

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 19th March 2017

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Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

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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.mcmmedia.com under Clonaslee Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 25th March: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Emma Dunne

Sun 26th March: Team B: Darragh Mulhall, Paul Mullhall, Ciara Breen, Eimear

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 18th March – 8 pm

Months Mind, Marie Mahy nee Conroy,

Guernsey & formally of Ballykaneen

John Moran, Main Street

Tom Higgins, Brocca

Sunday 19th March – 10 am

Patrick & Mary Delaney, their daughter Kathleen,

great grandchild Patrick McDonald, Coolagh

John & Maureen Brophy, Boyle

Catherine O'Reilly, Clonaslee

Martin & Margaret Delaney & members of the

Delaney Family, Scaroon

Saturday 25th March – 8 pm

Peter Hyland, The Green

Bridie Hogan, Scaroon

Pray for Danny Molloy, Athlone formerly of

Curteen, Killeigh who died during the week.

CLONASLEE SHOW

A Show meeting to be held on Wed March 22nd at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. The schedule

will be on the agenda. Please attend as your input into the schedule is important.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all involved with the Confirmation programme for the 43 students. Their names are in the Mass Booklet. We thank Maureen Cusack for the flowers in the church, also Chris Horan & Maura O'Gorman for the flowers outside the church.

HOLY CROSS

Bus leaving Clonaslee on Thurs April 6th at 6 pm.. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to Maura on 087-212-2766.

TIDY TOWNS

Tidy Towns meeting on Mon March 20th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre to discuss plans for 2017 National competition.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Friends of Calcutta are collecting clothes, please leave bags before 3 pm on Thurs March 23rd in the Church car park.

PATCHWORK & QUILTING EXHIBITION

An exhibition of quilts, cushion covers, chair covers, bags and more all lovingly made by ladies in the local patchwork class. Come and see the quilts on Sat April 1st and Sun April 2nd from 10 am to 6 pm each day in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. Admission is free. The public are invited to vote on their favourite quilt in the exhibition and buy a raffle ticket for a quilt.

COMMUNITY ALERT

We are in the process of tendering for the installation of CCTV cameras in our area. These cameras will provide security on all approach roads leading in and out of the Clonaslee area. 540 letters has been sent to each household looking for a donation for the installation and upkeep of these cameras. The response has been poor. This is to remind everyone that you may leave your donation at Michael Fallons pub, the Community Centre or with Matt Barrett 087-672-6290 in the envelope provided before March 27. Cameras have reduced crime and robberies anywhere they have been installed. We thank those who have returned their envelopes.

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TIDY TOWNS

Tidy Towns had their AGM on Feb 27th with another good year, receiving their second bronze medal and increasing points. Secretary Maura O'Gorman highlighted the past years events and achievements. Losing Pat Fenlon RIP was a huge loss to the committee as he was out each morning hail, rain or snow. The bronze medal was dedicated to his memory and is displayed in Fallons window. Those thanked were the committee members who had worked from May to September. Fr O'Reilly and Annette for publishing our reports, Patricia Costello for running bonus ball and Mick Fallon for the donation jar. Thanks to Anne Marie Kelly, Tidy Town facilitator, Martina and Siobhan from Laois County Council, Ger O'Mahony, County councillors for their help, Caitriona Ryan and Mick Gorman and all the CE employees for all their great help and work. Also to the business people and community of Clonaslee thank you. Maura resigned as secretary after many years of hard work. She was thanks and tribute was paid to her. Election of officers as follows: Chairperson: John Callaghan, Treasurer: Chris Horan. Caitriona Ryan will do paper work and entry for this year.

CCDA

At the AGM the following items were discussed: gym, upgrading the Centre surrounds. The reports from the secretary, treasurer and chairperson were read. A lot of discussion was involved around income for the centre, ways of collecting old debts, creating new revenue and looking into changing/decreasing monthly charges. New footpaths to be laid in Main Street. Sympathies to all who have lost loved ones over the past year. Election of officers as follows: President: Fr. O'Reilly, Chairperson: Dolores Murray, Vice chair: Matt Barrett, Secretary: Maura O'Gorman, Vice Secretary: Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Treasurer: Mary Rose Corbet, Vice Treasurer: Pat Carroll, PRO: Annette Doolan.

BINGO

Bingo each Wednesday from 2 – 4 pm in the Community Centre. We would love to see more getting out and coming for the social aspect.

LAOIS TRIP

Bus travels on Tuesdays and Fridays to Portlaoise. Bus leaves the Post Office at 9:30 am, the bus leaves Portlaoise on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm and on Fridays at 12:30 pm. Cost is €3 return for anyone without free travel pass. Laois Trip also travels to Bingo in Mountmellick every Sunday night. Bus collects in Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. People travelling on Laois Trip must phone in to 087-743-7444 or 057-869-2168 and leave their number the evening before 6 pm or in the morning to book your seat. This is the only way to book your place with Laois Trip

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Elga K. Haaf will exhibit her art work in Mountmellick Gallery from Tues March 7th until Fri March 31st. All are welcome. Laois Libraries are working with other libraries across the country. We ask that you bring your library card with you each time you visit the library. Free internet for 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 11a.m. every morning from Tuesday to Saturday. Drop those stress levels. Keep calm in 2017 and colour in. Adult colouring in Mountmellick Library Thursday mornings 10.30 a.m.

CLONASLEE CES SCHEME

The following vacancies have arisen:

Caretaker – Evenings at the Community Centre - Job Ref: CES2030016. **Clerical** - Acquired Brain Injury Ireland in Mountbolus - Job Ref: CES2030017. **Clerical** - Heritage Centre and Clonaslee Community Centre - Job Ref: CES2030018. To apply for any of the above positions please contact your local Intreo Office – Tullamore, Portlaoise and quote the relevant Job Reference Number. For specific information about the job i.e. duties, hours etc. please contact Caitriona Cashin, Supervisor on 057-864-8277.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-15-7.

€30 winners: Pdraig Conroy, Coonabanch; Teresa Fitzpatrick, Brittas; Shirley Langford, Clonaslee; Kitty Deane, Reary; Geraldine Ryan Dunne, 2 Slieve Bloom Park; Shay & Peter Foynes, Brocca. Promoter's prize: Pat O'Connell, Hogans, Pat O'Connell.

Next week's Jackpot: €1,100.