

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

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#### WEEKEND MASSES 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9 am

Wed – Ash Wed 10 am & 7:30 pm

Friday – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9 am

*Confession before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday mass*

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 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.

**EUCCHARIST: 5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wed: Team B**  
**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March: Team C**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 6 pm**

Loretta Dunne, Main Street

Margaret Gormley, Keady, Co Armagh

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 10 am**

Months Mind, Jimmy Carroll, Hillside View

Noreen Foynes, Ballykaneen

Denis Richards, Shraduff

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 6 pm

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

Tom & Annie Carroll, Ballykaneen

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 10 am

Richard & Catherine O'Keeffe, Village View

#### VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March & Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March at the usual times.

#### ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 9:30 am – 1 pm.

#### MONTHLY ENVELOPES

The monthly and weekly envelopes have been distributed. If you did not receive a box or wish to use a weekly envelope which helps with Tax Back for the parish, please contact Fr O'Reilly or Annette Doolan 087-988-1046.

#### CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for Confirmation will be on Tuesday at 7:30 pm on the choir gallery. As many as possible please make an effort to attend.

#### CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Church Gate collection in aid of Clonaslee Comhaltas is this weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March. Your support is much appreciated.

#### COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning is on Thurs March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. There is a €2 charge per person to cover light and heating. Please contact 087-212-2766 if you intend to attend on the day.

#### CLONASLEE PAROCHIAL HALL

#### REDEVELOPMENT

A public meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm to discuss the

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future of our Parish Hall and plans for its redevelopment. Topics for conversation include:

or 3 lines/€5 available from Ger Kelly Butcher or Edel O'Brien. Draw on Easter Sat 19<sup>th</sup> April at Edel's house, Chapel Street, Clonaslee.

Redevelopment of existing hall, Current facilities, Design options for possible new layout, Ideas for the future. Please come along to share your thoughts and ideas, make your voice count!

Refreshments served on the night. For further information please feel free to contact 086-455-4134 or 087-780-2885

#### **CCDA**

CCDA meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm in the Community Centre. All members please make an effort to attend.

#### **CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS**

Dog poo is an utter disgrace at the moment. People are walking dogs and letting them poo beside where the doggy bags are located and not picking it up. It's on every path around and on the grass. You are responsible to clean up after your dog and there is a €150 fine.

Clean Up Laois week begins in April, we appeal to all to have respect for your lovely village and surrounds.

#### **THANK YOU**

Tidy Towns thank the students from Clonaslee College who are doing litter picks. It is wonderful to see, and all are doing great work. Well done to them all.

#### **ST STEPHENS DAY WALK**

If you have sponsorship cards or money outstanding from St Stephens Day walk for Laois Hospice please return to Sheila Bourke, 087-633-9540 as soon as possible.

#### **EASTER RAFFLE**

In aid of Gavin Flynn Foundation supporting families whose children need cancer treatment abroad which is not available in Ireland. 10 prizes with bonus prize on the day. Tickets cost €2/line

#### **MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL**

Mountmellick Drama Festival is on 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March for both Confined and Open groups.

Tickets available on the door or [www.mountmellickdramafestival.ie](http://www.mountmellickdramafestival.ie)

#### **TFI LOCAL LINK BUS**

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 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.* **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.

#### **COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 5-6-3. €30 winner: Michael McRedmond, Clarahill; Jamie Langford, Clonaslee; Patricia Barrett, Clonaslee; Gerry Thornton, Mucklagh; Caitlin, Tyler, Jack & Granddad; Martie Corcoran, c/o Hickeys. Promoter's prize: Mary O'Keeffe, Kathleen Blake, Kathleen Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €1,100. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093

#### **CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 7-10-20-26. €30 winners: Carmel Breen, Helena Dunne, Dermot Sullivan, Barry Kelly, Liam Conroy. Promoter's prize: D Callaghan. Next week's Jackpot: €13,300 in Downeys Bar.