

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sunday 2nd April 2023

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Garryheather

Paddy Conroy, Scotland

Joe Young, Main Street

Pray for Tess Philips nee Dunne, Newbridge & Corbally who died recently.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday- Lighting of Paschal Candle/

Blessing of Easter Water 6 pm

Sunday- Easter 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am

Holy Thurs – Mass of the Last Supper 6 pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 3 pm

In Church and Outdoors weather permitting

Good Friday - Veneration of the Cross 6 pm

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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

EUCCHARIST: 6th April Holy Thurs: Team C

7th April Good Fri: Team D

8th/9th April Easter: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 1st April – 6 pm

Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Tullamore & Clonaslee

Sunday 2nd April – 10 am

Alice & Frank Kennedy, Shracullen & Lorrach

Saturday 8th April – 6 pm

Benedict & Bridget Egan, Rathcoffey

Liam, Larry, William & Elizabeth Flynn,

MASS TIMES

Please note starting Sat April 15th Mass will be at 8 pm on Saturdays and 10 am on Sundays.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Wed & Thurs 5th/6th April in the mornings.

CHRISM MASS

Chrism mass is on Mon 3rd April at 7:30 pm in the Carlow Cathedral.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clean up Laois Week takes place April 17th -21st. We have the branded blue bags and litter pickers required for gathering the litter. Anyone who wishes to take part can contact us on our Facebook page or Patrick on 087-468-4213 if they would like to take an area to litter pick. Clonaslee will have their bags collected inside the barrier at Clonaslee Community Centre on Tues morning April 25th.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS AGM 2023

Clonaslee Tidy Towns AGM will take place in Clonaslee Community Centre on Mon April 3rd at 7:45 pm. All welcome to attend.

TEXT ALERT

Quite a few have not paid their fees. Cost is only €10 per year and can be given to Chairperson Matt Barrett. Text Alert is a great way of warning you of any suspicious activity in our area.

TIDY TOWNS

Please dispose of masks in the bins in the village and not on the ground. There are 3 mutt mitt dispensers in the village for cleaning up after your dog. A fine can be issued for €150 by Laois

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County Council for not cleaning up after your dog.

interactive sensory story time suitable for children aged 3 – 7 years. Katya who will translate the story into Ukrainian. Приєднуйтеся до письменниці Джульєтти та перекладача

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be very vigilant. There are two males impersonating Gardi calling to homes of older people again. Please report all suspicious activity to the Gardi. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. Use your peep hole and press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

PARISH / COMMUNITY LOTTO

Would you like to join the Lotto? 5 weeks for €10 or 10 Weeks for €20 at a time. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

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.* **New 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

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

The Gallery is host to the Kildare based artist Faye Cummins. Faye says "I love texture, colour, wild images and whatever my brain decides it wants to come up with next". *Pop up Parent and Craft Table* on Tues April 4th from 10:30 am. until stocks last. On Wed April 5th from 11 am -1 pm *find Peter Rabbit* and his friends who are hidden around the library. On Thurs April 6th with your little ones at 10:30 am for an *Easter Family story* time and songs. *English and Ukranian Sensory Storytime and craft:* Juliette Saumande will be here on Wed April 12th at 3 pm for a 1-hour

Катерини, щоб побути в затишній атмосфері історії про холодні зими та блискавичних драконів, а після історії залишайтеся, щоб створити свого власного чутливого Дракончика. Sat April 22nd from 12-1pm, Donna Mills the *author will read her book* "What Can I Do?" followed by an *elephant craft*. Suitable for 3-7 year olds. There will be no *Baby Book Club* on Tuesdays April 4, 11 and 18. It will return on Tuesday April 25 at 10:30 am as per normal for 0-3 year olds and their parents/carers. Celebrate *Poetry Day Ireland* on Thurs April 27th at 11 am with poetry readings inspired by this year's theme 'Message in a Bottle'. There will be a talk on *Men's health* by the Irish Cancer Society on Tues April 25th at 12 noon. On Tues April 11th at 11:30 am there will be a *community road safety talk* and Q and A session with RSA Road safety promotion officer Barry Anderson. *Lego Free Play* on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Closed any Saturday of a Bank Holiday weekend. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 20-11-6.

€30 winners: Mary Kelly, Larrigan; Damien Moran, Main Street; Bridie Conroy, Ballyfarrell; Ann O'Keefe, Mountrath; Fallon Girls, Main Street; Joe Conroy, Brocca. Promoter's prize: Kathleen Blake, S Fitzpatrick, S Fitzpatrick. Next week's Jackpot: €1,100. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 8-19-22-26.

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€40 winners: Lucy Conroy, Margaret & Matt

McLoughlin, Lucy Callaghan. Promoter's prize:

G Kelly. Next week's Jackpot: €16,600 in

Downeys Bar.