

*ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER*  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

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Parish Website: [www.clonasleeparish.com](http://www.clonasleeparish.com)

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

**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). Also on offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

**WEBCAM** – Live Mass feed on [www.mcmmedia.com](http://www.mcmmedia.com) under Clonaslee Parish

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 8 pm**

Deceased members of the Blake Family,  
Barradoo

Helen Hilliard, Shraduff & Glebe

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – 9 am**

John Dunne, Annie Dunne & Sister Assumpta  
Dunne, Clonabeg

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 8 pm**

Laurence Conroy & Larry Jnr Conroy, Brocca  
Tom McCann, Glebe

Christina & Peter Dunne, Brocca

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 10 am**

Timothy & Margaret Mary Murray, Bellair &  
members of the Murray Family

Michael Costelloe & Annie Costelloe,

Graigueafulla

James Dunne, Mains Street & his father Peter  
Donal Sweeney & Maura Sweeney, Main Street  
John & Margaret Multaney & their son Charles,  
Coolagh

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

Choir practice on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the gallery in preparation for Christmas Eve mass. All welcome to join.

**CAKE SALE**

On today Sunday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> in aid of ICA Charity Fund after mass in Fr Shortall Room

**COLLECTION**

Christmas Station collection next weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Please use your envelopes.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK**

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs Nov 30<sup>th</sup> & Fri Dec 1<sup>st</sup> in the morning.

**ADORATION**

Eucharistic adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 am - 7 pm.

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL**

The SVP monthly meeting is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec after 7:30 pm mass in the Fr Shortall Room.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

Annual collection for Saint Vincent de Paul will be next weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CARDS**

SVP Christmas cards will be on sale after both masses this weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Senior Citizens Christmas dinner is on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Community Centre at 1 pm in the Community Centre. Last day for getting your names in is Nov 30<sup>th</sup> to Maura O'Gorman, secretary 087-212-2766 or John Callaghan, chairperson 083-471-2546 as we need to have numbers for the caterers. No reply, no dinner. Music by Rock on Paddy. Raffle on the day for a hamper and numerous prizes. A great day is promised.

**HOLY CROSS**

Our next trip will be on January 4<sup>th</sup>. No bus will be travelling for December.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Clonaslee/Portarlinton Christmas carollers are hosting a Christmas concert on Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in St Manman's Church, Clonaslee. The Clodiagh Players and Clonaslee Comhaltas will have a presentation during the concert. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

**MONTHLY BINGO**

Bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre on Sun Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**CHIROPODIST**

Chiropodist in Clonaslee Pharmacy Wed Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call 868-6990 to make an appointment.

**COMMUNITY ALERT**

There was a big turnout for our last meeting. Sgt Graham Kavanagh attended and gave a very detailed account of what is happening at the moment. He stressed to please phone in anything suspicious to the Garda station on 057-867-4100. If you don't get a reply, dial 999. 30 Gards have been drafted into Portlaoise, this will benefit all other areas. It is very important you report anything suspicious; it is a benefit to our community. Text alert is proving very useful, it is being sent out very regularly. Chairman Matt Barrett thanked Sgt Kavanagh for a very informative talk and good advice. CCTV is at tender stage and we hope 2018 will see the erecting of cameras. Monitor alarms are installed for the elderly, along with a bogus button that goes inside your door with the alarm. Monitoring fee is €66 per year. Wear your panic button at all times. Teresa Maloney can be contacted on 087-970-5651 if you want one installed.

**ALMAS CHRISTMAS BOUQUETS**

Almas Christmas bouquets cards are available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

**SOCIAL SERVICES BINGO**

Bingo on Wednesdays at 2 pm in the Community Centre. Come along for two hours and enjoy bingo, cuppa and a chat. All welcome.

**MONSTER WHIST DRIVE**

In Clonaslee Parish Hall on Sun Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm sharp. Top score: €200; First gent: €100; Second gent: €50; First lady: €100; Second lady €50; 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: €25; 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: €25; 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter: €25; 4<sup>th</sup> quarter: €25. Whist card €10.

**COTTAGE MARKET MOUNTRATH**

Our Christmas Market is on Sat Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dec 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm, Main Street, Mountrath.

**LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK**

Bus travels each Tuesday and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Bus travels to Tullamore on Thursdays leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Bus travels to Bingo Sundays leaving at 7:30 pm

It is a door to door pick up. The bus will also drop you at hospitals or train stations. Any bookings or queries to 087-743-7444.

**SING FOR JOY CHOIR**

All are welcome to join Sing For Joy for their Christmas concert, "Christmas Joy" on Wed Dec 6<sup>th</sup> in St Fintans Church, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise at 11am. Free admission.

**MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY**

Mountmellick Camera Club is exhibiting their work for the month of November. An adult chess club runs every Saturday morning from 12 – 2 pm. The adult colouring group meets on Thursday mornings from 10.30 onwards. The inaugural annual Laois County Council Junior Chess tournament takes place on Sat Dec 9<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 am-1.30 pm in Portlaoise College on the Mountrath Road. All Primary school children welcome at all levels. Each child will play a minimum of 5 games with Swiss tournament rules applying. No advance booking required. Further information from Sport and Leisure section, Laois County Council. Call 057-866-4058 or email [sports@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:sports@laoiscoco.ie) Baby Book Club is every Tuesday at 10:30 am. This is for babies from 0 – 18 months and their parents and siblings. Parent and Child Christmas Craft session for Christmas is on Fri Dec 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-4:30 pm. If interested in any of the above ring 057-864-4572 to book a place or call into Mountmellick Library. All are welcome.

**CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 20-19-4.  
€30 winners: Paddy Dunne, Slieve Bloom Park; Myra Sherlock, Chapel Street; E.E.J. Conway, Coolagh; Edel Bourke Slevin, Clonaslee; Val Hogan, c/o Hickeys; Ryan James Delaney, Larrigan. Voucher: Daire & Enda Comerford, Brocca. Bottle: Kitty Deane. Promoter's prize: S Fitzpatrick, Mary O'Keeffe, N Dunne. Voucher: Matt Barrett. Bottle: Maura O'Keeffe.  
Next week's Jackpot: €1,250.

**CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-2-5-20.  
€40 winners: Mary Clear, Bridie Murphy, Kathleen Hendy. Promoter's prize: Frank Fitzprick. Next week's Jackpot: €12,250.