

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21st February 2021

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LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS

MASS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBCAM.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

You can watch live mass feed on www.mcmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am.

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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 20th February – 8 pm

Paddy & Chrissie Breen, Slieve Bloom Park
Foynes Family, Ballinakill

Sunday 21st February – 10 am

Mary & Tom McCann, Glebe & deceased
members of the McCann relatives

Deceased members of the McFaddan & Conroy
Families

Saturday 27th February – 8 pm

Annie Flynn, Ross

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on www.clonasleeparish.com See www.kandle.ie for up to date news and resources.

ENVELOPES

Thanks to all for your generous donations to the Parish and Clergy. Your envelopes may be left at the Parochial House.

FUNERALS

It is important the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed the current guideline which is **10 people.**

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please take home a Trócaire box which is available at the main church door.

ST STEPHENS DAY VIRTUAL WALK

In aid of Laois Hospice. Thanks to so many who have donated this year. We will publish the total amount donated in the next few weeks. Should anyone wish to donate now, please contact Sheila Bourke on 087-633-9540 for further information.

LAOIS GAA MONSTER DRAW 2021

It is that time of the year again and we are asking for your support once more. The cost is €130 or 4 monthly instalments of €32.50. Each ticket sold by our club generates €115 for our club! The ticket covers one adult and kids membership for 2021. If you are in a position to purchase a ticket in full or monthly instalments of 4 please contact any committee member or your seller from last year, and if you are unable to continue your support, we thank you once more.

CLONASLEE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Laois County Council, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works, is developing a Flood Relief Scheme for the Community of Clonaslee. The purpose of this First Public Information event is to gather local knowledge and experience of past flooding events and any other insights relating to the study area from members of the public to help assist in the development of the scheme. Have your say by making a submission on consult.laois.ie, returning the accompanying

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questionnaire or emailing the project team at clonasleefrs@rpsgroup.com by March 5th. The questionnaire can be found here:

<https://consult.laois.ie/en/consultation/clonaslee-flood-relief-scheme-public-information-event>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

Gardaí are receiving an ever increasing number of complaints in relation to fraudulent and illegal scams. The scams can come in the form of texts, emails, telephone calls to your mobile or landline or even through social media. They can be difficult to spot as the correspondence claims to come from a reputable organisation such as your bank, card issuer or even a government department such as Revenue. The message can appear within a genuine thread of text messages that you may have received from a legitimate organisation. Anyone can fall victim to these scams, however gardaí are asking the public to make vulnerable persons aware of them. The worldwide nature of these scams which are designed to steal money from unsuspecting parties means that they are particularly difficult to investigate. **How to avoid becoming a victim:** Be suspicious of text messages received out of the blue that claim to come from a reputable organisation, such as a bank or credit/debit card issuer. Be cautious of text messages that prompt you to call a phone number or visit a website to resolve an issue or verify your details urgently. Do not respond to text messages that request personal information, such as your bank account details, without first independently verifying that they are from a genuine source. Never reply to text messages that request your PIN, online banking password, or any other password. Be wary about calling any phone number, or clicking on any link, that is embedded within a text message. Examples of recent fraudulent messages that have been received are purporting to be from Revenue, Amazon, Various couriers/delivery companies, financial institutions, Covid-19 related among others. Gardaí would ask that we all look out for

more vulnerable persons with regards to these scams. **Remember** never click on unknown links or divulge personal information over the phone

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

During Level 5 restrictions, the lotto will be postponed until a later date

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

The library is closed for business and will remain so for the duration of Level 5 restrictions. Our online services are available 24/7. Join us over Zoom to celebrate, share and listen to poetry. Pick any poem that you want to read and share with us! If you don't want to read, then join us to listen! Poetry Speaks on Wed March 10th at 11 am. To register your interest email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie. Mindfulness for Teens aged 12 -14 years: Join Patricia Kavanagh for this introduction to mindfulness over Zoom on Sat March 6th at 11 am to 12:30 pm. As part of the Keep Well campaign, Yvonne Cart of Hey Pesto will hold a four-week cookery class over Zoom every Thursday evening in March at 6:30 pm. Join Mary Ananda Shakti and laugh your stress away on Thurs March 11th at 11:30 am over Zoom. Laois Libraries and Clever Little Handies are running a 4 week zoom course on Baby sign language for parents with babies from new-born up. By teaching sign language from an early age, they will have a vocabulary to use, even if they're not formulating words. The classes will be on Tuesdays 12:30 pm March 2, 9, 16, 23. Missing your book club? Join our online short story book club. We'll meet over Zoom once a month to discuss selected short stories. To register your interest in any of the above classes please email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie. For those over 65 and cocooning Laois Libraries will deliver books, talking books or DVD'S to your door. Call 057-864-4572 Tuesday -Friday 10 am-1pm. and 2-5 pm if you wish to avail of this service.