

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2014

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Sat                    8 pm                    Sun                    10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri                    9 am

Christmas Eve Mass                    8 pm

Christmas Day                    10 am

Confessions Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec                    12 noon

## 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.

## ALTAR SERVERS

All servers welcome to come for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses.

**Sat Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – Team A:** Annie Digan, Mary Ellen Tynan, Aishling Dunne.

**Sun Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – Team B:** Luke Kelly Cusack, Rachel O'Meara.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Evelyn Molloy, Church View

Patrick Hogan, Chapel Street

Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 10 am

John, James & Jane Dunne, Glenkeen

Michael Culleton & deceased members of the

Culleton Family, Brittas

## PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Mountmellick 7:30 pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Ballinagar 7:30 pm

## BLESSING OF TOYS

The blessing of toys on Christmas morning at 10 am mass.

## COLLECTION

The Christmas collection is on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. Please use your envelopes for this purpose.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COLLECTION

A collection will be on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> in aid of Christmas lights. The village looks fabulous, great credit to all responsible.

## HELP NEEDED

Setting up for the Hospice walk will be on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 6 pm, help would be appreciated.

Volunteers on the day of the St Stephen's Day walk in aid of Laois Hospice at the Community Centre, also help in the evening to clean up would be much appreciated. For further information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 Donations of Christmas cakes and fruit cakes are gratefully accepted.

## SANTA ARRIVING

Santa arrives to the Clonaslee Pharmacy to see all the boys and girls of Clonaslee on Sun Dec 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 noon – 3 pm. All welcome.

## ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Join us for the St Stephen's Day walk on Friday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, in aid of Laois Hospice at the Clonaslee Community Centre. Long walk is approximately 10 miles and starts at 12 noon. Short walk is approximately 3 miles and suitable for families starts at 1 pm. Join us for a great cause, have a

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good day out and meet your neighbours! For further information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or Niall Bourke 087-411-6274.

## **HOLY CROSS ABBEY**

The next visit is on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 as a devotion night to Padre Pio. It is a lovely place to visit so come along for New Year's night. Bus leaves Clonaslee at 5:45 pm with collection in Rosenallis and Mountmellick.

Thank you to Brendan Mahon for his help and coordination on our last three trips. To book your seat contact 087-212-2766

## **THANKS**

Clonaslee Comhaltas would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Christmas raffle which was held Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December in Fallons Bar and Lounge. The prizes were won as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Mick Coughlan, Kinnitty - €200 food hamper. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Guilfoyle, Mountmellick - €75 wine hamper. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr Julie Cunningham, Cadamstown - bottle of brandy. 4<sup>th</sup> Denise Tracey, Tullamore - €50 voucher sponsored by Clonaslee Pharmacy. 5<sup>th</sup> Gemma Deegan - bottle of whiskey and vodka. 6<sup>th</sup> Ava Clancy, Ferbane - 10 bales of briquettes. 7<sup>th</sup> PJ Murray, Rathrobin - €40 voucher. 8<sup>th</sup> John Conway Junior - €30 Christmas ham. 9<sup>th</sup> Sarah Conroy, Shraduff - €20 voucher sponsored by Cheveux Tullamore. 10<sup>th</sup> Ronan McCann, Brocca - €20 voucher sponsored by County Arms Hotel, Birr. 11<sup>th</sup> Annette Downey, Glenkeen - Sunday lunch for two sponsored by Swans Bar Clonaslee. 12<sup>th</sup> Eoin Dillon, Killurin - €20 voucher. 13<sup>th</sup> John Conroy, Glebe - voucher sponsored by Gerry Browne Jewelers Portlaoise. We thank everyone who supported our raffle and wish all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2015.

## **THANKS**

The Clonaslee Parish/Community lottery committee thank the promoters and those who supported the weekly lottery over the last year for without this effort and hard work the following would not be possible. Distribution of profits after costs from Jan - Dec 2014: Community Centre: €10,000; Parish Church: €5,000; Scoil Bhríde NS: €2,500; Castlecuffe NS: €2,500. The contributions go a long way in helping to provide much needed facilities for the community, young and old. Thank you again for the support and hoping you will continue to do so in the future. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Congratulations! Jackpot of €1250 won by John Barrett, Tullamore Road . Winning no: 21-15-4. €30 winners: James McRedmond, Clonabeg; M.A. Hogan, Brittas; Teresa Mortimer, Camross; Michael Dunne, Cloonagh; Maureen Dunne, Castlecuffe, Brian Callaghan, Bellair. Voucher: J & K Jnr Blake. Bottle: The Baker Dozen. Sweets: Finbarr Rosney. Biscuits: Lawlor Family. Promoter's prize: John and Mary Rose, Clonaslee Pharmacy, L Costello. Voucher: Clonaslee Pharmacy. Bottle: Imelda Cusack. Sweets: P O'Donovan. Biscuits: Flynn's Post Office. Next week's Jackpot: €500.

## **CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO**

Congratulations! Jackpot of €2,800 won by Kathleen Blake. Winning no: 19-4-15-27. €40 winners: Neil & Annie Digan; Eddie & Ger Carroll, Paddy Murray, Jane Norris, Sinead Heaney. Vouchers are €25 each from 1-4 Ger Kelly, Post Office, Hogans Shop; Marie Fenlon, Peter Maher, Francis O'Donoghue, Teresa Feery, Colm Walshe (mon), Lawlor Family. Promoter's prize: Sean Conroy. Next week's Jackpot: €1,300.