

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 25th February 2018

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, Wed, 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 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.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish

PARISH HALL

All bookings for the Parish Hall must be made, prior to use, by contacting John 083-471-2546.

NOTE

All groups, organisations, clubs please advise the parish office on 864-8030 two weeks in advance if you holding a church gate collection

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 3rd March 8 pm: Team A: Eimear Kelly, Lily May Owens, Amy Thornton, Emily Lambe

Sun 4th March 10 am: Team A: Emer Dunne, Daniel O'Meara, Michael Poole, Ciara Breen, Niamh Kelly, Cadhia McCann.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 24th February – 8 pm

Pat Young, Hillside

Mary McCann, Glebe

Tom & Winnie Delaney, Brocca

Nancy O'Neill, Hillside

Sunday 25th February – 10 am

Noreen Foyne, Ballykaneen

Margaret & Peter Maher, & deceased members of the Maher Family, Ballinalug

Saturday 3rd March – 8 pm

Months Mind, Chrissie Breen, Sliabh Bloom

Park

Paddy Breen, Sliabh Bloom Park

Richard & Kathleen O'Keeffe, The Green

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – February

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs & Fri 1st/2nd March in the morning.

ADORATION

Eucharistic adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 2nd March from 10 am – 7 pm.

CLONASLEE GOSPEL HOUR

Gospel hour of music Sat 3rd March before mass from 6:30-7:45 pm in the church. You can watch it on the webcam or listen on your radio.

RALLY TO SAVE THE 8TH

Don't let 2018 be the year abortion is legalised in Ireland We need you at the Rally for Life on Sat March 10th at 2 pm Parnell Square, Dublin.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting on Mon Feb 26th at 8:30 pm in the Fr Shortall Room.

CLONASLEE SHOW SOCIETY

The Clonaslee Show Society AGM is on Wed Feb 28th at 8 pm in the Community Centre. New and existing members welcome.

SOCIAL SERVICES BINGO

Social Services Bingo is on every Wednesday starting Feb 28th at 2 pm in the Community Centre. Please come along for bingo, a chat and a cuppa. All welcome.

COMMUNITY ALERT AGM

The AGM is on Mon March 5th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome to this meeting.

LET'S TALK FAMILY

The following 4 weeks the meeting starts at 7:30 pm on Wednesdays in Mt St Anne's, Killenard. Bus leaves the Post Office at 6:30 pm.

HOLY CROSS

Bus on Thurs March 1st leaving at 6 pm. Please give your names to 087-212-2766. Cost is €15 return and €5 if you require tea and sandwiches.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Easter Draw takes place on Thurs March 29th with all proceeds going towards 2018 projects. Lines are €2 each and can be bought in any business in the village or from members of the committee.

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The monthly Bingo will be on March 4th at 3 pm. Over €1800 in prize money. Books are €3/€6/€11. Jackpot Sheets €2

CASTLECUFFE NS ENROLMENT

Please contact Castlecuffe National School on 057-864-8238 if you wish to enrol your child for the school term starting in September 2018. This must be done in the next two weeks. We require the name, date of birth and PPS number of your child. Enrolment forms will be given to parents.

TIR na n'OG PLAYSCHOOL

Now enrolling for September 2018 and places are limited. We participate in ECCE and CCS schemes. We have a few spaces available from now until June 27th. Opening hours: Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm or 1 pm – 4 pm. Contact Victoria Houlihan for enrollment and further details on 864-8988.

YOGA

Yoga classes every Mon at 6:15 pm in the Heritage Centre. All welcome.

TIDY TOWN AGM

At the AGM, Chairman John Callaghan thanked all who worked voluntarily all year getting a lot of work and new projects done. To only receive two points in the National competition was disappointing. Also thanked were Caitriona, all CE employees, Fr O'Reilly and Annette for publishing our reports, all County Councillors, Laois County Council, Ger O'Mahony, Anne Marie Kelly and the Environment staff for all their help during the year which was much appreciated by the committee, to the businesses and Clonaslee community for their continued support, as without this we could not continue. Election of officers: Chairman: John Callaghan, Treasurer: Chris Horan, Secretary: Vacant, looking for someone. A vote of sympathy was extended with all who lost loved ones. Next meeting is March 26th.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

A new play will be performed nightly at 8 pm in the Mountmellick Community Arts Centre starting Fri March 9th until Fri March 16th inclusive. Season tickets for 8 nights - €50, nightly tickets €10. For further details and bookings contact Jessie on 087-794-2994.

MACRA NEWS

Laois Macra, with the support of EV Condell Limited, welcome 'The 2 Johnnies' to the Midlands Park Hotel on March 3rd. Tickets available on Eventbrite.ie or from your local Macra club.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

"FLOURISH" - An exhibition of artwork on display until Feb 28th. Junior Card Club is for 8 – 10 year olds, learn 2 new card games every week for 3 weeks. Baby Book Club meet at 10:30 am on Tuesdays. Adult colouring group meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 a.m. The adult chess club is on Saturday mornings at 12 noon. The Junior Chess Club is on every Saturday morning at 10.30 a.m. for ages 7 – 13 years. Basic knowledge required. Contact the library on 864-4572 for more information on any of the above.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Hetty Dunne, Ann McEvoy, Laura on sharing a winning of €500. Winning no: 19-23-7. €30 winners: Lisa Fynamore, Hillside; Arthur Hatton, 26 Hillside; Róisín O'Donovan, Clonaslee; Bernadette Hogan, Clonaslee; Paul Nestor, 12 Sliabh Bloom Park; Seamus Brady, c/o Karen Hyland. Promoter's prize: Clonaslee Pharmacy, Hetty Dunne, S Fynamore. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Gift card now available. For birthdays or a special occasion. Can be purchased at the Heritage Centre Mon-Thurs 11 am – 3 pm and Fri 9:30 am – 1 pm.

FAMILY PRAYER WMOF 2018

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray: [Pause]. Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us,

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.