

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 17th December 2017

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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, 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.mcmmedia.com under Clonaslee Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 23rd Dec: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Amelia Dunne, Sineád Hobhan Garry, Corrine Greene

Sun 24th Dec 10 am: Team B: Darragh Mulhall, Paul Mullhall, Peter Foynes, Eimear Kelly, Martina Connolly Daly, Corrine Greene

Sun 24th Dec 8 pm: Team A: Eimear Kelly, Lily May Owens, Amy Thornton, Emily Lambe

Mon 25th Dec 10 am: Team A: Emer Dunne, Daniel O'Meara, Michael Poole, Ciara Breen, Niamh Kelly, Cadhia McCann

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday – 17th December – 10 am

Molly & Tommy Conroy, Ballyfarrell
Rose, Ernest & Carmel Cully, Ballyfarrell
Michael Culleton, Brittas & deceased members
of the Culleton Family

Tommy Flynn Chapel Street
John, June & James Dunne, Glenkeen

Saturday 23rd December – 8 pm

Paddy Hogan, Chapel Street
Evelyn Molloy, Main St & the Molloy & Fenell
Families, Galway & Portlouis

Sunday 24th December – 10 am

Derry Keating, Ashbrook

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford
Pray for Matty Dunne, Coolnamona, Ballyfin
who died during the week.

REACH OUT

The Reach Out gifts 'Joy for the World' are at all entrances, for you to take home. The Christmas season arrangements are inside with a fridge magnet and Amoris Laetitia card.

GIVING TREE

Gifts for the giving tree will be brought by school children to patients in St Vincents hospital, Mountmellick on Mon 18th Dec and they will sing carols to the patients.

RECONCILIATION

Mountmellick: Mon 18th Dec 7:30 pm

Killeigh: Wed 20th Dec 7:30 pm

Rosenallis: Fri 22nd Dec 7 pm

Clonaslee: Fri 22nd Dec 8 pm

TOWARDS PEACE

The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space to people who may be hurting due to abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Leaflets are at all doors.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONCERTS

Scoil Bhríde concert is on Tues Dec 19th at 7 pm.

Castlecuffe NS concert is on Thurs Dec 21st at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Christmas lights make our village shine and we need help to continue bringing the joy to everyone. Church gate collection is on December 30th and 31st. All support is much appreciated.

THANK YOU

Clonaslee ICA thank everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle. 1st prize: Colin & Niamh Snell, 2nd: Trish Sutherland, 3rd: 'Nosy Neighbour' c/o Jane Gonoud, 4th: Noel Carroll.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas bouquets cards are available from Dolores Murray 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty 087-773-0734.

ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK

We are celebrating our Silver Jubilee, 25 years of helping Laois Hospice. The Community Centre will be set up with table and chairs on Friday Dec 22nd at 6 pm. Volunteers welcome please.

Donation of fruit cakes would be greatly

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appreciated. Anyone who would like to help out in the Community Centre on Stephen's Day please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or come along on the day, many hands make light work. For information re: the walk or sponsorship cards please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540, Niall Bourke 087-411-6274 or Lucy Feighery 087-991-2440

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.

HOLY CROSS

Bus will travel on Jan 4th. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Clodiagh Players extend our warmest congratulations to one of our past prodigies Grainne Good, who has been cast in the title role in the Gaiety's upcoming production of Sive by John B Keane. She will star alongside acting talents as Tommy Tiernan. The play runs from the end of January through to March. We are very proud of Grainne's accomplishments since graduating from the Gaiety's School of Acting. We urge you all to make an effort to go to support one of our own in what promises to be a highly entertaining production.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Mountmellick Library will close for Christmas holidays on Fri Dec 22nd. But don't panic as we will reopen for Thursday 28th and Friday 29th Dec. The library will then close again until 10 am Tuesday January 2nd. Merry Christmas to all our customers and looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Have your say on the future of Laois Libraries. Why not let us know what you want from your library service? Laois County Library Service is currently developing a new strategy plan for 2018-2022. Let us know what you want by completing a quick online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W2KF KJ5> or in writing-more details on our Facebook

page. Would you be interested in beginner or intermediate computer classes in the New Year? If so leave you contact details at the desk in Mountmellick Library or call us on 057-864-4572. We welcome artists from further afield for our December exhibition. Inis artists comprises 15 artist both professional and highly talented amateur artists based in Clare. The society was formed to promote visual art in Clare and Munster. The group covers a wide variety of subjects, styles and media. All are welcome to come and view the exhibition

BE WINTER READY

Be Winter Ready leaflets are available in the libraries and the Doctors surgeries around the County. They will also be available by contacting Geraldine Delaney, Laois County Council Community Section at 057-866-4107.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

The bus will travel on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and to Portlaoise on Tuesdays and Fridays. You must phone or text 087-743-7444 the evening before by 6 pm to book your seat. The extra days to Tullamore will continue up to Christmas only.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 20-4-9.
€30 winners: Patricia Barrett, Bellair; Margaret Lee, Brocca; John Barrett, Tullamore Road; Weldon Finnamore, Hillside; Jim Rigney, Clonaslee; Margaret Lalor, c/o Murphy's, Kilmanman. Voucher: Maura O'Brien, Portlaoise. Bottle: M.J. Dunne. Promoter's prize: S Finnamore, Hogans, Peavoys. Voucher: Eamon Sammon. Bottle: The Pharmacy.
Next week's Jackpot: €1,700.

CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 7-19-22-23.
€40 winners: Laura Tomey, Sandra O'Sullivan, Deirdre McCarthy. Christmas bonus prizes €50 for Ger Kelly Butchers: Oran McEvoy, Angelina Daly, Conny Dunne, Kayla Walsh.
Promoter's prize: Frank Fitzpatrick.
Next week's Jackpot: €12,700.