

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st May 2017

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 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 for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or 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 under Clonaslee Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 27th May: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Emma Dunne

Sun 28th May: Team B: Darragh Mulhall, Paul Mullhall, Ciara Breen, Eimear

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 20th May – 8 pm

Ellen Rigney & James Rigney, Garryheather
Patrick Carroll, Ballykaneen
John & Kit Carroll, Shracullen

Sunday 21st May – 10 am

Joe Malone, Ballinahemmy
Willie Malone, Coolagh

Saturday 27th May – 8 pm

Mary, Terence & Michael Hogan, Scaroon
Joe Dunne, Garryheather
Alan McEvoy, Bellair

Sunday 28th May – 10 am

Anne & Patrick Conroy, Brittas
Molly & Christy Sawyer & deceased members of the Sawyer Family, Coolagh

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Led by Bishop Denis Nulty from 16-23 July, cost €819 sharing includes flights, full board, insurance. Booking through Joe Walsh Tours on 01-241-0800.

ALTAR SERVERS TEA PARTY

For all altar servers on today Sunday 21st May from 5 – 7 pm in the Parochial Hall.

RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION

Next weekend 27th/28th May, the offertory collection and the monthly envelopes for Retired Priest will go into the one collection. All monies going into one collection only happens 3 times per year, the other two are Christmas and Easter collection for the priest.

COME & SEE

A COME & SEE afternoon for those interested in or curious about priesthood in Kildare & Leighlin will take place in the Cathedral Parish Centre on Sunday 21st May from 2:30 pm – 5 pm.

COMMUNITY ALERT

At our recent meeting there was an update on the CCTV with 192 houses contributing bringing the total to €5,800. We are very thankful to all who have donated. We have applied to Section 5 with the Council and waiting to hear back from them before we can start. The cameras will be up and running soon. More money is required; you may still contribute to Matt Barrett, Chairman or Mick Fallon with a donation. The cameras will help all those living in the country as well. Sympathy was extended to Conroy's, O'Brien's, McEvoy's, Farrell's and all who lost loved ones recently.

TIDY TOWNS

Work evenings Tuesday and Thursday at 6 pm starting from the Heritage Centre. We are busy at the moment with weeding, planting hanging baskets, sweeping and painting. All the beds on the Green need to be done, Hillside View, Birr Road, Mountmellick Road, Brittas, and Tullamore Road. If you can spare an hour, please come and help us. We ask that all businesses to please sweep early in the morning, especially cigarette butts. If you are considering painting your premises, please try to do it before judging begins in June as freshly painted premises is an important foundation in Tidy Towns. Thanks to everyone for their support and to the CE employees for the wonderful work they are doing. They have made some lovely planters from pallets that can be seen around the village. A definite enhancement to the village.

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FLY POSTING

All fly posting must go outside the 50 km speed signs in the interest of Tidy Towns. We thank you for your cooperation.

TIR NA NOG PLAYSCHOOL CLOTHING COLLECTION

Tir na Nog playschool are having a clothing collection to raise money to develop their outdoor area. Please donate all your clean unwanted re-usable clothes also bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys. Laptops, must be intact with lead, also mobile phones, under 4 years old are accepted but please keep separate. No household bric a brac. Please drop off all items to the playschool by Tuesday June 6th.

HOLY CROSS

Bus leaving Clonaslee on Thursday June 1st at 6 pm. It is advisable to get your name in early as the bus fills up quickly. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to Maura on 087-212-2766.

CLONASLEE COMHALTAS MUSIC CLASSES

Beginner banjo and mandolin classes are now available. Other instruments available for beginners to advanced are tin whistle, flute, fiddle, button accordion and keyboard. Classes run every Thursday from 4:15 pm to 7 pm in the Community Centre.

BINGO

Bingo each Wednesday from 2 – 4 pm in the Community Centre.

YOGA

Yoga in the Heritage Centre on Mondays starting at 6:15 pm. New members welcome to join.

REARY MORE CEMETERY

Tidy up evenings at Reary More Cemetery each Wednesday at 6:30 pm for next 3 weeks in preparation for the annual mass July 13th at 7 pm.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Dogs Trust Adult Workshop: Need advice on dog care or training, want to make sure you're meeting your dog's needs or thinking of getting a dog? Education officer, Paul Cleary and his dog, Magic will be here on Wed 31st May at 11 am. Booking essential. Competition for all ages,

“Invent a Spell” in celebration of Harry Potter's being 20 years old. Pick up an entry form in the Library, closing date in Tuesday June 27th. The Gallery is hosting the year end exhibition

“Room 19” of the Digital Creative Media Class of Portlaoise Institute of Further Education. All prints are for sale and exhibition runs until Wedn May 31st. Baby book club: Would you like to introduce your baby or young child to books and the love of reading? Junior Chess Club is on June 17 from 10:30 – 11:30 am from ages 7-13. If interested in any of the above or to book your place call 057-864-4572 or call into Mountmellick Library.

ART EXHIBITION

Doorways of Stradbally, art exhibition by The Active Retirement Association. The exhibition runs until June 1. Opening times: Tues & Thurs 1 pm-5 pm; 5:30 pm-8 pm, Sat: 10 am-1 pm. (Except on Bank Holidays) entry through library to front of the building, Wed and Fri 1 pm-4 pm (entry through the Laois Arthouse). For more details contact 057-866-4033/13

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus to Tullamore on the first and third Thurs of each month. Leaving Clonaslee at 9:28 am arriving at the Bridge Centre at 10 am. Leaving the Bridge Centre at 12:15 pm and arriving in Clonaslee at 12:45 pm. Cost is €3 return. Bus will travel on Tuesdays and Fridays as normal to Portlaoise. To book your seat you must phone the evening before to 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444.

RAMBLING HOUSE SESSION

Today Sunday 21st May a Rambling House session at An Sean Chistin, Irej, Ballyfin at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join in music, song, dance, poetry, stories, cuppa and chat to celebrate the beginning of Summer. All ages welcome.

HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE

Dublin/Kildare group for Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 20th – 28th Dec 2017 – last remaining seats for 8 nights. Ex Dublin. Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem: Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary, Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 061-921-470 or 086-057-2216.