

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 18th March 2018

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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, 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 March 8 pm: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Amelia Dunne, Sineád Hobhan Garry, Corrine Greene

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 17th March – 10 am

John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle
Catherine O'Reilly, Clonaslee

Saturday 24th March – 8 pm

James & Margaret Dunne, their children
Kathleen, Dinny, Gerry & Andy, Corbally
Tim Smith, Bellair

Jim & Rose Young & Family, Ashbrook
Peter, Tom & Annie Carroll, Castlecuffe
Josephine & Orla McManus, Coolagh
Peter Hyland, The Green

Sunday 25th March – 10 am

Bridie & Tom O'Brien, Ballinahown
Margaret & Martin Delaney & members of the Delaney Family, Scaroon
Patrick & Mary Delaney, daughter Kathleen & Great grandson Patrick McDonald, Coolagh
Pray for Dinah Tweeding nee Delaney, late of Coolaboughlan who died in London during the week.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – March

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

1st COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme is next Sunday March 25th at the 10 am Mass.

CHRISM MASS 2018

Celebrate the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30 pm on Mon 26th March. During mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations and anointing of the sick will be blessed and priests renew their vows of ordination.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please bring one home and one to neighbours who cannot get out.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Confession on Tuesday March 27th

Rosenallis: 7 pm, Clonaslee: 8 pm.

Wed March 28th Mountmellick: 7:30 pm.

CEMETERY MASSES

All cemetery masses at 8 pm. Clonaslee: June 1st, Corrigeen: June 8th, Kilmanman: June 15th.

DATES FOR DIARY

Icon of the Holy Family will be in the diocese between 27th April – 4th May.

Diocesan Family Fun Day, Carlow College Sat June 16th, details later.

CLONASLEE GOSPEL HOUR

Gospel hour of music Sat 24th March before mass from 6:30-7:45 pm in the church. You can watch it on the webcam or listen on your radio.

HOLY CROSS

Bus will travel on Thurs April 5th leaving at 6 pm. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea & sandwiches.

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SALE OF WORK

Sale of Work in aid of Almas on Sun March 18th from 2:30 -5 pm in the Heritage Centre. Bric – a brac, fashion, footwear, jewelry & slate craft.

SOCIAL SERVICES BINGO

Social Services Bingo is on every Wednesday at 2 pm in the Community Centre. Please come along for bingo, a chat and a cuppa. We would like to see more attend. All very welcome.

COMMUNITY ALERT

AGM held recently. Secretary gave detailed report for 2017 with many monitor alarms being installed. Please return the alarms when they are no longer required as they belong to the committee. Text alert doing well and the messages are coming frequently. CCTV; a lot of hard, behind the scenes work has gone into this and is still in progress. Chairman Matt Barrett asked all to be very vigilant and phone in anything suspicious to the Garda station on 057-867-4100. He thanked Sgt Graham Kavanagh for his help and support. Thanks to Fr O'Reilly and Annette for keeping all informed. Election of officers: Chairperson, Matt Barrett; Secretary, Maura O'Gorman; Treasurer, Mary Rose Corbet. All welcome to attend talk by Sgt Graham Kavanagh, Laois/Offaly Crime Prevention Officer in the County Hall, Portlaoise on March 21st, 2-4 pm.

ART CAMP

Anne Kelly School of Art, Craft and Design Easter Art Camp on Mon 26th – Thurs 29th March in the Community Centre. 4-7 years: 10 am – 12 noon; 8-13 years: 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm. Cost €50 for the week, sibling discount, all materials supplied. Booking essential on 085-751-8833.

SLIEVE BLOOM MACRA NEWS

Congratulations to the ladies in Slieve Bloom Macra who won the Macra na Feirme basketball All Ireland final. Well done to the men's team who got to the semi- finals.

CHIROPODIST

The Chiropodist will be in Clonaslee Pharmacy Friday March 23rd. Please call in or phone 057- 868-6990 to book an appointment.

EASTER DRAW

In aid of St Luke's Hospital, Dublin. Fifteen fantastic prizes. Tickets €2 per strip, 3 strips €5.

Tickets available from Edel and Thomas O'Brien, Chapel Street and Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street, Ger Kelly Butchers, Hogans Shop

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Easter Draw takes place on Thurs March 29th in Hickeys with all proceeds going towards 2018 projects. Lines €2 each available in any business in the village or from committee members.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus travels each Tues and Fri to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thurs leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Bus travels to Bingo each Sun leaving Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. It is a door to door pick up. 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 not won. Winning no: 1-20-2. €30 winners: T & C Casey c/o Whist; Niall Corbet, Clonaslee; Geraldine Kelly, Glenkeen; Sheila Fitzpatrick, Clonaslee; Mary O'Keeffe, The Green; Ger Kelly, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: Kathleen Blake, Mary Rose Corbet, S Langford. Next week's Jackpot: €650. For birthdays or a special occasion, Lotto gift cards can be purchased at the Heritage Centre Mon-Thurs 11 am – 3 pm and Fri 9:30 am – 1 pm

FAMILY PRAYER WMOF 2018

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray: [Pause]. Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us,

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.