

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link <https://churchmedia.tv/st-manmans-church>

## 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Team B**  
**24<sup>th</sup>eve/25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Team C**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 6 pm**

Paddy & Annie McDonald, Mountmellick  
McEvoy & Conroy Family, Graigueafula  
Bill & Margaret Deegan, Cadamstown  
Willie & Bridget Deegan, Derby & Cadamstown  
Jack Deegan, Waterford & Cadamstown  
Jimmy & Annie Fitzgerald, Garryheather  
Kathleen Brown nee Fitzgerald, London & Garryheather

Catherine & Joseph Conroy, Garryheather

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am**

Mary Rosney, Clonllyn

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 6 pm**

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 10 am**

Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 7 pm**

Derry Keating, Ashbrook

Jim & Rose Young & Family

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am**

Beth & Mick McEvoy, Sliabh Bloom Park

*Pray for* Breda Kennedy, Banagher & Cloonagh who died during the week.

## CONFESSIONS

Penitential service is on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8 pm.

## 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION PROGRAMME

1<sup>st</sup> Communion programme is next Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December during 6 pm mass.

## CHRISTMAS MASS

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve** mass will be celebrated at 7 pm

**Monday Christmas Day** mass will be celebrated at 10 am

Children are invited to bring their toys to be blessed during Christmas Day mass.

## PARISH COUNCIL

A concert post mortem meeting is on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7 pm after mass.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas collection takes place next weekend. Please use the envelopes provide in your monthly box.

## VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Mon and Tues 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Dec at the usual times.

*Please note change of day.*

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practices for Christmas Eve Mass will be held every Thursday evening at 7 pm on the choir gallery. We encourage all existing members to come along, and new members are needed and most welcome.

## THANK YOU

A fantastic night of music from five talented performers was enjoyed by a full church at the recent Christmas concert. The door prize, one night B&B with an evening meal in the Greville

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Arms Hotel, Mullingar was won by Joe Digan. The hampers were won by Geraldine Hyland, Breda McEvoy, Marie Egan, Rose Sheerin and

Sunday. Pick up point is Londis Clonaslee. Weekday times: 6:28, 10:28, 14:13, 17:58, 21:53. Sunday: 8:43, 12:53, 16:58, 20:23. Cost €4 return and Free Travel Pass Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More information call 057-869-2168

Josie Conroy. The Parish Council thank the many, generous sponsors, local businesses, St Patrick's Day Parade committee, all ticket sellers, Marie's Catering, Sandra Conway LiaQbell for the fabulous decorations, Cecil Carter, Catherine Bolger of Scallys Centra and Catriona Callaghan Lawlor of Midland's Radio 3.

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT**

A great gift to give at Christmas is 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' written by Fr. O'Reilly costing only €10. Available after masses.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards pack of 10 only €5, available after masses.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS**

Almas Christmas Mass Bouquets available from Betty Finnerty or Dolores Murray. Donation €3.

## **ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK**

The Annual Walk is on Dec 26<sup>th</sup> with a long walk or short walk to suit all. There is no official start time, come when it suits but please leave enough time to complete the walk before dark.

Sponsorship cards are available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540. Donations of Christmas fruit cakes will continue to be gratefully received. Anyone who would like to help out in any way for an hour or 2 with parking, organising in the Community Centre, at the soup station on the mountain, your help would really be appreciated. For information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540, Niall Bourke 087-411-6274, Lucy Feighery 087-991-2440, Peter Maher 085-174-2217.

## **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. Cost is €3 return for adults and children over 5 years old. *You must book the evening before prior to 5 pm on 057-869-2168.* **Bus service** from Birr to Portlaoise Monday to

## **Christmas Lotto Gift Cards now available.**

Ideal Christmas present. €10 for 5 Weeks or €20 for 10 weeks. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

## **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

In the Gallery is the *Spikey Jar Art group*. Based in Timahoe their art is inspired by their journeys in Ireland and are in a range of media. *Christmas story time* on request, just ring our Christmas bell and library staff will be ready for a Christmas Story. *Ready, Steady, Play session* for walkers and toddlers (and their parent/guardian) on Wed Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. *Heritage Illuminations project* will be launched on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> in Mountmellick Community School. *Shared reading groups* bring people together to talk, laugh and share. On Wednesdays at 11 am. *Lego Free Play* on Sat from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. *Mountmellick Arts Collective* meet on Thursday mornings. The Library will close on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 4 pm and reopen on Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 10 am. If interested in any of the above call 057-864-4572 or email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie) The staff at Mountmellick Library wish the whole community a happy and peaceful Christmas.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 9-12-14. €30 winners: Ann Rigney, Brocca; Kathleen Delaney, Larrigan; Fr T O'Reilly, Clonaslee; Kathleen & James, Barradoo; Hetty Dunne, Clonaslee; Fionn Conroy, c/o Maura. Voucher: Michelle Breen. Bottle: Noel Foynes. Promoter's prize: N Smith, Mary O'Keefe, Pat Dunne. Voucher: Pat Dunne. Bottle: Maura O'Gorman. Next week's Jackpot: €800. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra Prizes for Christmas.

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## **CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-3-5-19.

€30 winners: Conor Hyland, Aishlinn McEvoy,  
Hilary Fallon, Emily & Ruby Kelly, Bridie Flynn.

Promoter's prize: C Hogan. Voucher winners: Joe  
Dunne, Edel O'Connell & Seamus Rigney.

Next week's Jackpot: €4,150 in Downeys Bar.