

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 24th April 2016

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, 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 on 057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 30th April: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly, Patrick Purcell

Sun 1st May: Team B: Ciara Hyland, Aoibhe Mulhall, Darragh Mulhall, Philip Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 23rd April – 8 pm

John & Catherine Kelly, Coolnabanch

Sunday 24th April – 10 am

Nicholas & Mary Anne Dunne, Ballymacrory

Mary Rowney, Shraduff

Michael, Mary & Joe Lambe, Ashbrook

Friday 29th April – 9 am

Paddy Dunne, Chapel Street

Saturday 30th April – 8 pm

Mary, Terence & Michael Hogan, Scaroon

Patrick & Mary Fitzpatrick, Brittas

Julianne O'Neill, Brittas

Alan Mangan, Clonaslee

Michael Comerford, Capparogan

Jack Blake & deceased members of the Blake

Family, Glenkeen & his niece Phil Corrigan,

The Walk, Kinnitty

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cemetery Masses all at 8 pm: June 3rd – Clonaslee;

June 24th - Corrigeen; July 1st – Kilmanman.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Thanks to all for your support for Trócaire. To date €3000 has been donated. If you forgot yours,

please bring to Mass next weekend. Do not leave boxes in the church at other times.

POPE FRANCIS' APPEAL – UKRAINE

Pope Francis has appealed for a special collection from all the catholic parishes in Europe to provide humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine. Our collection will be next weekend 30th April/1st May. Please give generously to this cause.

ICA CHARITY WALK

The Clonaslee ICA are hosting a charity walk on Thurs April 28th starting from Swan's pub going up Brittas at 6:30 pm, weather permitting. Donations for Palliative Care. Everyone welcome.

SHOW MEETING

Clonaslee Show Society is meeting on Wed April 27th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre.

GYM REOPENING

The Clonaslee Community Centre Gym is re-opening under new management. Pilates, strength and conditioning classes on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm. Suitable for male and female. All levels of fitness catered. For further information contact Tom 087-287-8006 or Tanya 086-353-2240.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clonaslee Tidy Towns did a clean-up on Tuesday and Thursday bringing back a large amount of litter. On Wednesday two members went with Scoil Bhríde NS students and cleaned the Birr Road and Brittas. Thank you to Ms Siobhan O'Donoghue for accompanying us, well done children. We ask everyone, please do not drop litter or butts and keep our village nice and clean. Thank you to all who helped in other ways, Laois County Council, CES employees, and AES for taking many litters bags away.

DOG FOULING

Numerous complaints have been received regarding dog fouling, also loose dogs. Dog owners are reminded it is an offence to allow your dog to foul and not clean up afterwards. Your support is appreciated.

HOLY CROSS

Bus leaving Clonaslee on Thurs May 5th at 6 pm. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to Maura on 087-212-2766.

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CENSUS 2016

Please remember to have your census papers filled out in regards to who was in your house on Sunday 24 April 2016 and ready for the collector in your area.

KNOCK

Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun June 5th. This is the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin day -with the main celebrant Bishop Denis Nulty. Bus leaving Clonaslee at 8:30 am and will collect in Rosenallis. If you are interested in travelling please give your name to 087-212-2766.

THANKS

Thank you to all who made the Ladies Night such an enjoyable night. Many thanks to Lambe's Oil, Tullamore and Laura's Hair Stylin', Rosenallis for their gift packs.

BEALTAINE MAY BUSH FESTIVAL 2016

The Bealtaine May Bush Festival 2016 will take place on Sun May 1st at 2:30 pm on The Green and at the Community Centre in Rosenallis, Co. Laois. Now in its third year, the festival, hosted by the Slieve Bloom Association celebrates and revives an ancient Irish custom. Traditionally the May Bush was erected and decorated with colourful material, ribbons, flowers and garlands made from painted egg shells. General admission is free and the Slieve Bloom Association invites all to take part in this festival revival. This family friendly afternoon begins at 2:30pm with a talk on the history and customs surrounding the May Bush. The May Bush will then be decorated. There will be face-painting and Slieve Bloom Bouncy Castles for children. With entertainment and music by Simon Buckley and refreshments in the Community Centre.

CRAFTERS, FOOD MAKERS AND STALLHOLDERS

The Summerhill Family fun and fair Day's second annual event will take place on Sunday May 29th at the Summerhill School's Campus in Portlaoise from 1-5pm. Crafters, food vendors and stallholders are now invited to apply for their stalls at this event. Please note that stalls are on a first come first served basis. For an application form or more information you can email

summerhillcraftandfoodfair@gmail.com. You can also find Summerhill Fair Portlaoise on facebook.

THANKS

Kolbe Special School wish to thank everyone who supported our recent church-gate collection. Thanks also to our collectors.

CENTENARY PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Lord, Merciful and Kind, I remember the men, women and children who died during 1916 and throughout the troubled journey of our island's history. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam. Look kindly, I pray, on the people of Ireland from all traditions, at home and abroad. To you, O God, we long to sing a new song of compassion, inclusion and engagement in a spirit of true freedom. You know my frail heart and my frayed history and now another day begins. I pray for peace and reconciliation in the century ahead. Help me to believe in beginnings, to listen to the voices that challenge and to sing a new song for Ireland. Moladh go deo le Dia – Praise God forever.

SECURITY

Parishioners please do not leave valuables in your car when visiting the church or cemetery.

BABY PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet every Tuesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am during the school term in the Community Centre. All welcome. For more information contact Elaine on 087-236-2723.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-8-11.

€30 winners: Nonie Fynamore, Rosenallis; James McRedmond, Clonabeg; Betty Callaghan, Reary; Ella & AJ 266 Arden View; Tricia Bracken, Capparogan; Ann, Bríd, Ger, Brigid Young. Promoter's prize: Eamon Sammon, Kathleen Blake, Dolores Murray.

Next week's Jackpot: €650.

CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 3-9-13-14.

€40 winners: Buster Dunne, Mary Byrne, Shane Molloy, Sadie Rigney, David McRedmond. Promoter's prize: Martin Fallon.

Next week's Jackpot: €11,550.