

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th January 2016

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Phone: 057-864-8030

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 on 057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 23 Jan: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly, Patrick Purcell

Sun 24th Jan: Team B: Ciara Hyland, Aoibhe Mullhall, Darragh Mullhall, Philip Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 16th January – 8 pm

Mary Multaney, Castlecuffe

Sister Julie Egan, Rathcoffey

Sean Fitzpatrick, & his parents Patrick & Ellen,
Graigueafulla

Edward Smith, Chapel Street

Joe & Julia McRedmond, Clonabeg

Bernie & Anne Breslin, Glenkeen

Mary Flanagan, Tinnahinch

Saturday 23rd January – 8 pm

William Dooley, Hillside

Angela O'Gorman, Lissane

Elizabeth Heaney, Hillside

Paddy Corbet, Ballykaneen

Sunday 24th January – 10 am

Patrick Stack, Coolagh

John & Kit Carroll, Shracullen

Richard & Mary Carroll & deceased members of
Carroll Family, Coolaboughlan

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Jan 24th at the 10 am Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to all who voted for our Parish Council. The following parishioners are the new members: John Troy, Dolores Murray, Matt Barrett, Dinny Finnerty, Maura O'Gorman, Betty Finnerty, John Casey, Eileen Digan, Sheila Bourke, Annette Doolan, Mary Rose Corbet, John Callaghan, Margaret Mullins, Eilish Dunne, Denis Feighery, John Cusack, Chris Horan, Damien Moran, Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Eamon Sammon. The first meeting will be on Monday Jan 25th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre.

HOLY CROSS

Bus leaving Clonaslee on Thurs Feb 4th at 6 pm. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to 087-212-2766.

RECYCLE

Tidy Towns ask that everyone please recycle. There is a bottle bank at the back of the Community Centre as well as a clothes bank. The bottle bank takes green, brown and clear glass. Recycle your cardboard and Christmas trees.

INTERNET CLASSES

Ballycommon Telework and Training Centre will run a course of 3 sessions for 3 hours each for €10 per person. You will learn internet, email, Skype and we hope to cover banking online. They require minimum of 10 people for the class to run. If you are interested please contact Maura on 087-212-2766 or 057-864-8065.

COUNTRY MARKET

Our local Country Market is open in the Heritage Centre on Saturdays from 10 am – 1 pm with fresh produce, home baking, knitwear, arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera, goats cheese and milk, flowers, plants and much more

COMPOSTER

All the flower beds in and around the village have been covered with our own compost from the composter situated at the rear of the Community Centre. The committee are a community orchard as a project for 2016. We appeal to all; please use the litter bins to dispose of all litter. At lunch time

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there is a lot of litter needing to be picked up, please be aware and make the change. Please use the bins for your cigarette butts, not the footpaths. Thank you for your support.

FLY POSTING

Clonaslee CCDA asks, in the interest of Tidy Towns that all fly posting must go outside the 50-60 km signs. Tidy Towns have been commended on this feature in the National results. Thank you all for your cooperation.

IFA MEETING

An opening meeting for friends and supporters of the IFA presidential candidate Henry Burns will be held in Mountmellick Macra Hall on Wednesday January 20 at 8:30 pm. All welcome.

BEFRIENDING LAOIS

A new Befriending the Elderly service is being introduced. This is a voluntary service which is for friendship and companionship to those who risk becoming isolated in our community. If you are interested in becoming a befriending volunteer or in receiving visits from one of our trained volunteers, please contact Laois Partnership Company for further information on 057-866-2732, 087-272-0715.

GRANT AVAILABLE

A grant is available to all organizations and groups who are interested in doing a project for 1916 Rising. Please contact Laois County Council for information and application forms.

HEALTHY HEART COURSE

A three week course consisting of 1 class of 2.5 hours per week for 3 weeks, on eating for a healthy heart, stress management for a healthy heart and activities for a healthy heart. Find out about the causes of high cholesterol and blood pressure. Learn about the different types of fats, stress management and physical activities to help your heart.

For more information, please contact Caitriona or Geraldine, Clonaslee Community Centre on 057-864-8277.

SLIEVE BLOOM ASSOCIATION

Please note that the AGM has been deferred to Jan 28th in the ICA Hall in Mountmellick at 8pm.

ARTHRITIS IRELAND - LAOIS BRANCH

We are running "Gentle Zumba" classes in St Mary's Hall, Old Dublin Road, Portlaoise starting on Tues Jan 26th from 6-7 pm. The first night is a "Taster Night" which will be free of charge to allow people to try it out. This will be followed by 6 consecutive weeks - same time - same place. Cost for 6 weeks of further classes is €30.00 per person paid up front by Fri Feb 2nd. Contact details: Branch Phone: 089-252-5344, Anne: 087-906-7386 or Caroline 086-885-2503. email:

arthritislaois@gmail.com

COMPUTER COURSE

Non accredited computer classes will run 6 weeks for 2 hours each evening in Clonaslee. Topics covered: email, Facebook, Skype, TV playback and other topics depending on needs of the group to include DoneDeal, Dept of Agriculture website, etc. Cost €20 and is delivered by Laois Partnership. If interested please contact Caitriona in the Community Centre on 057-864-8277.

CES VACANCIES

Environmental Worker required to carry out duties such as litter picking, weeding, painting, etc to keep Clonaslee beautiful. Ref ES 1004792. *Cleaner/Caretaker* required to carry out basic domestic duties to keep the Community Centre clean and tidy Ref ES 1004796. Flexible hours and training provided. CE rates of pay apply. Please check with your local Social Welfare/Intreo office for eligibility requirements. Please contact Caitriona in the Community Centre on 057-864-8277 for further information.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 13-10-22.

€30 winners: L Costello, Clonaslee; Tom Delaney, Scaroon; Emily Rose Kelly; John Comerford, Brocca; Fitzpatrick Clan, Brittas; Betty Finnerty, Clonaslee.

Promoter's prize: Peavoys, Post Office, Ger Kelly. Next week's Jackpot: €1,550.