

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December 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

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 8 pm

Christmas Day – Blessing of Toys 10 am

No mass during the week.

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

Sun 24th Dec 8 pm: Team A: Eimear Kelly, Lily May Owens, Amy Thornton, Emily Lambe

Mon 25th Dec 10 am: Team A: Emer Dunne, Daniel O'Meara, Michael Poole, Ciara Breen, Niamh Kelly, Cadhia McCann

Sat 30th Dec 8 pm: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Amelia Dunne, Sineád Hobhan Garry, Corrine Greene

Sun 31st Dec 10 am: Team B: Darragh Mulhall, Paul Mullhall, Peter Foynes, Eimear Kelly, Martina Connolly Daly, Corrine Greene.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 23rd December – 8 pm

Paddy Hogan, Chapel Street
Evelyn Molloy, Main St & the Molloy & Fenell Families, Galway & Portlaoise

Sunday 24th December – 10 am

Derry Keating, Ashbrook
Arthur Sealy, Mountmellick & Waterford

Saturday 30th December – 8 pm

McCormack Family, Killart House

Elizabeth & Patrick Maher, Killart House

Edward & Anna Mary Troy, Brittas

Thomas Russell, Larrigan

Sunday 31st December – 10 am

Francey Downey, Ballinahemmy, his mother Dora & members of the Dunne, Downey & O'Meara Families.

Sister Theresa Egan & Family, Coolnamoney

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all parishioners for your support and commitment during 2017. Wishing you all at home and abroad every blessing and grace at Christmas and in the New Year.

COLLECTION

The Christmas collection is on this week. Please use your green envelope for this purpose.

REACH OUT

The Reach Out gifts 'Joy for the World' are at all entrances, for you to take home. The Christmas season arrangements are inside with a fridge magnet and Amoris Laetitia card.

TOWARDS PEACE

The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space to people who may be hurting due to abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Leaflets are at all doors.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COLLECTION

The Christmas lights make our village shine and we need help to continue bringing the joy to everyone. Church gate collection is on December 30th and 31st. All support is much appreciated.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas bouquets cards are available from Dolores Murray 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty 087-773-0734.

ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK

We are celebrating our Silver Jubilee, 25 years of helping Laois Hospice. Donation of fruit cakes would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who would like to help out in the Community Centre on Stephen's Day please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or come along on the day, many hands make light work. Long walk starts at 12 noon and the short walk at 1 pm both starting at

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December 2017

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

the Community Centre. Refreshments served at the Community Centre after both walks. For information re: the walk or sponsorship cards please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540, Niall Bourke 087-411-6274 or Lucy Feighery 087-991-2440

TIR NA NOG

Congratulations to Vicky, Pauline, Angelina, Mariea, Linda and all the children on their musical interpretation of the Nativity in Scoil Bhríde last Wed night. It was most enjoyable.

CLONASLEE PARISH/COMMUNITY

LOTTO

The committee thank the promoters and those who supported the weekly lotto over the last year. Without this effort and hard work, the following would not be possible: Distribution of profits after cost from January to December 2017:

Community Centre: €8000, Parish Church: €4000, Scoil Bhríde Parents Association: €1000, Scoil Bhríde Board of Management: €1000, Castlecuffe NS Parents Association: €1000, Castlecuffe NS Board of Management: €1000. Total distributed €16,000. The contributions go a long way in helping to provide much needed facilities for the Community – young and old. Thank you for your support and hoping you will continue to do so in the future. We wish you a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year

HOLY CROSS

Bus will travel on Jan 4th. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches.

MONTHLY BINGO

Bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre on Sun Jan 21st. Doors open at 2:15 pm. First number called at 3 pm. Books cost €3, €6 and €11. Sheets €2. Over €1,800 in prize money to be won. Extra prizes on the day.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Mountmellick Library will reopen for Thursday 28th and Friday 29th Dec. The library will then close again until 10 am Tuesday January 2nd.

MIDOC

MIDOC will be operational during the Christmas period 2017 from 6 pm Friday 22nd Dec until 8 am on Wed 27th. Mon 25th Dec 24 hours. Tues 26th Dec 24 hours. During the New Year period from 6 pm on Fri 29th Dec until 8 am on Tues 2nd January 2018. Mon 1st Jan 2018 24 hours.

Christmas is an extremely busy time for Out of Hours Service, so please reserve GP OUT of HOURS for those who need URGENT care only. Information on common illnesses such as flu, sore throats and earaches can be found on the website www.undertheweather.ie MIDOC can be accessed by dialling the free low call number at 1850-302-702 to talk to a triage nurse before you present to the Midoc centre. During peak periods there may be a delay in answering your call as telephone lines may be extremely busy. People are requested to be patient until your call is answered.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

The bus will travel to Portlaoise on Wed 27th Dec and Friday 29th Dec. The bus will travel to Tullamore on Thurs 28th. You must phone or text 087-743-7444 the evening before by 6 pm to book your seat. Thank you to all who have travelled with us and we wish you a very happy Christmas.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-13-19

€30 winners: Paddy Dunne, Sleive Bloom Park; Maura O'Brien, Portlaoise; Pat Maher, Ballinalug; Marty Corcoran, c/o Hickeys; Amelia Dunne, c/o S Murphy; Annette Downey, Glenkeen Upper; €150: Liam Conroy, 39 Hillside; Voucher: Oisín & T Casey, c/o N Dunne. Bottle: Jackie Hyland. Biscuits: Ollie Culliton. Sweets: Jim Costello. Promoter's prize: Matt Barrett, Flynn's PO, Matt Barrett. €150: Shirley Langford. Voucher: Shirley Langford. Bottle: Kathleen Blake. Biscuits: N Dunne. Sweets: Hetty Dunne.

Next week's Jackpot: €1,850.