

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 2nd December 2018

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am

Friday – 1st Friday 7:30 pm

Confessions before 7:30 pm Mass

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

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 8th Dec, 8 pm: Team A: Lily May Owens, Amy Thornton, Emily Lambe, Amelia Dunne
Sun 9th Dec, 10 am: Team A: Niamh Kelly, Daniel O'Meara, Michael Poole, Ciara Breen, Peter Foynes

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 1st December – 8 pm

Michael Costello, Graigueafulla
Annie Costello, Graigueafulla
Deceased members of the Blake Family, Barradoo
Peter & Christina Dunne, Brocca
John, Annie, Margaret & Sister Bridie Casey, Coolnabanch

Thomas & Margaret Fingleton, Portarlinton

Sunday 2nd December – 10 am

Timothy & Margaret Mary Murray, Bellair & members of the Murray Family

Tom McCann, Glebe

Saturday 8th December – 8 pm

Kit Mahon, Sliabh Bloom Park

Laurence Conroy & Larry Conroy Junior, Brocca

Helen Hilliard, Shraduff

Fr Joe Shortall, PP

McEvoy & Conroy Family, Graigueafulla

Sunday 9th December – 10 am

Fonsie Downey & his mother Dora. Winifred

Downey & her sister Josie & members of the Downey Family, Ballinahemmy

Pray for Margaret Flynn, Derry, Rosenallis who died during the week.

Pray for Donal Flanagan, Two-Mile-Borris and Tinnahinch who died recently

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – December

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs 6th and Friday 7th Dec in the morning.

ADORATION

Eucharistic adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 7th Dec from 10 am – 7 pm.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

SVP meeting on Fri 7th Dec after 7:30 pm mass in the Fr Shortall Room.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL COLLECTION

SVP National Annual collection is next weekend. Your support is much appreciated.

ENTERING INTO ADVENT TOGETHER

Bishop Denis warmly invites people and clergy from across the diocese to join him for a celebration of Evening Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 5 pm today Dec 2nd.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Senior citizens Christmas dinner on today Sun Dec 2nd. Please be in the Centre by 12:45pm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The tradition of placing Poinsettias around the altar will continue this year. If you wish to have one on the altar in memory of your beloved dead,

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there is an envelope in your monthly box for this purpose. Cost €10 each.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Members of the Clonaslee, Portarlinton and Clonaghadoo Christmas Carollers are hosting a Christmas Carol Concert in Clonaghadoo Church on Sun Dec 9th at 4 pm and in St Michaels Church, Portarlinton on Dec 16th at 4 pm. All welcome to attend and admission is free.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET'S

Almas Christmas mass bouquet's available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

HOLY CROSS

Bus will travel on Thurs Dec 6th leaving at 6 pm. Please give your names to 087-212-2766 before Dec 3rd. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches.

THANKS

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent Social Services collection, to those who gave private donations and St Manmans GAA for their generous donation. Total amount €560.

CHIROPODIST

The Chiroprapist will be in Clonaslee Pharmacy Mon Dec 3rd and Fri Dec 21st. Please call in or phone 057-868-6990 to book an appointment.

CLONASLEE MONTHLY BINGO

Clonaslee Monthly Bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre on Sun Dec 9th at 3pm. Doors open at 2:15 pm. Over €1800 in prizes plus Christmas goodies.

CLINIC

Deputy Carol Nolan will have her clinic on Dec 7th from 6-7pm in the Parochial Hall.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

Donation of fruit cakes would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who would like to help out in the Community Centre on Stephen's Day please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or come along on the day, many hands make light work. For information re: the walk or sponsorship cards please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540.

SLIEVE BLOOM ASSOCIATION

The annual Christmas party is in Racket Hall, Roscrea on Sun Dec 9th at 2 pm. A four course meal including tea and coffee Adults €25, children €9. Pre-booking essential. Contact Kathleen 085-737-6745 or Daniel 085-184-7390. All welcome.

BOOK LAUNCH

Fr Sean Hyland invites all to the launch of 'Whisperings of My Soul' on Dec 7th at 8 pm in Portarlinton GAA Centre. Fr Sean, who lost 2 children and his wife, tells of his many heavenly blessings and extraordinary consolations of faith, which ultimately led to his ordination in 2014.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

The Library will be closed on Thurs Dec 6th to facilitate staff training. Baby Book Club for babies from 0 – 3 years, their parents and siblings is on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. Junior Chess Club is on Saturdays from 10:30 am for ages 7 – 13 years.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus travels each Tuesday and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Cost €3 return and travel pass accepted. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thursday leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm. Cost €3 return. Bus travels to Bingo each Sunday 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 to 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 7-23-16.

€30 winners: Olivia, Helen, Shane & Larry Rigney; Sharon Murphy, Kilmanman; Angelina Daly, Clonaslee; Tadhg Bryan, c/o N Dunne; Anne Flynn, Glebe; Colette Kelly, Clonaslee. Voucher: Clodiagh Kennedy. €30: Noel Flynn, Boora. Promoter's prize: Fran Bates, Pat Dunne, Matt Barrett. Voucher: Nickey Dunne. €30: Eileen Digan. Next week's Jackpot: €650. Why not give a gift card for Christmas, birthdays or a special occasion. Lotto gift cards can be purchased at the Heritage Centre Mon-Thurs 10 am – 2 pm and Fri 10 am – 1:30 pm or from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.