

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am**

**Ash Wednesday 10 am & 7:30 pm**

## CONFESSIONS

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

## WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on

[www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) under Clonaslee Parish

## WHEELCHAIR available at back of church.

## MASS FOR CHILDREN

The Fr Shortall Room, behind the sacristy, is available for families with young children.

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – Team A:** Aaron Lawlor, Amy Thornton, Jack Carroll, Sineád Hobhan Garry

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March – Team A:** Niamh Kelly, Emma Kelly, Emmet Kelly Cusack, Daniel O'Meara

## READERS – 29<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March

**8 pm** Caroline Mills **10 am** Hannah Dunne

## EUCCHARIST – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> March -Team B

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 8 pm

Catherine O'Keeffe & Richard O'Keeffe,  
The Green

Tom & Winnie Delaney, Brocca

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 10 am

Pat Young, Hillside

Mary McCann, Glebe

Patrick Stack, Coolagh & Portlaoise

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February – 8 pm

Annie Flynn, Ross

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Training for new Altar servers is starting now. Call in to Fr O'Reilly to get a form.

## BINGO

Bingo in the Community Centre is on today Sun Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm. Doors open at 2:15 pm.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

The AGM for Social Services is Mon Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. New members are most welcome.

## CLONASLEE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

The parade is on Sun March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon sharp. Any local organisations or interested clubs wishing to put in a float into the Parade can do so. You can inform the committee through private message on our Facebook page 'Clonaslee St Patrick's Parade' or by contacting Brendan on 087-967-5054 or Ronan on 085-148-2296. There is no entry fee for a float. Each club or school can make up their float on any theme of their choice.

## HOLY CROSS

Bus travels on Thurs March 5<sup>th</sup> leaving at 6 pm. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost €20 return; €5 if you require tea and sandwiches.

## TIDY TOWNS

At the Tidy Towns AGM, Election of Officers was as follows; Chairperson: John Callaghan, Secretary: Patrick Blake, Treasurer: Maura O Gorman. Items discussed: bins in estates not being collected by Laois County Council, CE employees not allowed cut grass or litter pick in Council estates, Residents Association may need to be set up to look after greener areas at next meeting a representative of each estate will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss this.

Treasurer outlined report for the past year which stated approximately €1300 is spent on flowers for the village between beds and hanging baskets which is a lot of money, purchasing Biodiversity and Perennial plants was also raised to reduce cost. Secretary thanked all who helped in any way in 2019, volunteers, residents, general

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public and local businesses for their co-operation and support and hope this continues in 2020, Chairperson report outlined same, votes of sympathy to all who lost loved ones in the past year.

## TIDY TOWNS VISIT

Two experts Dr Fiona McGowan and Brian Gaynor will visit the village on Tues Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am meeting at Clonaslee Heritage Centre to do a tour of the village for the day. They will look at what Clonaslee can improve on for the 2020 entry with suggestions and feedback on what we can change and what we can do as a community. All welcome to attend.

## ON YOUR HIGH NELLY

Fundraiser cycle in aid of Kilmanman Cemetery Church renovations. On Sun March 29<sup>th</sup> with a €20 entry fee, meeting at Hickey's Bar, Clonaslee at 12 noon. Contact Larry 087-051-7219 or Dinny 087-186-6832.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE - VOLUNTEER WITH FORÓIGE

Foróige is looking for adult volunteers to support us in our work. If you have a skill to share or are passionate about working with young people, please come along to one of our volunteer information meetings in Portlaoise Leisure Centre on Mon March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm or 7:30 pm and in Portarlinton Community Centre on Tues March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm or 7:30 pm. Foróige offers a wide range of volunteering opportunities either in a group or individual setting and no experience is necessary as training is provided. For more information contact Rosie O'Brien, Foróige Regional Youth Officer on 086-299-7677 or Maria Whitmore, Big Brother Big Sister Mentoring Programme on 086-047-1063.

## MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March inclusive at 8 pm each night in the Mountmellick Community Arts Centre, with 8 plays from 8 counties. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March is 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' directed by one of our own, Danny Hyland. Well worth going to!

## MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Knitting and crochet club meet every Thursday at 11 am. Monthly book club for 10-12 year olds. Baby book club Tuesdays at 10:30 am. For aged 0 – 3 years and their carers. Short and sweet book club meets every month to discuss two short stories. Mike Gale - ARTddiction- in Gallery during February. If interested in joining any of the above call 057-864-4588 for further details.

## LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus travels each Tues and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Cost €3 return and travel pass accepted. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thursday leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Cost €3 return. Bus travels to Bingo each Sunday leaving Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. Book by phone/text evening before 087-743-7444

## CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-18-7.  
€30 winners: Hetty & Edel c/o Edel O'Brien; Olivia Rigney, Brocca; Pat O'Connell, c/o Hickeys; Pat Maher, Ballinalug; Conor McCann, Gorrough; Daire Comerford; Brocca. Promoter's prize: Hogans, Maura Gorman, N Smith. Next week's Jackpot: €1,400. Give a gift card for birthdays or a special occasion. 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: 8-9-15-16.  
€40 winners: Patricia Costello, Sandra Saunders X-Ray MEHP, Jamie Langford. Promoter's prize: F Fitzpatrick. Next week's Jackpot: €4,600.