

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER
Jesus Christ Our Lord, King of the Universe
Sunday 23rd November 2015

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Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, 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 on 057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 21st November – 8 pm

Leo Poole, Main Street

Margaret Brophy, Meelaghans

Eileen Geraghty, New York & Meelaghans

Sunday 22nd November – 10 am

Months Mind, Bill Dunne, Broughla

Deceased members of the Blake Family, Barradoo

Saturday 28th November – 8 pm

James Dunne, Main Street

Peter Dunne, Jim & Maura Sweeney & Donal Sweeney, Main Street

Bridie Heffernan, Ballymacrory & Liverpool

Frank & Mary Barnett, Ballymacrory

Jim Dunne, Ballymacrory

McEvoy & Conroy Family, Graigueafulla

Sunday 29th November – 10 am

Michael Costello & Mrs Annie Costello, Graigueafulla

Tom McCann, Glebe

Pray for Annie O'Donovan, Main Street who died during the week.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

You are asked to please vote for 3 people whom you consider a suitable candidate. Voting ballots and pens are at all the doors. Please put your vote in the boxes at the church doors.

COLLECTION

Clonaslee College collection is next weekend 28th/29th Nov. Your support is much appreciated.

CHOIR

Christmas choir practice is on Tues 24th Nov at 7 pm on the Gallery. All welcome.

CAKE SALE

A cake sale is on this weekend in the Fr Shortall Room after both masses.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Thank you to all who supported the church gate collection and to the collectors. Total amount €425. Meeting on Mon Nov 23rd at 8:30 pm in Community Centre to arrange Christmas dinner.

SENIOR CITIZEN PARTY

The annual senior citizen party will be on Sun Dec 13th. Invitations are being distributed. If you think you are eligible and haven't received an invite please contact Maura, Secretary on 087-212-2766 or John, Chairperson on 083-471-2546

CHANGE FOR CHARITY

If you wish to give your small change for local charity there will be collection baskets in the church, during mass, for the next 2 weekends 28/29th Nov & 5/6th Dec.

CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Carol service will be on Sunday Dec 13th at 5 pm in the church. The Tullamore Choir, children from the local national schools and Tom Conroy will be performing. Mulled wine and light refreshments will be served. All welcome to join the festivities.

BUS TO LIMERICK

On Sat Dec 5th leaving Clonaslee at 8:30 am, Rosenallis at 8:45 am, Mountmellick at 9 am. Seats must be booked before Wed Dec 2nd on 057-869-2168. All Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults/FTP/over 16 cost is €5 return, under 16 cost is €3 return.

HOLY CROSS

Next visit is Dec 3rd leaving Clonaslee at 6 pm Collects in Rosenallis and Mountmellick. Cost €15 return. If you require tea and sandwiches €5. Names to 087-212-2766.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas Mass bouquets are now available. Contact Dolores Murray, 087-414-8093.

CLONASLEE VILLAGE MARKET

Open Saturdays from 10am to 1pm in the Heritage Centre. Fresh produce, home baking, knitwear,

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arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera, goat's cheese and milk and much more.

SLIEVE BLOOM ASSOCIATION

Meeting on Thurs Nov 26th at 8:30 pm in the Poet's Lodge, Camross. We are celebrating Christmas with dinner in the Rosenallis Community Centre on Sun Nov 29th at 3 pm, music provided by Martin Delaney. Cost is €20 per person. Anyone who is interested in going please ring Kathleen on 085-737-6745 to book your place. All are welcome. If you would like to know more about us you can find us on FB or our website is slieverbloomassociation.com

COMMUNITY ALERT

At our recent meeting we were advised to appeal to all dog owners to keep control of your pet at all times. Remember your dog must be kept on a leash while in a public area. Loose dogs are posing a serious hazard to children, elderly people and traffic on the local streets. We remind you of the danger and unsightliness caused by dog fouling on our pavements and walkways. Owners are responsible to clean up after their pets. We appreciate your cooperation. Be vigilant as the dark evenings are here. Leave on lights and radio of you are going out. Please wear your panic button at all times and never be afraid to press your button. Cost of monitoring fee per year is €66 which is great value as it is monitored around the clock. You may sign up to text alert by calling Matt Barrett on 087-672-6290.

BIODIVERSITY PLAN

Clonaslee Tidy Towns attended the launch of the Biodiversity Plan recently. This plan was done by Dr Fiona McGowan, consulting ecologist for Laois Co Council. Clonaslee Tidy Towns is one of the groups involved and John Troy gave a very interesting talk at the launch. We hope this will help us improve marking in the National competition. Tidy Towns extend deepest sympathy to the O'Donovan family on the death of Annie O'Donovan who was involved in Clonaslee Tidy Towns.

ARTHRITIS IRELAND – LAOIS BRANCH

Our walking group meets weekly at Portlaoise Pool and Leisure Centre each Wednesday evening at 6 pm. We will pause the walking group for the

month of December as the weather conditions are not ideal, so our last weekly walk of the year is Nov 25th. We will still meet socially each Wed at 7 pm for a cuppa and a chat commencing Wed Dec 2nd at O'Loughlin's Hotel, Portlaoise. All are welcome. We will start a 6 week course of 'Gentle Zumba Classes' commencing Jan 26th, 2016.

THANKS

Thank you to all who attended the recent performance by Sing for Joy Choir. Dates for your diary: Wed Dec 9th St Fintan's Church, in the grounds of St Fintan's Hospital, entrance from Stradbally Road at 11 am and Wed Dec 16th in the Parish Centre at 11 am. All are welcome to come along and enjoy your Christmas favorites in a relaxed and inclusive atmosphere.

CCE JOB VACANCY

Vacancy for a *Clerical worker/Administrator* Job Ref: 989928. Position based in Acquired Brain Injury Ireland in Mountbolus. Hours flexible; 19 ½ hours per week or 2 full days and 1 half day and CE rates of pay apply. Good communication and interpersonal skills essential. *Caretaker* Job Ref: 989930 two positions – 1 based in Acquired Brain Injury Ireland in Mountbolus and 2nd position in Clonaslee. 19 ½ hours per week, CE rates of pay apply. *Caretaker/cleaner* Job Ref: 989934: based in the Community Centre. 19 ½ hours per week, CE rates of pay apply. General eligibility requirements for CE – one year in receipt of a social welfare payment and over 25 years of age but please check with your local Social Welfare/Intreo office for confirmations. Please contact Caitriona in the Community Centre on 057-864-8277 for further information.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 17-14-7.
€30 winners: Fiona Kelly, Shraduff; Martina O'Donovan, Clonaslee; Patricia Costello, c/o Fallons; Seamus Rigney, c/o Swans; Padraig Byrne, Clonaslee; Brian Multaney, Clonaslee; Voucher: Paddy Dunne, Slieve Bloom Park; Bottle: The Egan Children, c/o Nuala Smith. Promoter's prize: Mary O'Keeffe, Ann Rigney, Ger Kelly. Voucher: Chris Horan. Bottle: Geraldine Fitzpatrick. Next week's jackpot: €950.