ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 15th March 2020

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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WEEKEND MASSES

No mass on Sun 15th or 22nd or St Patricks Day

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, 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 for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or accordtull@eircom.net. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

<u>WEBCAM</u> – Live Mass feed on www.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish

<u>WHEELCHAIR</u> available at back of church.

MASS FOR CHILDREN

The Fr Shortall Room, behind the sacristy, is available for families with young children.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES WILL BE RESCHEDULE

MASSES AT CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S CHURCH CANCELLED

Phone: 057-864-8030

Fr O'Reilly has advised, in compliance with the Bishop's instructions and HSE guidelines, Sunday March 15th and March 22nd and St Patrick's Day masses in St Manman's Church, Clonaslee are cancelled. Anniversary masses will be rescheduled. The church will be open for private prayer and reflection.

Webcam masses will be available in other parishes, on RTE at weekends or EWTN on Sky channel 588. Children's programming on channel 815.

BINGO

Bingo has been cancelled for Sunday March 22nd.

ON YOUR HIGH NELLY

Fundraiser cycle in aid of Kilmanman Cemetery Church renovations. A decision will be made by the committee on when to hold the fundraiser.

CLONASLEE ST PATRICK'S PARADE

It is with regret we cannot hold the parade this year. A sincere thank you to our fantastic committee, all our sponsors and the good will of all the local community. We may be down but we will be back bigger and better.

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HOLY CROSS

Depending on restrictions from Covid 19, travel to Holy Cross will be April 2 leaving at 6 pm. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost is €20 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches. Collects in Rosenallis and Mountmellick.

SOCIAL SERVICES

At the recent AGM, Chairman John Callaghan thanked all for the great work in 2019. Secretary report covered all the activities, treasurer report followed. The Senior Citizens party was a great success. All who helped were thanked, the hall was beautifully decorated, Marie's Catering, JL Sound for music, and CCDA for use of the Centre. Thanks to Fr O'Reilly and Annette for the reports, the HSE for the grant and to the community of Clonaslee for all their support. Tea and coffee morning recently held in the hall, sincere thanks to Gemma Dunne. Election of officers: Chairman: John Callaghan, Secretary: Maura Gorman, Treasurer: Mary Rose Corbet. Vote of sympathy was extended to all who lost loved ones.

CCDA REPORT

At the monthly meeting the following was discussed: CCTV cameras, dog signs, painting the container, crow's nest in the Heritage Centre spire, new bolts needed for toilet doors, new basketball clock, St Patrick's parade, vote of sympathy for all who lost loved ones.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Phone: 057-864-8030

All public libraries in Laois are closed until Sunday 29th March inclusive as a precautionary measure following public health advice relating to the Covid 19 outbreak. Laois County Library Services apologises for any inconvenience caused and hope to resume normal service as soon as possible.

SING FOR JOY

In the interest of the good health and safety of our members, their carers, their families and indeed Siobhán, P.J and I, we made a collective decision today to suspend rehearsals until Wednesday April 22. We will all miss this amazing social occasion each Wednesday but we look forward to getting back to business, better than ever on Wednesday April 22 at 11 am in the Portlaoise Parish Centre. Thanks for the JOY.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot of €1,700 won by Michael McRedmond, Clarahill. Winning no: 23-17-2. €30 winners: Nancy Costello, Graigueafulla; Jacinta Davis, Gurteen, Rosenallis; Shirley Langford, Clonaslee; Hetty Dunne, Chapel Street; Bridie Hogan, Brittas; Dominic Cleary, c/o C Horan. Promoter's prize: Imelda Cusack, Kathleen Blake, Trish Costello. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.