

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28th January 2024

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The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs & Fri – 1st/2nd Feb at the usual times.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10 am
Friday – 1st Friday 6 pm

ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 2nd Feb from 10 am – 1 pm.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE

Blessing of Throats after Sat 6 pm mass and Sun 10 am mass next weekend 3rd/4th Feb.

EVENING PRAYER FOR ST BRIGID

Feb 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on Feb 1st at 7:30 pm.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is on from 10 am – 4 pm on Sat 24th Feb in Emo National School. To help with costs, participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact Fr O'Reilly or Annette Doolan 087-988-1046 if you would like to take part in this training.

CLONASLEE ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

St Patrick's Day Parade launch is on Thurs 1st Feb at 8:30 pm in the Clonaslee Heritage Centre. All welcome, new members are very welcome.

Refreshments afterwards.

COMMUNITY ALERT

We ask everyone to be extra vigilant as a house was broken into on Wednesday evening in Slieve Bloom Park. If you see any suspicious or strange cars around at any time, please phone the Gardi. Those who have monitor alarms, press your panic button as help is on hand at all times. Be vigilant and look out for each other.

TIDY TOWNS

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 Feb: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 27th January – 6 pm

Betty Heaney, Gorrrough

Ned Smith, Chapel Street & his parents

Thomas & Mary Smith

Elizabeth & James Heaney, Hillside

Gerry Conroy, Ashbrook

Sunday 28th January – 10 am

Joe Flynn, Graigueafulla

Donal & Anne Maher, Clarahill

Saturday 3rd February – 6 pm

Tim & Margaret Tynan, Garryheather

VISITATION OF THE SICK

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Tidy Towns are once again appealing to all dog walkers to please use the Dog Mits. They are at Hillview, Slieve Bloom Park, Brittas Avenue so no need to leave dog poop on the footpaths in front of people's houses. We thank all who are using them. There is €150 fine for not picking up after your dog.

over 5 years old. *You must book the evening before prior to 5 pm on 057-869-2168. **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*

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

On Tuesday 30th Jan in St. Fiacc's Hall at 8:30 pm. Jackpot on 46 numbers €1,740. Double number €810. Lotto €3500.

SCOIL BHRIDE, CLONASLEE

Scoil Bhríde, Cluain na Slí will commence accepting applications for Admission to its new Junior Infant Class 2024-2025 from 8/1/24. The closing date for accepting applications falls on 29/1/24. A copy of the school's Admission Policy and Application for Admission form for the 2024-2025 school year is available as follows:

*To download at www.clonasleens.ie

*On request: emailing: clonasleens@gmail.com

*On the Phone 057 8648334 (Between 2pm-4pm)

*On writing to: The Principal, Scoil Bhríde, Chapel St, Clonaslee, Co. Laois, R32WE51

CASTLECUFFE NS ADMISSIONS

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for September 2024 Junior Infant enrolment on Jan 8th. The application form for admission can be downloaded from www.castlecuffens.com or alternatively parents may email the school at info@castlecuffens.com giving their name and address and a form will be sent in the post. The school can also be contacted by phone on (057) 864-8238 during school hours. Our admissions policy and admissions notice are available for viewing on our website. The closing date for applications is Feb 2nd.

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

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

In the Gallery for the month of February is The People & Places Exhibition: A Selection from the Kenrick Photo Collection 1895 – 1915. We have books clubs for all ages-baby book club for 0-3 year olds, children's book clubs for 4-6,7-9,10-12 year olds and two adult book clubs. Would you like to take some time out, connect with others and explore some great poems and stories. Then, join us for some shared reading sessions where a staff member will read a story or poem. We then talk together about what we think and feel about it. All are welcome. Lego Free Play on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. No need to book, just drop in to meet and create together. Mountmellick Arts Collective meet on Thursday mornings. Sensory Room is for the use of children and adults with additional needs with their parent/carer present. Sensory Toy Resource Collection is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. If interested in any of the above call 057-864-4572 or

email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 5-17-6.

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€30 winners: Murray Grandchildren, c/o Dolores

Murray; Dawn Flynn, Ross; Patricia Costello,
Hillside; Jane Gounoud, Brocca; Erin & Oliver
O'Connor, c/o Dolores Murray; Mary Rose
Corbet, Ballykaneen. Promoter's prize:

P Costello, Edel O'Brien, Mary O'Keeffe.

Next week's Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers
can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-
414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-8-14-18.

€30 winners: Eoin Gorman, Dunne Family, Colm
Downey, Helena Dunne, Kay McRedmond.

Promoter's prize: Hickeys.

Next week's Jackpot: €4,900 in Hickeys Bar.