

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 27th November 2022

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Thurs 10 am

Wednesday 9:30 am

1st Friday 6:30 pm

Confession available before Mass

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 am, Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 10 am on this direct link <https://churchmedia.tv/st-manmans-church>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact Fr. O'Reilly on 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. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

EUCHARIST: 3rd/4th December: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 26th November – 6 pm

Mary Conroy, Coolagh Cross & her daughter

Kathleen nee Quill & her husband John,

Listowel

Sunday 27th November – 10 am

John & Annie Dunne, Clonabeg

Peter and Christina Dunne, Brocca

Tom & Mary McCann, Glebe & deceased members of the McCann Family.

Saturday 3rd December – 6 pm

Tim & Margaret Murray, Bellair

James Blake, Perth, Australia & deceased members of the Blake Family, Barradoo

Sunday 4th December – 10 am

Larry Conroy, Brocca

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Tues 29th Nov and Thurs 1st Dec in the mornings. *Please note change of days*

ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 2nd Dec from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

ADVENT

With the beginning of Advent we will be lighting a candle each week on the advent wreath. The **Giving Tree** with gifts going to the patients in Mountmellick Hospital will be up this weekend.

COLLECTION

Christmas Station collection is next weekend. Please use your monthly envelopes for this collection.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY

Christmas party is on Sunday Dec 4th in the Community Centre. We ask all to be seated by 12:45 pm. The photographer needs to leave early. Music is by Hawkeye and catering by Marie's catering. Free raffle on the day with one prize per person. Spot prizes also. The cutting of the cake will take place at 12:45 pm. A great day is assured as always. A driver has volunteered to bring people in to the Centre and back home again. Please contact Maura 087-212-2766 or John 083-471-2546 if anyone requires a lift to and from the party.

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to set up the Community Centre for the Social Services Christmas dinner and party on Saturday Dec 3rd at 11 am to get things ready and at 5:30 pm on Sunday Dec 4th to tidy up. Thank you.

DOG FOULING

People walking their dogs from Mountmellick side into the Village in particular, please take a bag and clean up after your dog. It is on the grass entering the village and it is a disgrace outside

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peoples gates and on the footpath and is unacceptable. Please pick up after your dog.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Online parenting with patience with Mary O'Kane on Thurs Dec 8th at 7:30 pm. Email

NEW CE SCHEME VACANCY: PARISH WORKER

The Parish Worker position involves calling to elderly people who live in the locality and having a cup of tea and a chat or doing light household duties such as bringing in firing, helping with dinner etc. If you are interested in the above vacancy please call Clonasee CE Scheme on 057-864-8277 or

email clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com

CONVERSATION GROUP

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7:30- 8:30 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. We are looking for male volunteers to participate in the Ukrainian English conversation group. The night is conversation based; all you need to be able to do is chat. Can you help each week or every second week? For more information contact Mags on 086-866-8820.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be vigilant. Please use your panic button and peephole. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. Use your peep hole and press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 am. Travel pass is accepted. Cost is €3 return for adults and children over 5 years old. *You must book the evening before prior to 5 pm on 057-869-2168.* **New bus service** from Birr to Portlaoise. Monday to Sunday. Pick up point is Londis Clonaslee. Weekday times: 6:28, 10:28, 14:13, 17:58, 21:53. Sunday: 8:43, 12:53, 16:58, 20:23. Cost €4 return and Free Travel Pass Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More information call 057-869-2168

library@laoiscoco.ie to register. Our *Adult Book Club* has returned, Dec book is the *Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. *Junior Book Club* is for 8-12-year old. *Baby Book Club* for 0-3 year old and carers every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am. Portlaoise have started a *young adult online book club* over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. *Lego Free Play* on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Gallery is hosting Marie Claire Keague's *art exhibition* for the month of Nov. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

Tuesday Nov 29th at 8:30 pm in St. Fiacc's Hall (R93P030). Jackpot on 50 numbers €4,600. Double number €1,090. Lotto €2900. Great prizes,

LOTTO GIFT CARDS

Order your Christmas Lotto Gift cards. €10 for 5 weeks or €20 for 10 weeks of the weekly Lotto draw. An ideal Christmas gift supporting the Parish and community. Contact Dolores 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty on Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulation to Colm Downey, Cosy Bar on winning €1,100. Winning no: 2-9-16. €30 winners: Mary Murray, Mountmellick; Kathleen Blake, Clonaslee; Edel Gilsenan, c/o N Dunne; Jim Rigney, Clonaslee; N Smith, Bellair; Jamie Langford, Clonaslee. Voucher: Pat Dunne. €25: Pauline Rickard c/o N Dunne. Promoters prize: Kathleen Blake, C Horan, Hogans. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. €25: Pat Dunne. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Extra prizes for Christmas.

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Jackpot not won. Winning no: 5-9-11-26.

€40 winners: Ronan McCann, Joseph & Annie

Digan, Catherine Carroll. Promoter's prize:

G Kelly. Next week's Jackpot: €14,050 in Fallons

Bar.