

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Sat – Midnight Mass Christmas Eve 8 pm

Sun – Christmas Day, Blessing of Toys 10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am

Thursday 11:30 am

## CONFESSIONS

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). They also offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on [www.mcmmedia.com](http://www.mcmmedia.com) under Clonaslee Parish

## ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Team A: Eimear Kelly Gráinne Scully

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Team A: Aoibhe Mulhall, Philip Dunne, Emer Dunne, Daniel O'Meara

## ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Patrick Hogan, Clonaslee

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick

Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly, Gorrrough

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

Micheal Culleton & deceased members of the Culleton Family, Brittas

Sister Teresa Egan & Family, Coolnamoney

John & Jane Dunne, Glenkeen

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Evelyn Molloy, Main Street

Molloy & Fennell Families, Galway & Portlaoise

## CONFESSIONS/PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mountmellick 7:30 pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Portarlinton 7:30 pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: Rosenallis 7 pm

Clonaslee 8 pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Killeigh 7:30 pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Clonaslee 12 noon

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The tradition of placing Poinsettias around the altar will continue this year. If you wish to have one on the altar in memory of your beloved dead, there is an envelope in your monthly box for this purpose. Cost €10 each.

## COLLECTION

The Christmas collection is on next weekend. Please use your blue monthly envelope for this purpose.

## ALMAS CARDS

Almas Christmas cards and Mass Bouquets available, contact Dolores Murray 087-414-8093.

## ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

We will be setting up the Centre on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 6 pm. All help for this would be appreciated.

Donations of fruit cakes are gratefully accepted.

Lots of help required on the day from 9 am with parking, making up sandwiches, etc. If you wish to help contact Sheila Bourke on 087-633-9540.

The walk takes place on December 26<sup>th</sup> with the

'long' walk starting at 12 noon taking

approximately 3-4 hours and the 'short' walk

starting at 1 pm taking approximately 1-2 hours

with both starting from the Community Centre.

Soup and water stations are available on the long

walk. Refreshments for all will be served in the

Community Centre after both walks. Each walk

will be well signposted on the day. Participate at

your own risk. Make it a family day out, bring

friends, it's a great tradition to begin for all.

## DONATE A DINNER

Clonaslee Pharmacy are organising a €4 Donate A Dinner to Focus Ireland. Donations can be dropped into the Pharmacy.

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## **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

A church gate collection will be held on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to help with the cost of running the lights. Please support as our village looks fantastic. Our thanks to Clonaslee ICA for their generous contribution and to those who have given private donations.

## **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Please be vigilant as the dark nights are in. Check on your elderly neighbour and always wear your panic button. Your alarm is monitored around the clock so help is always at hand. Call Teresa Maloney if anything goes wrong on 087-970-5651. Don't entertain unwelcome visitors, always ask for ID.

## **BINGO**

Social Services bingo is on a break for the Christmas season. We will see you in the new year.

## **CLONASLEE AGM**

The Slieve Bloom Association AGM will be held on Thursday January 19, 2017 at 8 pm in the Community Hall, Kinnitty. Annual membership remains at €10. The Slieve Bloom Association would like to wish the committee, members and all those who supported and attended festivals and events throughout the year, a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

The committee thank all who attended the Christmas party on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. A great day was had by all. Thank you to Patricia Costello who sponsored a hamper that was won by Seamus Rigney with €158 being collected. Our thanks to all the businesses and all who brought gifts for the free raffle. To John Troy, John Casey and Dolores Murray who gave us great help on both days preparing the centre for the event. Thank you to Marie's Catering and staff for the superb meal and to Rock on Paddy for making it an enjoyable day for one and all. Our thanks to the CE employees for their help and the CCDA for the use of the Community Centre. Feedback from the day is that it was one of the best years ever.

## **CCDA REPORT**

At the monthly meeting the following items were discussed: new heating system is up and running

in the centre, carbon monoxide alarms purchased and to be put up in both community and heritage centres, meeting with Arts Council discussing a commissioned piece, stock taking of items in the Community Centre, subcommittee formed to explore a monthly bingo game in Clonaslee, Meals on Wheels, Christmas lights collection, changing the driving system around the centre during school pickup, pedestrian signage for playschool, new parking area near soccer field, placing posts to prevent cars from driving onto soccer field, congrats to John Callaghan on the bicycle statue he made that is outside the Heritage Centre, Variety show in mid-January hosted by Clodiagh Players, sympathy extended to all who lost loved ones recently. The next meeting is Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas to all in the Clonaslee community.

## **CES JOB VACANCY**

Vacancy for a Clerical worker/Administrator Job Ref: CES-2024236. Position based in Clonaslee Community Centre. Good communication and interpersonal skills essential. Hours: 19½ per week and CE rates of pay apply. General eligibility requirements for CE – one year in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment and over 25 years of age but please check with your local Intreo Office for confirmation. Please contact Michael Gorman in the Community Centre – 057-864-8277 for further information.

## **PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 19-22-11.  
€30 winners: Mary Rose Corbet, Clonaslee; Ben Peavoy Jnr, Portlaoise; Kathleen Blake, Barradoo; Shane, Angelina & Larry Rigney; Bridie Flynn, Garryheather; Martin Dunne, Tinnahinch.  
Voucher: Tommy Tynan. Bottle: Margaret Lalor, c/o M Murphy, Kilmanman. Promoter's prize: Ann Rigney, Kathleen Blake, Flynns PO.  
Voucher: Mary Rose Corbet. Bottle: Imelda Cusack. Next week's Jackpot: €650.

## **CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-3-17-26.  
€40 winners: Connor Dunne, Mick McRedmond, Clarahill, Tom Mulligan, Deirdre McCarthy, Mary Callaghan. Promoter's prize: Pdraig Conroy. Extra prizes for Christmas next week.