

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 16th December 2018

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, 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. Also on offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on

www.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish

NOTE

All groups, organisations, clubs please advise the parish office on 864-8030 two weeks in advance if you holding a church gate collection

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 22nd Dec, 8 pm: Team A: Lily May Owens,

Amy Thornton, Emily Lambe, Amelia Dunne

Sun 23rd Dec, 10 am: Team A: Niamh Kelly,

Daniel O'Meara, Michael Poole, Ciara Breen,

Peter Foynes

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 16th December – 10 am

Months Mind Donal Flanagan, Two Mile Borris & formerly of Tinnahinch

Michael Culleton & deceased members of the Culleton Family, Brittas

Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly, Gorrrough

Saturday 22nd December – 8 pm

Evelyn Molloy, Main Street & Molloy Family,

Galway & Fennell Family, Portlaoise

Paddy Hogan, Chapel Street

Sunday 23rd December – 10 am

Michael McRedmond, Brocca

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – December

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

REACH OUT

Reach Out cards from the diocese are available for all parishioners at the church doors.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Members of the Clonaslee, Portarlinton and Clonaghadoo Christmas Carollers are hosting a Christmas Carol Concert in St Michaels Church, Portarlinton today Dec 16th at 4 pm. All welcome to attend and admission is free.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Mountmellick: Mon Dec 17th at 7:30 pm. Killeigh: Wed Dec 19th at 7:30 pm. Friday Dec 21st:

Rosenallis at 7 pm, Clonaslee at 8 pm.

SCOIL BHRÍDE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Scoil Bhríde pupils will perform their Christmas concert on Tues 18th Dec at 7 pm in the school.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Church gate collection in aid of Scoil Bhríde Parents Association will be on Sat 22nd Dec.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Choir practice is each Wednesday at 7 pm in the Choir Gallery for Christmas Eve mass.

CLONASLEE CAROL SERVICE

Join us on Sun Dec 30th at 4 pm with light refreshments afterwards. If you can sing or play an instrument, please come for a practice on Wed 19th Dec at 7:45 pm in the church

ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET'S

Almas Christmas mass bouquet's available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

Help would be most welcome on Friday 21st Dec at 6 pm to prepare the Community centre for the walk. We would greatly appreciate help on the day any time between 9:30 am and 5 pm, between 1-5 pm being a very busy period. Your continued support in donating Christmas fruit

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cakes goes down a real treat with the walkers.

Many thanks. For any information Sheila Bourke
087-633-9540.

THANK YOU

Irish Motor Neuron Association thank all who supported the Christmas Hamper raffle in memory of Hugo "Hugh" Conroy. Thank you for your generosity.

CHIROPODIST

The Chiropodist will be in Clonaslee Pharmacy Fri Dec 21st. Please call in or phone 057-868-6990 to book an appointment.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Mountmellick Library will close at 5 pm on Fri Dec 21st. It will reopen on Thurs 27th/Fri 28th Dec and then close again until Wed Jan 2nd, 2019.

VANDALISM

There have been reports of recent vandalism and removing of flowers in our graveyard. This is very hurtful and distressing to family members. If you see vandalism happening please contact the Gardí. Lock your cars when visiting the graveyard.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

We have been informed by Laois County Council, they will not remove household rubbish from bins. If this continues, the bins will be taken away. All the bins are only for litter and cigarette butts

DONATE A DINNER

Clonaslee Pharmacy with Focus Ireland is organising a "Donate a Dinner" campaign. €4 will provide dinner, dessert and tea/coffee for one day over the Christmas period for someone in need. Please call to the pharmacy if you would like to donate.

MORNING YOGA

Yoga classes on Friday mornings in the Heritage Centre at 10 am starting January 11. Make this your New Year's resolution. For more information contact Audrey on 085-863-3192. It's a drop in class, pay as you go. New members are very welcome.

HOLY CROSS

Bus will travel on Thurs Jan 3rd leaving at 6 pm. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches. Thanks to all who travelled in 2018.

COMMUNITY ALERT

As the dark, long nights approach please be extra vigilant. Press your panic button if worried or frightened. You can contact Teresa on 087-970-5651. Use your peep hole. Don't open your door to strangers, always ask for ID.

GLENBARROW PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

The clinic is now open, for appointments, contact John Dunne on 057-862-8684.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus will travel on Christmas eve to Portlaoise and on New Year's eve. Normal services will resume the following week. Thank you to Alma Cleere, driver for all her help and kindness. Also to all the night drivers for mass and bingo on the weekends. It is proving a huge success and has given much joy to many, allowing them to get out. Thanks to Francis Byrne, manager and staff for all in 2018. We wish all a very Happy Christmas and good 2019.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 13-2-4. €30 winners: Bernadette Hogan, Brittas; Geraldine Ryan Dunne, 2 Sliabh Bloom Park; Ann Maher, Clonaslee; Liam Dunne, Broghla; Shane & Patsy Rigney, Clonaslee; Mary Dunne, Cloonaghmore. Voucher: Noah Flynn, PO. €30: Evelyn Horan, Wranglestown. Promoter's prize: Nickey Dunne, Kathleen Blake, Hickeys. Voucher: Chris Horan €30: Ger Kelly. Next week's Jackpot: €950. Why not give a gift card for Christmas, birthdays or a special occasion. Lotto gift cards can be purchased at the Heritage Centre or from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.