

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 28th February 2016

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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 9 am

Friday – 1st Friday 7:30 pm

Confessions before Mass

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 on 057-934-1831 or www.accord.ie

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 5th March: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly, Patrick Purcell

Sun 6th March: Team B: Ciara Hyland, Aoibhe Mulhall, Darragh Mulhall, Philip Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 27th February – 8 pm

Tom & Winnie Delaney, Brocca

Sunday 28th February – 10 am

Noreen Foyne, Ballykaneen

Jack & Mary Comerford, Capparogan

Saturday 5th March – 8 pm

James & Julia Casey, The Derries

Lil Rosney & parents Patrick & Catherine, Broughla

Sunday 6th March – 10 am

Paddy Breen, Slieve Bloom Park

Pray for Pat Young, Hillside who died during the week.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs March 3rd and Fri March 4th in the morning.

ADORATION

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament takes place Fri March 4th from 10 am-7 pm in Fr. Shortall Room.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cemetery Masses all at 8 pm: June 3rd – Clonaslee; June 24th – Corrigreen; July 1st – Kilmanman.

COLLECTION

Easter Station collection is next weekend. Please use your blue envelopes for this purpose.

CHOIR INVITATION

Singers from choirs in Clonaslee, Killeigh, Mountmellick and Rosenallis are invited to form Easter Sunday Dawn Mass Choir for Easter Sunday March 27th. Mass is in the Festival Field, Rosenallis at 6:30 am with Bishop Denis Nulty the principal celebrant. Practices will be in St Brigid's Church, Rosenallis on Thurs March 3rd and Friday March 18th at 8 pm.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Pope Francis has called on every diocese to implement 24 Hours for the Lord next weekend Friday 4th-Sat 5th, the venue for our deanery is Abbeyleix Church.

HOLY CROSS

Next visit is Thurs March 3rd with bus leaving Clonaslee at 6 pm. Cost is €15 return and €5 for tea and sandwiches if required. Names to Maura 087-212-2766.

'I DO NOT LIKE THEE DR FELL'

The Clodiagh Players are once again running their production of "I do not like thee Dr. Fell" and have kindly agreed to give Scoil Bhride's and Castlecuffe NS Parents Associations 50% of all ticket sales from their show on Fri March 4th and Sat March 5th. Tickets for Friday's show are available from committee members Deirdre Baker 087-612-7084, Siobhan Dunne 087 -926-4537, Karen Hyland 087-959-4740 and Sharon Smith 083-107-2960. Tickets for Sat show please contact Elaine Delaney on 087-236-2723. Your support would be gratefully appreciated. Anyone interested in traveling to Gorey, Co Wexford on Friday March 11th for their performance in the Festival please give your name to Maura on 087-212-2766 no later than Wed March 2nd.

KILMANMAN CHURCH & CEMETERY

Caoimin O'Brien from Offaly Heritage/ Archaeology Committee is giving a talk and slide show on the history of Kilmanman in the Parochial Hall on Tues March 8th at 7:30 pm.

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COUNTRY MARKET

Our local Country Market in the Heritage Centre on Saturday from 10 am – 1 pm with fresh vegetables, home baking, knitwear, arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera, goats cheese and milk, flowers, plants and much more. Free tea and coffee available.

LAOIS TRIP

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.

CASTLECUFFE NS ENROLMENT

Please contact Castlecuffe National School on 864-8238 if you wish to enrol your child for the school term starting in September 2016. Enrolment forms and information will be given to parents.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT '16 -'17

The village primary school is currently endeavouring to determine numbers for the school year '16-'17. It is imperative that the parents of all new Junior infants for September '16 contact the school. In your correspondence please give details of your child's name, address, date of birth and P.P.S. number (if known) and your own contact number. Actual Enrolment forms shall be provided later for all those who make contact with us now. Phone 057-864-8334 (between 2pm and 4pm each day) for further details.

HORTICULTURE COURSE

One class per week for 5 weeks. Each class is 2.5 hours. Venue is in Clonaslee. Tutor is one of the award winners of Bloom 2015. Topics to be covered: soil preparation, plant identification, soil types, principles of organic gardening, fruit and vegetable gardening (community orchard planning), pest/disease control. Number of places: 10. Cost of course per class is €5. If you would like to book your place on this course, please contact Caitriona or Geraldine in Clonaslee Community Centre on 057-864-8277.

HEALTHY HEART COURSE

Healthy Heart Course is due to start shortly with limited spaces left. This is a 6 week course, 1 day per week for 2.5 hours each. Cost per class is €3.50 which covers the materials and ingredients used to produce healthy meals during the course

Which, of course, participants get to sample! Tutor will supply the ingredients. To book your place, please contact Caitriona or Geraldine in Clonaslee Community Centre on 057-864-8277.

COMPUTER COURSE

Computer Course is due to start shortly with some places left. This is a 6 week course, 1 class per week for 2 hours each. Venue is in Clonaslee. The following topics will be covered: email, Facebook, skype and TV playback but the tutor will cover other topics such as Done Deal, Dept. of Agriculture website and more. Cost of the course: €20 per person. If you are interested, please contact: Caitriona or Geraldine in the Community Centre on 057-864-8277.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

Starting Friday March 4th – Friday March 11th each night at 8 pm except on Fri March 11th at 7:30 pm. Plays being performed are Sharon's Grave, the Quiet Moment, Jane Eyre, Moonshine, Where He Lies, The Thrill of Love, Proof, Steel Magnolias. Season tickets (8 nights) €50, 1 night €10. Tickets available on the door.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND

Special Olympics Ireland urgently requires volunteers in the Clonaslee area to help with its charity collection day which takes place on Friday April 22. Collection Day is the biggest annual fund raising event in aid of Special Olympics with the funds supporting more than 9,000 athletes in 360 clubs around Ireland. Special Olympics Ireland requires volunteers across the day. If you can commit to the full day or even just an hour, please contact Louise Duffy on 01-869-1626, email: duffy.louise@specialolympics.ie or check out the website www.specialolympics.ie.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 7-19-8.

€30 winners: Paddy Dunne, Slieve Bloom Park; Pat Maher, Ballinalug; Edel & Thomas, c/o Matt; Peter Casey, Coolnabanch; Essie Rosney, Castlecuffe; Julie Davis, Gurteen. Promoter's prize: Michael Dunne, Michael Fallon, Ann Rigney. Next week's Jackpot: €800.