

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 18th December 2022

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P. Phone: 057-864-8030

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Charity Number: 07355

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am

Friday 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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

EUCHARIST: 24th/25th December: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 17th December – 6 pm

Michael & Patricia Culleton, Brittas

Sunday 18th December – 10 am

Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

Noel Carroll, Ballykaneen

Joe Young, Chapel Street & members of the Young Family, Ballyfarrell

Saturday 24th December – 6 pm

Derry Keating & the Young Family, Ashbrook

Sunday 25th December – 10 am

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford

Ralph & Isabel Loomis, Washington State USA

CONFESSION

Mon 19th Dec: Rosenallis: 7 pm Clonaslee: 8 pm

Wed 21st Dec: Mountmellick: 7:30 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Eve mass will be celebrated at 6 pm

Christmas Day mass will be celebrated at 10 am

Children are invited to bring their toys to be blessed during Christmas Day 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 Wed and Thurs 21st/22nd Dec at the usual times.

Please note change of day.

ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK

Only 1 week to the big day! Help us to celebrate 30 years of walking. Sponsorship cards available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540. A gift of a Christmas fruit cake would be greatly appreciated. Donation options are the Community Centre in Clonaslee on Dec 26th from 9 am or online www.justgiving.com/campaign/clonaslee-walk-2022

HELP NEEDED

We will be setting up the Community Centre on Thursday Dec 22nd at 6:30 pm for the Hospice Walk. All help from the Community would be greatly appreciated.

GIVING TREE GIFTS

Gifts from the Giving Tree need to be in before Tues. They will be given to St Vincent Hospital, Mountmellick patients on Tues 20th Dec morning.

CONCERT

Scoil Bhríde Christmas concert is on Tues 20th Dec at 7 pm in the school.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are available from the sacristy. Pack of 12 for €5.

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY ALERT

The Community CCTV schemes in Laois face more delays due to new requirements from the

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Department of Justice which changed in recent months. There is now the need for a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be

prepared in advance of approval of a scheme.

Clonaslee is no different to many other places, we are very disappointed as the DPIA requirements has stalled progress. A lot of hard work has gone into trying to get cameras installed which are now at a standstill.

CASTLECUFFE NS ADMISSIONS

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for September 2023 admission on Jan 5th. The application form for admission can be downloaded from www.castlecuffens.com, or alternatively parents may email the school at info@castlecuffens.com giving their name and address and we will send one out in the post. The school can also be contacted by phone on (057) 864-8238 between 9 am and 11 am on weekdays. Our admissions policy and admissions notice for this year are available for viewing on our website.

CONCERT FUN

The Christmas countdown has truly begun at Castlecuffe N.S. as we held a very enjoyable variety concert on Thursday night at Clonaslee Community Centre. Entertainment included a Nativity play, a pirate show, a play explaining the true meaning of Christmas and an additional three short sketches by 5th and 6th class. A great night was had by all. We wish all our parish community a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and thank you for your support during the past year.'

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteer drivers needed for 1 hour from 1-2 on Mon or Wed. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093.

CONVERSATION GROUP

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7:30- 8:30 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. The night is conversation based; all you need to be able to do is chat. Can you help? For more information contact Mags on 086-866-8820.

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.* **New bus service** from Birr to Portlaoise. Monday to 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

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be vigilant. Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. Use your peep hole and press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

LOTTO GIFT CARDS

Order your Christmas Lotto Gift cards. €10 for 5 weeks or €20 for 10 weeks of the weekly Lotto draw. An ideal Christmas gift supporting the Parish and community. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty on Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 18-19-12. €30 winners: Nora & John Casey, Coolnabanch; Timmy Tynan, c/o Hickeys; Helen Costello, c/o Peter Costello; Jimmy Kelly, Glenkeen; Joe Slevin, c/o Sheila Bourke; Colm Downey, Cosy Bar. Voucher: John Barrett, Tullamore Road. €25: Nigel Cassidy, c/o Fitzpatrick's. Promoters prize: Hogans, S Fynamore, Ger Kelly. Voucher: Trish Costello. €25: Kathleen Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €950. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra prizes for Christmas.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-10-18-24.

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€40 winners: Willie Carroll, Anthony & Michelle,

Colm Downey. Promoter's prize: Flynn's PO.

Next week's Jackpot: €14,500 in Fallons Bar.