

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 18th February 2018

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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 for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or accordtull@eircom.net. Also on offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on www.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish

PARISH HALL

All bookings for the Parish Hall must be made, prior to use, by contacting John 083-471-2546.

NOTE

All groups, organisations, clubs please advise the parish office on 864-8030 two weeks in advance if you holding a church gate collection

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 24th Feb 8 pm: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Amelia Dunne, Sineád Hobhan Garry, Corrine Greene.

Sun 25th Feb 10 am: Team B: Darragh Mulhall, Paul Mullhall, Peter Foynes, Eimear Kelly, Martina Connolly Daly, Corrine Greene.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 17th February – 8 pm

Jim Delaney, Larrigan

Mary, Kathleen, James, Seamus & Margaret

Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park

Thomas Feighery, Tinnahinch

Saturday 24th February – 8 pm

Pat Young, Hillside

Mary McCann, Glebe

Tom & Winnie Delaney, Brocca

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – February

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

COLLECTION

The 3rd collection for World Meeting of Families 2018 is on next weekend. Please give generously.

LET'S TALK FAMILY

Let's Be Family. During Lent parishioners are invited for chat and reflection on family life. Get together is in Mt St Anne's, Killenard at 8 pm for 5 weeks starting Feb 21st. Join us.

RALLY TO SAVE THE 8TH

Don't let 2018 be the year abortion is legalised in Ireland We need you at the most important Rally for Life on Sat March 10th at 2 pm Parnell Square, Dublin.

LENTEN SACRIFICE FOR LIFE 2018

You are invited to participate, in addition to your normal Lenten sacrifice, to choose one of the following for the particular intention of Saving the 8th Amendment to our Constitution during Lent: Attend weekday mass, a period of Eucharistic Adoration, in a day abstain from the internet, recite one decade of the Rosary, read & meditate on the Gospel of the day for 15 min, give money/alms to the poor, to pro-life or some worthy charity, fast from food or abstain from meat.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

2018 list is available on the Sacred Heart Altar.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

A copy of the Parish accounts is available at all the doors.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting on Mon Feb 26th at 8:30 pm in the Fr Shortall Room.

CASTLECUFFE NS ENROLMENT

Please contact Castlecuffe National School on 057-864-8238 if you wish to enrol your child for the school term starting in September 2018. This must be done in the next two weeks. We require the name, date of birth and PPS number of your child. Enrolment forms will be given to parents.

TIDY TOWNS

The AGM for Clonaslee Tidy Towns is on Mon Feb 19th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. New members very welcome.

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HOLY CROSS

Bus on Thurs March 1st leaving at 6 pm. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Easter Draw takes place on Thurs March 29th with all proceeds going towards 2018 projects. Lines are €2 each and can be bought in any business in the village or from members of the committee.

Prizes: 1st - hotel break for 2 in the Clayton Hotel including B & B and evening meal. 2nd – Food hamper value €150, 3rd Drink hamper value €120, 4th - €100 cash, 5th €50 Clonaslee Pharmacy voucher, 6th €50 cash, 7th Easter egg hamper.

CCDA REPORT

At the recent AGM, the Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson's reports were read. Discussed at the meeting were ways of increasing income while decreasing expenses. Chairperson Dolores Murray thanked all for coming each month to the meetings. A special thanks to Maura O'Gorman, Secretary and Mary Rose Corbet, Treasurer for their hard work, all done voluntarily. Also thanked were Chris Horan, advisor to CES scheme and Caitriona. All the groups under the CCDA umbrella were thanked for their hard work and contribution to making Clonaslee a great place to live including Lotto, Social Services, Community Alert, Tidy Towns, Playschool, CES scheme, FB page, Clonaslee College. Elections for the new committee are: President- Fr Thomas O'Reilly, Chairperson – Dolores Murray, Vice Chair – Tricia Bracken, Secretary – Maura O'Gorman, Vice Secretary – Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Treasurer – Mary Rose Corbet, Vice Treasurer – Matt Barrett, PRO – Annette Doolan, Liason officer with CES – Chris Horan, Liason with playschool/crèche – Mary Rose Corbet. Sympathies extended to all who lost loved ones recently.

FUNDING & RESOURCE EVENT

Laois Public Participation Network is holding a Funding & Resources Event for all Community Groups in Laois, on Feb 27th from 5:30 – 8 pm in Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. There will be exhibitions with different organisations providing information on grants/funding

opportunities, training, insurance, advertising. To book your place in the workshop on how to complete a successful grant application or fundraising ideas or for further information contact Pamela Tynan, on 057-866-5661.

BINGO

The monthly Bingo will be on March 4 at 3 pm. Over €1800 in prize money. Books are €3/€6/€11. Jackpot Sheets €2

LAOIS ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

The Support Group meets Wed Feb 21st from 7.30 pm-9 pm in Parochial House, Portlaoise. Free to family members affected by dementia and memory issues. The Social Club will meet on Thurs Feb 22nd from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnely Home-care Coordinator on 057-866-3398/086-837-2168 Old Parochial House, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois.

HERITAGE SOCIETY TALK

A talk entitled "Irish Art as Political Propaganda in the Early Years of the Irish Free State" by William Shortall, is in the Abbeyleix House on Thurs Feb 22nd at 8 pm. Admission is free to members of the Heritage Society and €3 for non-members.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus travels each Tuesday and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thursday leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Bus travels to Bingo each Sunday leaving Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. The bus will also drop you at hospitals or train stations. Any queries or to book your seat you must phone or text the evening before to 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to E Conroy, Graigue on winning €500. Winning no: 21-10-2. €30 winners: Mary Murphy, Kilmanman; Patricia Lowndes, Rosenallis; Nora Casey, Castlecuffe; Martina O'Donovan, J & B Conway, Coolagh; Betty Barrett, Tullamore Road. Promoter's prize: Peavoy's, Trish Costello, Trish Costello. Next week's Jackpot: €500.