

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 26th March 2017

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Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

Tuesday 7:15 pm

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

Sat 1st April: Team C: Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly

Sun 2nd April: Team C: Darragh Mullhall, Paul Mullhall, Corrinne Green, Martina Connolly, Daly, Peter Foyne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 25th March – 8 pm

Peter Hyland, The Green

Bridie Hogan, Scaroon

Saturday 1st April – 8 pm

Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Tullamore & Bellair

Teresa Conroy, Glebe

Sunday 2nd April – 10 am

Martin O'Dwyer, Rathcabbin & Clonaslee

NOTE

Wheelchair for use by parishioners available in the Fr Shortall Room

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Mass for the confirmation students is on Tues 28th March at 7:15 pm where they have the opportunity to take the pledge. Refreshments afterwards in the school hall.

1ST CONFESSION

The communion children will have their 1st confession on Tues 4th April at 7:30 pm.

NATIONAL COLLECTION

A collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018, chosen by Pope Francis to be held in Dublin, is on next weekend 1st/2nd April. Planning is well under way. This event promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world and on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life. This event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard the second national collection will be held next weekend, 1st/2nd April

COMMUNITY ALERT

Meeting on Mon 27th March at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre.

PATCHWORK & QUILTING EXHIBITION

An exhibition of quilts, cushion covers, chair covers, bags and more all lovingly made by ladies in the local patchwork class. Come and see the quilts on Sat April 1st and Sun April 2nd from 10 am to 6 pm each day in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. Admission is free. The public are invited to vote on their favourite quilt in the exhibition and buy a raffle ticket for a quilt.

A Message to You from Bishop Denis

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come to Carlow for this year's celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral. During this Mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations and anointing of the sick will be blessed and the priests of the diocese will renew their vows of ordination. I am delighted that we will get to pray in song together as a diocese the newly composed Mass of St Patrick, by our own Fr Liam Lawton. I look forward to meeting you after the Mass over a cuppa next door in Carlow College

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Castlecuffe NS fundraising clothes collection for the National Council Blind Ireland is on Tues April 4th. Please bring bagged clothing to the school before 10 am.

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ST STEPHENS DAY WALK

If you have any outstanding sponsorship money from the Hospice walk, please give it to Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540

HOLY CROSS

Bus leaving Clonaslee on Thurs April 6th at 6 pm.. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to Maura by Tues April 4th on 087-212-2766.

BINGO

Bingo each Wednesday from 2 – 4 pm in the Community Centre.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Apologies to those who did not receive an envelope as 540 were sent out. We believe some houses received two. Anyone who wishes to donate may do so by putting your name on an envelope and leave your donation at Michael Fallons pub, the Community Centre or with Matt Barrett 087-672-6290. These cameras will benefit everyone living in the village and country as all roads will be covered. Cameras have reduced crime and robberies anywhere they have been installed. The Gardi are fully behind the committee. We thank those who have contributed.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Elga K. Haaf will exhibit her art work in Mountmellick Gallery from Tues March 7th until Fri March 31st. All are welcome. Laois Libraries are working with other libraries across the country. We ask that you bring your library card with you each time you visit the library. Free internet for 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 11a.m. every morning from Tuesday to Saturday. Drop those stress levels. Keep calm in 2017 and colour in. Adult colouring in Mountmellick Library Thursday mornings 10.30 a.m.

THANKS

Thanks to all who contributed to the Autism collection which was €819.19 including proceeds from Whist. Thanks to the collectors and people who donated prizes. It is much appreciated.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clonaslee Tidy Towns will do a clean-up on Tues March 28th and Thurs March 30th at 6 pm starting from the Heritage Centre. Collection day is April 4th from the Community Centre. We ask everyone

to come along for an hour and clean up in your own areas. We appeal to all businesses to keep fronts free of butts and litter. It is costing the committee a lot of money each year for the disposing of all the household rubbish in the bins. This is a lot of expense on a voluntary committee to keep the Clonaslee clean and tidy.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Londis for the donation jar which was omitted inadvertently from the Tidy Towns AGM report.

EASTER ART CAMP

Anne Kelly School of Art Craft and Design Easter Art Camp on Tues April 11th and Wed April 12th, morning session 10-1pm or afternoon session 2-5 pm in the Community Centre. Limited places, booking essential. Camp is for 5-13 year olds with discount available for siblings. Cost is €25. Ring 085-751-8833 to book.

MOUNTMELICK ARTS CENTRE

Presents 'Rake the Ashes' featuring Fran Deffew on Saturday April 1 at 8:30 pm, tickets cost €10 and are available from Mountmellick Arts Centre 057-869-7600 or Horans shop.

LAOIS TRIP

Bus travels on Tuesdays and Fridays to Portlaoise. Bus leaves the Post Office at 9:30 am, the bus leaves Portlaoise on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm and on Fridays at 12:30 pm. Cost is €3 return for anyone without free travel pass. Laois Trip also travels to Bingo in Mountmellick every Sunday night. Bus collects in Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. People travelling on Laois Trip must phone in to 087-743-7444 or 057-869-2168 and leave their number the evening before 6 pm or in the morning to book your seat. This is the only way to book your place with Laois Trip

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot of €1,100 was won by Lucy Horan, Wranglestown. Winning no: 13-6-19.
€30 winners: Noel McCann, Brocca; Michael Rigney c/o Kathleen Blake; Patsy O'Rourke c/o Maryb O'Keeffe; Mary Rose Corbet, Ballykaneen; C;aore Dunne, c/o Nicky Dunne; M Delaney c/o Hogans. Promoter's prize: Nuala Smith, Matt Barrett, Maura O'Gorman.
Next week's Jackpot: €500.