. O'Reilly if interested in participating in either item.

COLLECTION

Annual church gate collection for Irish Society for Autism is on 21st/22nd March.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Denis invites you to celebrate the Chrism Mass on Mon March 30th at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral, Carlow.

HEALTHY FOOD MADE EASY

A 6 week course which will take place in Clonaslee Community Centre at the end of March. Exact dates and times to be confirmed. To book your place and more information, please phone the Centre on 057-864-8277. Cost is €2 per week to those on Social Welfare payments.

TIDY TOWNS

At our last meeting attendance was poor. We are going to continue with projects decided at previous meetings. The latest is a spiral flower at the Heritage Centre made by John and Finbarr. Positive comments have been received and flowers will be planted later. Stone has been put around rose bed in front of the Parish Hall. Clean Up Laois Week begins in April so we appeal to clubs, schools and the community to get involved. Stop Food Waste programme is from April 15 to May 6. We hope that people will come and learn how to stop wasting so much. It is the first course in the county. Thanks to Fas participants for the wonderful work they do and to Pat Fenlon. Vote of sympathy was extended to all who lost loved ones recently.

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CCDA

At the monthly meeting the following items were discussed: Astro pitch to be cleaned up when weather improves, Christmas lights ESB bills received, social night for CCDA was a great success, Clodiagh River bridge to be cleaned and water lying on the street to be done. Heating and steps at Heritage to be checked. New courses at Community Centre – Stop Food Waste, Healthy Food Course, Woodcraft. Clean Up Laois Week in April, further money was received from sale of Fr O'Reilly's book. Vote of sympathy to all who lost loved one recently.

THANKS

Valarie Hogan thanks all who sponsored her for Shave or Dye on behalf of the Irish Cancer Society. She raised €507 and the overall amount raised by A.I.T. 2nd Year General Nursing students was €2558.81.

FAMILY BINGO

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

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

If you have any sponsorship outstanding for the Hospice walk, please return as soon as possible to Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 so we can finalise total collected.

MUSIC CONCERT

Clonaslee Comhaltas will be holding a music concert on Friday March 20 at 8pm in the Parochial Hall, admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Students attending music classes from Clonaslee and Castlecuffe will be participating in the Rosenallis St Patricks day parade on Tues March 17th with parade at 3:30pm but all students be there at 3pm to be ready, hope to see ye all there.

STOP FOOD WASTE

The average Irish household wastes €700 worth of food every year. Are you interested in finding out about how to avoid this unnecessary expense and avoid the adverse environmental impact? If so, please join us in a four week Stop Food Waste Challenge. It is a programme which will raise awareness about food waste (i.e. the types of food that are most likely to end up in your bin) and

cover: menu planning, using your shopping list, storing food, new ways of cooking, turning leftovers into delicious meals and how to deal with unavoidable food waste and home composting. Each class lasts one hour and is free of charge. Exact dates and times to be confirmed. Please contact the Community Centre on 057-864-8277 to book your place.

EASTER DRAW

In aid of Debra Ireland: 10 PRIZES, Tickets €2/strip or 3 strips/€5. Tickets available from Edel Dunne, Chapel St or local shops. Draw takes place Easter Sat 4th April.

SCOIL BHRIDE NEWS

We are delighted to have our classmate, Noah Flynn, home from hospital and look forward to his return to school. Congratulations to Second Class who received their First Confession last week. Confirmation Class will attend the Ceremony of Light and Reconciliation as part of their preparation for Confirmation. Work is progressing nicely on the refurbishment of our Sensory/Prayer Room. We advise that parents who haven't yet put down their child's name for next year's enrolment should do so right away. Any family moving into the area should contact the School Office as soon as possible. Well done to our hard working Green School Committee who met with Ann Marie Kelly from Laois County Council this week for our Green Flag Renewal visit. Congratulations to Paul Mulhall and Cathal Lee who have been chosen to train with the Midland Soccer League.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 24-17-18.

€30 winners: Eamon Sammon, Clonaslee; Sharon Murphy Clonaslee; Karon Fitzpatrick, Brittas; Tina Conroy, Brittas; Dan & Setanta O'Neill, Clonaslee; D Bracken, Capprogan. Promoter's prize: Fallons, Imelda Cusack, Mary Rose Corbet. Next week's Jackpot: €650.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Congratulations, jackpot of €2,800 won by Kathleen Blake. Winning no: 10-11-22-2.

€40 winners: Bridget Conway, Conor McEvoy, Jack Carroll, Paddy Farrell, Martin and Brigid Rosney. Promoter's prize: Mick Fallon. Next week's Jackpot: €1,300.