

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**EUCHARIST: 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Team C**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 6 pm**

Matthew Dunne, Chapel Street

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

Patrick Conroy, Shraduff & members of the Conroy Family

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 6 pm**

Thomas & Mary McCann Glebe & members of the McCann Family

Mary Conroy, Coolagh Cross & her daughter Kathleen nee Quill

John & Bridget O'Gorman, Graigueafulla

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 10 am**

**Months Mind, Seamus McManus, Coolagh**

## 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION PROGRAMME

1<sup>st</sup> Communion programme is next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November during 10 am mass.

## CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

In aid of Fatima Fund will be held this Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanking you for your support.

## ATTENDANCE AUDIT

Bishop Nulty has asked each parish in the Diocese to conduct an audit, on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, of numbers attending mass. This is to help with future planning and clustering of parishes.

## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT CONCERT

Tickets are going fast! An evening of song, faith, hope and love coming to Clonaslee in aid of the church roof on Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in St Manman's Church with Dana, Philomena Begley, Sandy Kelly, Chrissy Mac, Sandy Kelly. Tickets cost €30 and are available on willwego.com, local businesses and from Parish Council members. For more info call John Cusack 087-351-5805. Tickets will not be available at the door on the night.

## Synod News – Bishop Brendan Leahy and his experience at the Synod

Bishop Denis is delighted to announce that Bishop Brendan Leahy will give an account of his experience as a delegate at the recent synod assembly in Rome. Bishop Brendan will join us on Saturday morning, 25<sup>th</sup> November from 11-12.30 in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Co Laois. Anyone who would like to hear from Bishop Brendan is very welcome to join us for this free event, hosted by the diocese.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

A short meeting will take place after the Lotto on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7:45 pm to arrange for the Christmas dinner on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## CLOTHES COLLECTION

Clothes collection going towards Seniors Christmas Party. Time again to sort the Clothes, Leave all your bags into the Community Centre before Wed Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any brand new items put into a clear bag separate. Any questions please call Dolores 087-414-8093

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The annual Christmas dinner is on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm. Anyone over 65 is welcome to attend and may bring someone with you. Catering by Marie.

The Gallery host the *Shutterbugs Photography Exhibition*. Dr. Cormac Moore will give a talk on *Laois Loyalist Applications to the Second Irish Grants Committee* on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm as part of the Decade of Centenaries. Shared reading groups bring people together to talk, laugh and share. On

Names to Sec 087 2122766, John 083 4712546, Mary Rose 087 2071166 by Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am to get hall ready.

Wednesdays at 11 am. *Baby Book Club* is back on Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. for 0–3-year-olds and their carers. There are a few places in our *adult book clubs* which meets once a month. *Lego Free Play* on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. *Mountmellick Arts Collective* meet on

## **CLODIAGH PLAYERS VARIETY SHOW**

Takes place Wednesday through to Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Clonaslee Parochial Hall at 8pm. Contact Suzanne to book your seat [087-399-2355](tel:087-399-2355) or pay at the door.

Thursday mornings. *Sensory Room*: Following registration, this service is for the use of children and adults with additional needs with their parent/carer present. For further information contact Mountmellick Library at [057-864-4572](tel:057-864-4572). *Sensory Toy Resource Collection*: This service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills.

## **TIDY TOWNS**

Items discussed at recent Clonaslee Tidy Towns meeting included: 2023 National Tidy Towns results, LTT & Community & Voluntary Awards 2023, Tullamore Credit Union Pride of Place awards, Sensory Garden Idea for Clonaslee, Saturday afternoon clean ups, Votes of Sympathy extended to Ryan & Culleton families on their recent bereavements and to all who lost loved ones. Next meeting will be held in the New Year.

## **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.*

## **DOG WALKING**

We are asking people please do not to walk your dogs on the soccer pitch because of dog fouling.

**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

## **CLONASLEE COMMUNITY**

**EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME SCHEME**  
Are looking for an Office Administrator. 19.5 hrs a week. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department of Social Protection. This position includes annual training opportunities. Please send CV's and covering letter to Manager, Clonaslee Community Center, Bellair, Clonaslee, Co. Laois. OR email: [clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com)

## **Christmas Lotto Gift Cards now available.**

Ideal Christmas present. €10 for 5 Weeks or €20 for 10 weeks. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093.

## **MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

*Heritage Illuminations Project* on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov from 2-4 p.m. for a series of paper crafting workshops to create heritage motifs that will be illuminated in Mountmellick for Christmas 2023.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 20-11-24.  
€30 winners: M Rigney, Portlaoise; Nuala Smith, Bellair; Mary Tynan, Garryheather; Evie & Adam, c/o Fallons; Colm Downey, Cosy Bar; Kathleen

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Blake, Clonaslee. Voucher: Jim Rigney. Bottle:

Jamie Langford. Promoter's prize €15: C Downey,

Hogans, S Langford. Voucher: Matt Barrett.

Bottle: Kathleen Blake. Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift

vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray

on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.