

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday

Sunday 17th April 2022

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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Charity Number: 07355

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link <https://churchmedia.tv/st-manmans-church>

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS DURING MASS

Saturday 23rd April – 8 pm

Months Mind, Donie Conroy, Glebe

Months Mind, Tom Horan, The Square

Pakie Dooley, Ballinahown & deceased members of the Dooley, O'Rourke & Davis Families

Sunday 24th April – 10 am

Jo Bracken, Capparogan

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.

EUCHARIST: 23rd/24th April: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday – 16th April – 8 pm

Months Mind, Paddy Fitzpatrick, Coolagh
Liam. Larry, William & Elizabeth Flynn,
Garryheather

Paddy Conroy, Scotland

Sunday 17th April – 10 am

Joe Lambe, his parents & Michael, Ashbrook
John & Catherine Kelly, Coolnabanch

Monday 18th April – 9 am

Michael Lambe, Brittas

PAROCHIAL HALL

If you wish to book the Parochial Hall, contact the interim caretaker Noel on 086-316-6791

TRÓCAIRE BOXES/DONATIONS

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations to the church before or after mass. Do not leave them in the Church at other times.

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL

We hope this Easter you will experience the mercy, compassion and inner peace that the Risen Lord promises. Thanks to all who prepared or participated in any way in the Holy Week Ceremonies; Sacristans, Altar Servers, Choirs, Ministers of the Eucharist and of the Word.

SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

In aid of the continued development of the GAA grounds, walking track and juvenile pitch. On Saturday April 23 in the Clonaslee St Manman's GAA field. Items can be dropped off or collection can be arranged. The following items are what we need: dishwashers, washing machines, driers, electric cookers, metal pipes, ventilation systems, electronic parts, cables, copper tanks, pipework, stainless steel, aluminium, lead batteries, bicycles (no tyres), cars, exercise equipment, treadmills, rowing machines. Any queries please contact: Barry Kelly 083-002-8224 or John Rigney 087-125-9789.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK 2022

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This takes place this week April 18th – 22nd. Litter must be in the blue bags which are available from the committee. All blue bags will be collected at

Clonaslee GAA field on Tuesday morning April 26th. Clonaslee Tidy Towns will be out litter picking next week Tues April 19th and Thurs April 21st from 7 pm. All approach roads need to be done - Mountmellick, Tullamore and Birr approaches to the village along with Brittas Wood and Lake. If anyone requires blue bags or gloves or litter pickers you can contact Patrick on 087-468-4213, if you wish to go at a time that suits you and need supplies.

TIDY TOWNS

If anyone is wishing to come on board and wishes to partake in any activity - weeding a flower bed near them, sweeping or painting can contact any of the committee – Patrick Blake or Maura O’Gorman and they would be more than welcome. Thanks to John Maher for sponsoring a bench to Clonaslee Tidy Towns. As always, we appreciate all local support from local businesses and residents alike. Dog fouling continues to be very bad which is not helpful as we have entered the Tidy Towns competition.

2022 NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS

COMPETITION

The 2022 National SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition judging commences early June. A lot of work needs to get done and assistance is needed from everybody to do well. Our work evenings are Tuesday and Thursday evenings commencing at 7 pm meeting at Clonaslee Heritage Centre.

THANK YOU

The St Stephen’s Day Hospice Walk committee presented a cheque to Seamus O’Donoghue from Laois Hospice for €23,235, a wonderful achievement in these Covid times. Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped in any way to make this fund raiser such a great success.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 am. Travel pass is accepted. Others cost is €3 return. It is a door to door pick up so you must book the evening before

prior to 5 pm on 057-869-2168. It is only a 16 seater, if you haven’t booked you may not have a seat.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Family Story time on Wed April 20th at 11:30 am. Booking essential. *Lego Free Play* on Saturdays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Drop in. *Easter Computer Camp*: For 8-12 year olds on Tues April 19th from 4-5 p.m. for basic IT skills. Booking essential. In the Gallery for April the *Laois African Support* group celebrating African culture. Laois Libraries are looking for those *aged 55 and over* to help them improve their library services. Fill out a *short questionnaire* at your local library during April and May. *Junior Book Club*: Story explorers wanted from ages 8-12 years of age for some fun, facts and fiction. The *Short and Sweet Book Club* meet once a month to discuss two/three short stories. We will be starting an *Adult book club* soon. *Sensory Room* service is for the use of children and adults with additional needs with their parent/carer present. *Sensory Toy Collection* service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois.

If interested in any of the above events, contact Mountmellick Library, call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 5-8-18.

€30 winners: Grandchildren c/o Martha Doolan; Jackie Hyland, Tinnahinch; Colm Downey, c/o Cosy Bar; Liam Conroy, Clonaslee; Peter Casey, Coolnabanch; C Delaney, Coolagh. Voucher: Edel & Thomas O’Brien. Voucher: Mary Downey c/o Cosy Bar. Easter Egg: Ritchie O’Keeffe. Promoter’s prize: Hogans, Imelda Cusack, Matt

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Barrett. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. Voucher: Nuala

Smith. Easter Egg: Ann Rigney. Jackpot: €2,000.

Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from

Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty

Finnerty, Chapel Street. Wishing all our promoters

and supporters Happy Easter.