

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21st February 2016

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Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed 9 am

Thursday- Communion Service 9 am

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 on 057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 27th Feb: Team A: Ciara Hyland, Christopher Dunne, Gráinne Scully, Ellen Doyle

Sun 28th Feb: Team A: Aoibhe Mulhall, Paul Mulhall, Emma Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 20th February – 8 pm

Months Mind, Larry Costello, Coolnabanch Tom Higgins, Brocca

Saturday 27th February – 8 pm

Tom & Winnie Delaney, Brocca

Sunday 28th February – 10 am

Noreen Foynes, Ballykaneen

Pray for Jim Delaney, Larrigan and Nancy O'Neill, Hillside both who died during the week.

TRÓCAIRE

Boxes are available at the Church doors. Please bring one home and one to neighbours who cannot get out.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cemetery Masses all at 8 pm: June 3rd – Clonaslee; June 24th - Corrigreen; July 1st – Kilmanman.

COMMUNITY ALERT

We are meeting on Mon Feb 22nd at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. Sgt Mark Doran will be attending. We appeal everyone to please come to this meeting as a lot of things are going on in and

around Clonaslee and affecting the community. This is everyone's chance to have a say.

HOLY CROSS

Next visit is Thurs March 3rd with bus leaving Clonaslee at 6 pm. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to Maura 087-212-2766.

'I DO NOT LIKE THEE DR FELL'

The Clodiagh Players will perform on March 4th/5th and April 2nd in the Parochial Hall, Clonaslee. Keep an eye out for the booking line to open. Directed by Fr O'Reilly and Becky Dunne.

TIDY TOWNS REPORT

At the recent AGM of Clonaslee Tidy Towns there was a very poor turn out, after being bronze medal winners last year, there seems to be very little interest in bringing Clonaslee a step further. Chairman John Callaghan thanked all who worked last year, to our young people, Laois County Council Ger O'Mahony and staff, County Councillors, Caitriona Ryan and Fas employees for all their help. A special thanks to Pat Fenlon for daily litter picking and Patricia Costello for running a bonus ball each week for funds. Thanks to the Clonaslee community for all their support, Fr O'Reilly and Annette for publishing our reports. The chairman paid tribute to the secretary and treasurer for all they have done. Election of officers: Chairman: John Callaghan, Secretary: John Troy, Assistant Secretary: Maura O'Gorman; Treasurer: Chris Horan

PRESENTATION

A presentation on Mon Feb 22nd in Killeigh Church at 7:30 pm by Fr Brian Kavanagh on 'Pope Francis text for the Year of Mercy'

COUNTRY MARKET

Our local Country Market in the Heritage Centre on Saturday from 10 am – 1 pm with fresh vegetables, home baking, knitwear, arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera, goats cheese and milk, flowers, plants and much more. Free tea and coffee available.

LAOIS TRIP

People travelling on Laois Trip must phone in to 087-743-7444 or 057-869-2168 and leave their number the evening before 6 pm or in the morning to book your seat.

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CLODIAGH PLAYERS

The Clodiagh Players are traveling to Gorey, Co Wexford to present 'I Do Not Like Thee Dr Fell' in the Wexford Festival on Friday March 11th. The play is produced by Fr O'Reilly and Becky Dunne. A bus will leave the Heritage Centre at 6 pm, cost is €15 return. Please give your name as soon as possible as tickets for the play need to be booked. Names to Maura on 087-212-2766.

CLONASLEE ROUNDERS

The Rounder's team are looking for new members, and the contact information on that is Aine Dunne on 087-260-2075

CASTLECUFFE NS ENROLMENT

Please contact Castlecuffe National School on 864-8238 if you wish to enrol your child for the school term starting in September 2016. Enrolment forms and information will be given to parents.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT '16 -'17

The village primary school is currently endeavouring to determine numbers for the school year '16-'17. It is imperative that the parents of all new Junior infants for September '16 contact the school. In your correspondence please give details of your child's name, address, date of birth and P.P.S. number (if known) and your own contact number. Actual Enrolment forms shall be provided later for all those who make contact with us now. Phone 057-864-8334 (between 2pm and 4pm each day) for further details.

CONCERT

On March 11th Fr Liam Lawton has a special concert with the RTE Concert Orchestra in aid of the Carlow County Hospice. He will be joined by 2 guest artists: Baritone, Karl McGuckin and Soprano, Alexandria Sharpe. A combined Choir from Aspiro Choir and the Choirs of Carlow Cathedral and Graiguecullen will also join him. All proceeds of the night will go directly to the Hospice. Tickets €25 available from Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre, 059-916-4087. A nice night out for your Choir! Come and sing along!

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Waltz, quickstep, jive, foxtrot and slosh is taught each Tuesday at An Sean Chistin Irey, Ballyfin, from 8-9:30 pm and continues for five weeks. Maureen 087-648-2038.

SING FOR JOY

Thank you to all who attended our recent performance in Portlaoise Parish Centre, it was a very enjoyable occasion. Irish TV recorded the singing so keep an eye on Channel 191 on Friday February 26th at 6:30 pm.

HORTICULTURE COURSE

One class per week for 5 weeks. Each class is 2.5 hours. Venue is in Clonaslee. Tutor is one of the award winners of Bloom 2015. Topics to be covered: soil preparation, plant identification, soil types, principles of organic gardening, fruit and vegetable gardening (community orchard planning), pest/disease control. Number of places: 10. Cost of course per class is €5. If you would like to book your place on this course, please contact Caitriona or Geraldine in Clonaslee Community Centre on 057-864-8277.

HEALTHY HEART COURSE

Healthy Heart Course is due to start shortly with limited spaces left. This is a 6 week course, 1 day per week for 2.5 hours each. Cost per class is €3.50 which covers the materials and ingredients used to produce healthy meals during the course which course participants get to sample! Tutor will supply the ingredients. To book your place, please contact Caitriona or Geraldine in Clonaslee Community Centre on 057-864-8277.

COMPUTER COURSE

Computer Course is due to start shortly with some places left. This is a 6 week course, 1 class per week for 2 hours each. Venue is in Clonaslee. The following topics will be covered: email, Facebook, skype and TV playback but the tutor will cover other topics such as Done Deal, Dept. of Agriculture website and more. Cost of the course: €20 per person. If you are interested, please contact: Caitriona or Geraldine in the Community Centre on 057-864-8277.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-21-10.
€30 winners: Kathleen Blake, Barradoo; D Smith, Bellair; 7 Boys c/o N Smith; Tom Flynn, Glebe; Margaret Lalor c/o Murphy's, Kilmanman; Paddy Farrell, Chapel Street. Promoter's prize: S Fitzpatrick, S Langford, S Fitzpatrick.
Next week's Jackpot: €650.