

*ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER*  
*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017*

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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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug: Team C:** Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Aug: Team C:** Darragh Mullhall, Paul Mullhall, Corrinne Green, Martina Connolly Daly, Peter Foynes

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August – 8 pm**

Sean Clear, Cush

Ann Rowney, Shracullen

Geraldine Delaney, Coolacrease, Cadamstown

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Augu – 10 am**

Ellen Corby, Chapel Street

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug – 9 am**

Patrick & Lily Finneran

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August – 8 pm**

Kathleen Cusack, Brittas

Frank Dunne & members of the Dunne Family, Cloonagh

Jack & Josie Kelly, Glenkeen

Lizzie & Tom Conroy & deceased family members, Ballinahemmy

James & Christina Kelly, Scaroon

Catherine & Bill Conroy, Chapel Street

Pray for Paul Mullins, Roscrea who died during the past week.

**FAMILY PICNIC DAY**

The Parish is hosting a bus for families of Clonaslee to go to the Diocesan Family Picnic Day on Sun Aug 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 6 pm in Punchestown Racecourse. A fun packed and entertaining programme for this free event for families from across the diocese. Among the activities will be face-painting, stilt walkers, a pet corner and lots of children's activities and games. The official opening at 3 p.m., then Bishop Denis will lead a 4km fun walk. Included will be a display of UN vehicles with military personnel on hand to share stories about the Irish contribution to the UN peace-keeping force. A full programme of music and dance will include local choirs and dance groups as well as Irish country music star Derek Ryan and renowned Irish soprano Celine Byrne. Spread the word among your cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles and get your family picnic ready to bring to what promises to be a great afternoon of family fun. Bishop Denis is looking forward to seeing you there regardless of the weather, though lots of sunshine is expected! Bus and admission is free, bring your own picnic, no BBQ's allowed, some catering available onsite. Feel free to bring a little extra food for a sharing table. To book your family's seat on the bus please ring Maura on 087-212-2766. Bus leaves Clonaslee PO at 12:30 pm.

**BINGO**

Monthly Bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre on this Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 pm with doors open at 2:15 pm. Over €1,800 in prize money to be won. Lots of parking.

**SLIEVE BLOOM ASSOCIATION TOUR**

The annual Slieve Bloom Association bus tour to Inismore, Galway is on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Cost is €45 including bus, boat and island bus tour – not food. The bus starts in Birr at 5 am, with pick-ups in Kinnitty at 5:15, Cadamstown 5:30, Clonaslee 5:45 am, Rosenallis 6 am Mountmellick at 6:15 am and Portlaoise at 6:30 am. Please contact Kathleen on 085-737-6745. The trip must be pre-booked and pre-paid.

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**VACANCY**

Castlecuffe N.S. have a vacancy for a part-time secretary for 10 -12 hours per week, over 5 days. The ideal candidate will have excellent IT skills, fluent oral and written English and experience in accounts and payroll. To apply, please post your CV and cover letter to The Chairperson, Castlecuffe N.S., Clonaslee, Co. Laois by Friday 25th August, 2017.

**NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK**

National Heritage Week runs from 19-27<sup>th</sup> August. The Laois event guide and the national guide are available online.

**TONING AND CARDIO**

Get fit with local class in the Community Centre on Monday and Wednesday from 6:15 – 7:15 pm. Contact Megan Glennon on 087-715-9917. Membership is €50 per month or €8 per session.

**LADY'S ISLAND**

A lovely day was had by all. Our thanks to Matt and Seamie for carrying the Clonaslee banner for the procession. We enjoyed the lovely meal at the Maldron Hotel, Wexford. Thank you to Brendan Mahon for all his help and kindness to everyone.

**SOCIAL SERVICES OUTING**

The annual outing is leaving at 8 am on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> to the Rock of Cashel, Cashel Folk Village, Heritage Centre and Cashel town. Tea and scones at Hayes Hotel, Thurles and evening meal on the way home. Total cost €30. Names to Secretary, Maura 087-212-2766 or John Callaghan, Chairman 083-471-2546.

**KILKEE**

Thank you to Laois Local Link for running a bus to Kilkee. A nice day was had by all and the beach was just lovely. Thank you to Ray Moone, driver for all his help and cooperation.

**MUSIC LESSONS**

Music lessons starting this September for all levels and ages in a variety of instruments. To book your place contact 089-440-6312.

**IRISH DANCE CLASSES**

Irish Dancing classes will be starting back in The Green School, Rosenallis on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6 pm. All ages welcome. For further information contact Christina Dunne on 086-361-9303.

**HOLY CROSS**

A bus will be going on Thurs Sept 7<sup>th</sup> leaving at 6 pm sharp. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches. Names to 087-212-2766.

**CLODIAGH PLAYERS**

Auditions for a part in the future production of 'Severino' is on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug at 11 am in the Fr Shortall Room.

**LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK**

Bus travels each Tuesday and Thursday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thursday from Sept leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Bus travels to Bingo each Sunday leaving at 7:30 pm. It is a door to door pick up and you must book through 087-743-7444. From Aug 19<sup>th</sup> - Aug 27<sup>th</sup> under 19's will travel free. The bus will also drop you at hospitals or train stations. Any queries to 057-869-2168.

**MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY**

'Mountmellick Memories' exhibit runs until Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. The closing date for the summer reading challenge is Sat Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. So get out those library books and keep reading. Don't forget to collect your rewards at your local library. There are a few places left at the free dog safety workshop Thurs Aug 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 am for adults and children. Ring 0578644572 to book a place. The Junior Chess Club and Baby Book Club will be taking a break for August but will resume again in September. Adult Chess will start in September. The adult colouring group will continue to meet on Thursday mornings from 10.30 onwards. All are welcome. If interested in any of the above ring 057-864-4572 to book a place or call into Mountmellick Library.

**CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 17-4-5.  
€30 winners: Rose Daly, Shraduff; Nicky Dunne, Ballymacrory; Deloaney Girls, Larrigan; Rossa Bracken, Capparogan; Bernie Murray, Mountmellick; Sharon Murphy, Kilmanman.  
Promoter's prize: Ger Kelly, Flynn's PO, Clonasee Pharmacy.  
Next week's Jackpot: €1,850.