

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 22nd January 2023

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Betty Heaney, Gorrough

Attracta Fallon, Derryguile & Clonaslee

Tom & Mary Anne Kearney & her daughter

Kathleen, Shracullen

Tom & Annie Carroll, Ballykaneen

Pray for Jim Bartlett, Tinnahinch & Deans Grange and for Martin Dunne, Tinnahinch who both died recently.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is from 22nd-29th Jan. The theme is Walking Together in Faith & Love, drawing features of Synodal Pathway: Communion, Participation and Mission.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

A follow up meeting on Tues 24th Jan at 8 pm in the Community Centre. It would be appreciated if all people involved could attend. Anyone who would like to get involved is most welcome.

LAOIS MACRA

Laois Macra is an organisation for young people of rural Ireland from the age of 17 to 35. Macra has many different activities such as travel, sports, agriculture, performing art, public speaking to name a few. Laois Macra are hosting a new member information night in Portlaoise Macra Hall from 7:30 to 9:30 pm on Thurs Jan 26th

SINGING CLASS

Music and Traditional singing classes in the Community Centre every Thursday evening starting at 5:15 pm. Suitable for all ages, beginners welcome. Contact John on 085-285-1772 or Clonaslee Comhaltas Facebook page.

CASTLECUFFE NS ADMISSIONS

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for September 2023 admission on Jan 5th. The application form for admission can be downloaded from www.castlecuffens.com, or alternatively parents may email the school at info@castlecuffens.com giving their name and address and we will send one out in the post. The school can also be contacted by phone on (057)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link <https://churchmedia.tv/st-manmans-church>

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.

EUCHARIST: 28th/29th January: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 21st January – 6 pm

Months Mind, Mary Rosney, Clonllyn

Sean Fitzpatrick, Graiguefulla, his son Noel Fitzpatrick, Clara & his parents Ellen & Patrick Fitzpatrick, Killurine.

Mary Multany, Castlecuffe

Elizabeth Heaney, Hillside

Sunday 22nd January – 10 am

Larry Costello, Graiguefulla

Paddy & Margaret Corbet, Ballykaneen

Monday 23rd January – 10 am

Joe Flynn, Graiguefulla

Donal, Anne & Dan Maher, Clarahill

Saturday 28th January – 6 pm

Clifford & Mary Mills, Cush & their daughter

Jacqueline, Bournemouth

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864-8238 between 9 am and 11 am on weekdays. Our admissions policy and admissions notice for this year are available for viewing on our website.

from the village at 9:20 am. Travel pass is accepted. Cost is €3 return for adults and children over 5 years old. *You must book the evening before prior to 5 pm on 057-869-2168. New bus service* from Birr to Portlaoise. Monday to Sunday. Pick up point is Londis

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT 23' – 24'

Scoil Bhríde, Cluain na Slí will commence accepting applications for Admission to its new Junior Infant Class 2023-2024 from 5/1/23. The closing date for accepting applications falls on 5/2/23. A copy of the school's Admission Policy and Application for Admission form for the 2023-2024 school year is available as follows:

*To download at www.clonasleens.ie *On request: by emailing: clonasleens@gmail.com
*On the phone: 057-864-8334 between 2-4pm
*On writing to: The|Principal, Scoil Bhríde, Chapel St., Clonaslee, Co Laois R32WE51

A MESSAGE FROM AN GARDA SIOCHANA

An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud and theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks. Elderly People are being targeted at their homes by Criminals who are impersonating Gardaí. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardaí who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country and stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.

Advice: An Garda Siochana will never ask people about their finances on the doorstep of their homes and will never ask to check money. Always ask for Identification and do not be afraid to question it. If in doubt politely tell the caller that you want to verify their true identity. If necessary contact your local Garda Station who will be able to establish quickly if the caller is a member of An Garda Siochana. Report any such activity to your local Garda Station even if you have not been the victim of a theft. That report could save a neighbour or someone else close by. Please check on elderly neighbours, family and friends and advise and reassure them.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving

Clonaslee. Weekday times: 6:28, 10:28, 14:13, 17:58, 21:53. Sunday: 8:43, 12:53, 16:58, 20:23. Cost €4 return and Free Travel Pass Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More information call 057-869-2168

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

The *Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. You can borrow the kit for 2 weeks to conduct a mini home energy audit. If you wish to be added to the waiting list for this item call 057-864-4572. As part of the campaign against *period poverty*, free sanitary products will be available in the bathrooms of Mountmellick, Portlaoise and Abbeyleix libraries. *Age Friendly Laois*: Free to collect at Mountmellick Library: *I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) cards* provide valuable information to emergency first responders. An *information booklet* to services for older persons in Laois. *Message in a Bottle* encourages people to keep their basic personal and medical details in a common place, where the Emergency teams can easily access them. Keep up to date with all our events in Mountmellick Library by checking in or following *Laois Libraries Facebook page*. The Mountmellick Library Facebook page is no longer active. The *gallery* is hosting an exhibition, *Moving Forward*, by the 6th year students of Mountmellick Community School. We have *book clubs* for all ages; babies 0-3 years, juniors 8-12 years and adult book club. Portlaoise have started a *young adult online book club* over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings from 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 16-13-23.

€30 winners: Cecelia Flynn, c/o MM Daly; Lorraine Deegan, c/o D Murray; Pauline Rickard, c/o Pat Dunne; A.M. O'Keeffe, Brocca; Kathleen Blake Snr, Clonaslee; Sabrina Ryan, c/o S Fitzpatrick. Promoters prize: Pat Dunne, Kathleen Blake, Mary Rose Corbet.

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Next week's Jackpot: €950. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-4-11-14.

€40 winners: Dermot Sullivan, Jimmy Brophil, Lara Finnerty. Promoter's prize: C Downey. Next week's Jackpot: €15,100 in Hickeys Bar.