

*ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER*  
*Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

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Parish Website: [www.clonasleeparish.com](http://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 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). Also on 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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 8 pm**

Annie O'Donovan, Main Street  
Joseph Multaney, Ballinahown  
Annie, John, Margaret & Sr Bridie Casey,  
Coolnabanch

Margaret & Thomas Fingleton, Portarlinton

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 10 am**

Anna May O'Keeffe, Brocca

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 8 pm**

Deceased members of the Blake Family,  
Barradoo  
Helen Hilliard, Shraduff & Glebe

**REMEMBERING OUR DEAD**

Remembering and praying for those who have died in 2017, on next Sat Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm mass, we invite a family member or neighbour to carry a candle to the Altar. Candles will be available on the day.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

The annual Church gate collection for Clonaslee College Parents Association is in Clonaslee and Rosenallis on Sat 25<sup>th</sup>/Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at all masses. Your support is much appreciated.

**COMMUNITY ALERT**

Meeting on Mon Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. Sergeant Graham Kavanagh, Crime Prevention Officer for Laois/Offaly will be attending. We ask everyone to make an effort to come as a lot of things have been happening lately. It is all about being vigilant and keeping our area safe.

**CAKE SALE**

Next Sunday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> in aid of ICA Charity Fund after mass in Fr Shortall Room

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CARDS**

SVP Christmas cards will be on sale after both masses next weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Senior Citizens Christmas dinner is on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Community Centre at 1 pm in the Community Centre. Last day for getting your names in is Nov 30<sup>th</sup> to Maura O'Gorman, secretary 087-212-2766 or John Callaghan, chairperson 083-471-2546.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

Aug 22-24, 2018, all tickets must be booked through the World Meeting of Families website [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**CHIROPODIST**

Chiropodist in Clonaslee Pharmacy Wed Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call 868-6990 to make an appointment.

**CLONASLEE COLLEGE PARENTS**

**ASSOCIATION**

We are holding the AGM on Wed Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 pm in Clonaslee College. We would like as many parents as possible to attend.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Clonaslee Social Services thank everyone who contributed to the church gate collection, for private donations and all the collectors. Total amount collected €475 which will go towards the Christmas dinner. A short meeting will be on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> to organise the dinner.

**CCDA REPORT**

Discussed at the monthly meeting: footpaths completed, no progress on river work, trees on river were started, more work to do, monthly bingo is a great success, tables and chairs to rent by contacting Dolores Murray, chairperson 087-

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414-8093, astra pitch and meeting rooms available, senior citizen party on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, hanging of Christmas lights has begun, church gate collection is on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>, putting doors on the stage, carol service on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK**

We are celebrating our Silver Jubilee, 25 years of helping Laois Hospice. In 2016, through your support and commitment, in excess of €31,500 was raised for this worthy cause. Join us on Dec 26<sup>th</sup>. For further information, sponsorship cards please contact Sheila Bourke 864-8084 or Mary Rose Corbet 864-8173.

**SOCIAL SERVICES BINGO**

Bingo on Wednesdays at 2 pm in the Community Centre. Come along for two hours and enjoy bingo, cuppa and a chat. All welcome.

**MONSTER WHIST DRIVE**

In Clonaslee Parish Hall on Sun Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm sharp. Top score: €200; First gent: €100; Second gent: €50; First lady: €100; Second lady €50; 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: €25; 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: €25; 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter: €25; 4<sup>th</sup> quarter: €25. Whist card €10.

**BUS TO LIMERICK**

Travelling to Limerick on Sat Nov 25<sup>th</sup> leaving Clonaslee at 8:30 am, Rosenallis at 8:45 am and Mountmellick at 9 am. Bus leaves Limerick at 5 pm sharp. Seats must be booked before Wed Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> only thru Local Link Office on 057-869-2168. Cost for adult/Free Travel Pass/over 16 is €5 return. Under 16 - €3 return.

**THREE TENORS IN CONCERT**

A magical Christmas experience – The Three Tenors in concert in St Brendan's RC Church, Birr on Sun Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Tickets €25 available from Parish Office 057-912-2028 (mornings)

**ICATHOLIC**

The iCatholic player can be accessed via [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)

**YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT**

Invited are all young adults between 16 – 35 years to a Catholic weekend retreat from 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> Dec at Newbridge College, Co Kildare. Don't let money be an obstacle, Newcomers welcome, free buses, Booking essential on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**SING FOR JOY CHOIR**

All are welcome to join this talented group for their Christmas concert, "Christmas Joy" on Wed Dec 6<sup>th</sup> in St Fintans Church, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise at 11 am. Free admission.

**MONSTER BINGO**

Monster bingo £5,000 prize money on Sun Nov 26<sup>th</sup> in Mountrath Community School at 3:00 pm. Double book £15, Single £10, Single sheet £2. Lots of spot prizes and big cash raffle on the day. All welcome.

**COTTAGE MARKET MOUNTRATH**

Our Christmas Market is on Sat Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dec 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm, Main Street, Mountrath.

**MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY**

Mountmellick Camera Club is exhibiting their work for the month of November. Drop in to view these stunning photographs. An adult chess club runs every Saturday morning from 12 – 2 pm. The adult colouring group meets on Thursday mornings from 10.30 onwards. Drop in do some colouring and have a cuppa and a chat. If interested in any of the above ring 057-864-4572 to book a place or call into Mountmellick Library.

**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 on Thursdays leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Bus travels to Bingo Sundays leaving at 7:30 pm It is a door to door pick up. The bus will also drop you at hospitals or train stations. Any bookings or queries to 087-743-7444.

**CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 24-17-1.  
€30 winners: Amanda Dunne, c/o N Dunne; Liam Conroy, 39 Hillside; John Comerford, Brocca; Jimmy Carroll, Clonaslee; Niall Murphy, Broughla; Liz Kennedy, Slieve Bloom Park.  
Voucher: Denise Hogan, Shraduff; Bottle: Lisa Finnermore, Clonaslee. Promoter's prize: N Dunne, A Rigney, Ger Kelly. Voucher: Ger Kelly. Bottle: S Fitzpatrick.  
Next week's Jackpot: €1,100.