

*ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER*  
*Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013*

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Team B:** Annie Digan, Emma Conroy, Amy Farrington.

**Sun Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – Team B:** Roisin Scully, Ciara Foynes, Mary Hyland.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

8 pm Lawrence Conroy, Brocca

8 pm Hugh O’Gorman, Lissan

8 pm Anna May O’Keeffe, Brocca

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

10 am John, Peter & Annie Doolan, Coolagh

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

9 am John, Annie & Sr Assumpta Dunne,  
Clonabeg

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

8 pm Tom McCann, Glebe

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Church gate collection is this weekend. Your support would be much appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Saint Vincent de Paul will be selling Christmas cards next weekend before and after both masses.

**TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION**

There will be a special national collection shared between Syria and the Philippines next weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Your support is much appreciated.

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

The First Communion programme takes place next Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am Mass.

**USED CLOTHING COLLECTION**

Clothing collection in aid of children in Kenya on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please put clean, dry items in the church car park between 9am and 12 noon.

**ANNUAL PIONEER DINNER DANCE**

Tickets for the Pioneer dinner dance on Friday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> in the Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix are available from Dinny Finnerty

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

A computer course will recommence on Mon at 10 am in the Heritage Centre

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Social Services Christmas Party will be on December 1 at 1 pm in the Community Centre.

Anyone in the community who thinks they are eligible and over 65 years old please contact Chairman John Callaghan on 087-613-2044.

Closing date for replies is November 24 so we can let caterers know numbers. This is a social event and we hope everyone will come along and enjoy a great day. Transport will be provided for anyone who requires it. Music will be provided by Rock on Paddy.

**DEBUT BOOK LAUNCH**

Talent for writing in Clonaslee is all around. Jason Finnerty is launching his debut fantasy novel ‘Fastian’ on Friday November 29 at 8 pm in the Heritage Centre. There will be 100 books available for sale for only €15 and orders can be taken for Christmas. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to this unique occasion.

**THANKS**

Thank you to the following whose names were inadvertently omitted, the hard working volunteers who served the tea and refreshments to the kids at the recent book launch for ‘Talking Memories’, Nuala Smith, Betty Finnerty, Josephine Callaghan and Kathleen Blake. A special thanks to Nuala Smith for supplying the beautifully decorated cake to celebrate this occasion. Also thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this a successful night.

**COMMUNITY ALERT**

Monthly meeting is on Monday November 18 at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. Please come along to the meeting and the new text alert system

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will be explained to you. This service is working very well in other areas. It is all about keeping your area safe. Be very vigilant as there is a lot of unwelcome activity around.

**TRIP TO LIMERICK**

A bus will be leaving Clonaslee on December 7 at 9 am and leave Limerick at 4r:40 pm. Cost is adults €5 return and children under 16 €3 return. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To book your seat call Laois Trip on 057-869-2168.

**CLONASLEE COLLEGE**

Clonaslee College Parents Council is holding its AGM in the college on Thursday November 21 at 8 pm. It would be great for as many parents as possible to attend. Thanks to all the parents who supported and helped us over the last year with fundraising. Looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

**CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA**

The AGM for Clonaslee St Manmans GAA is on November 29 at 8 pm in the Community Centre. Members please attend.

**'TALKING MEMORIES'**

Fr O'Reilly's book 'Talking Memories' has gone to reprint and will be available to purchase in a couple of weeks, in plenty of time for that special Christmas gift. You may pre-order the book by contacting Fr O'Reilly on 057-864-8030 or Annette Doolan on 087-988-1046.

**CCDA**

At the monthly meeting the following items were discussed; new marquees, tables, chairs, text messaging and emails about monthly meetings, new FAS scheme, suggestions for fundraising, Parish Community Lotto needs more support as the money raised goes to the daily running of the centre, the parish, Scoil Bhríde and Castlecuffe NS, Social Services Christmas dinner, Fr O'Reilly's successful book launch, several entries were put in for Laois Community Forum awards, text alert service forms are available in shops, Library hours are Thursday from 3-4 pm, Jason Finnerty's book launch is on November 29 in Heritage Centre, creating a knitting and crochet club, computer classes offered for 3 weeks, please support Liam Lawton concert in Mountmellick on Friday November 15, congratulations to both

primary schools for reaching finals in Portlaoise with wins and losses, and to the under 21 and under 13 for their matches. Next meeting is December 9 at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre.

**CLONASLEE SHOW SOCIETY**

At the AGM the following officers were elected, Patrons: Fr O'Reilly & Rev Ruth Jackson Noble; President: Jim Costello; Vice Presidents: Fred Mathews, Bríd Malone, Anna Snell, Michael Dunne, Chris Horan; Chairman: Niall Bourke; Vice Chairman: Tommy Fitzgerald; Secretaries: Blathnaid Delaney & Annette Doolan; Treasurer: Mary Rose Corbet; PRO: Annette Doolan; Safety Officer: John Cusack. Also discussed at the meeting: prize money to be reviewed, moving tea room to ground level, raising sponsorship to attract more entries and to seek it in January, to try and link the field with the centre by having different and varied attractions between them. Sympathies are extended to all who have lost loved ones. The Show will be on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**SING FOR SIMON**

Organise your own musical event & help end homelessness this Christmas. Contact Irene Keenan 087-960-1200 for information.

**SOCIAL SERVICES BINGO**

The Social Services bingo is on Wednesdays from 2 – 4 pm in the Heritage Centre. We would like to see more come along for bingo, chat and a cuppa.

**FAMILY BINGO**

On the second and fourth Sunday of the month starting at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall. Cost €2. All welcome to join in the fun.

**CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 17-12-15.

€30 winners: Daire and Enda Comerford, Peter Keating, Shraduff; Mary Dunne, Cloonaghmore; Rose Smith, Hillside; Chris Horan Snr; Larry Costello. Promoter's prize: Mary Rose Corbet, Kathleen Blake, Nuala Smith.

Next week's Jackpot: €2,000.

**CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won Winning no: 3-4-11-13.

€40 winners: Mary O'Donnell, Annette Scully, David McRedmond, Grandkids c/o Rose, Ger Kelly. Promoter's prize: JJ Carroll.

Next week's Jackpot: €1,450.