

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 29th January 2023

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, P.P.

Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Charity Number: 07355

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday 10 am

Wed – St Brigid's Day 10 am

Thurs – Candlemas: Blessing of candles
10 am

Fri – 1st Friday – Feast of St Blaise 6 pm
Blessing of Throats, *also at weekend masses*

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.

EUCCHARIST: 4th/5th February: Team D

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 28th January – 6 pm

Clifford & Mary Mills, Cush & their daughter

Jacqueline, Bournemouth

Betty Heaney, Gorrough

Attracta Fallon, Derryguile & Clonaslee

Tom & Mary Anne Kearney & her daughter

Kathleen, Shracullen

Tom & Annie Carroll, Ballykaneen

Saturday 4th February – 6 pm

Tim & Margaret Tynan, Garryheather

Christy Francis Lambe, Birmingham

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs & Fri 2nd/3rd Feb in the mornings.

ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 3rd Feb from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

1st COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Confirmation programme takes place next Sat 4th Feb at 6 pm mass. *1st Communion* programme is on Sun 5th Feb at 10 am mass.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Throats will be blessed on Fri and after both masses this weekend.

THANK YOU

The management, staff and residents of St Vincent's Community Nursing Unit Mountmellick thank Fr. O'Reilly and all the people of Clonaslee for their kindness and generosity.

SINGING CLASS

Music and Traditional singing classes in the Community Centre every Thursday evening starting at 5:15 pm. Suitable for all ages, beginners welcome. Contact John on 085-285-1772 or Clonaslee Comhaltas Facebook page.

CASTLECUFFE NS ADMISSIONS

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for September 2023 admission on Jan 5th. 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 we will send one out in the post. The school can also be contacted by

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phone on (057) 864-8238 between 9 am and 11 am on weekdays. Our admissions policy

The *Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. You can borrow the kit for 2 weeks to conduct a mini home energy audit. If you wish to be added to the waiting list for this item call 057-864-4572. As part of the campaign against *period poverty*, free

and admissions notice for this year are available for viewing on our website.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT 23' – 24'

Scoil Bhríde, Cluain na Slí will commence accepting applications for Admission to its new Junior Infant Class 2023-2024 from 5/1/23. The closing date for accepting applications falls on 5/2/23. A copy of the school's Admission Policy

and Application for Admission form for the 2023-2024 school year is available as follows:

*To download at www.clonasleens.ie *On request: by emailing: clonasleens@gmail.com

*On the phone: 057-864-8334 between 2-4pm

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

BINGO

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 31st Jan in St Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Over €11,000 in prize money. Jackpot on 50 numbers €5,640, Double number €1650, Lotto €850. Great prizes, bring a friend.

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

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

sanitary products will be available in the bathrooms of Mountmellick, Portlaoise and Abbeyleix libraries. *Writing* space on Thurs mornings where people can meet to write or journal and meet. *Age Friendly Laois*: Free to collect at Mountmellick Library: *I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) cards* provide valuable information to emergency first responders. An *information booklet* to services for older persons in Laois. *Message in a Bottle* encourages people to keep their basic personal and medical details in a common place, where the Emergency teams can easily access them. Keep up to date with all our events in Mountmellick Library by checking in or following *Laois Libraries Facebook page*. The Mountmellick Library Facebook page is no longer active. The *gallery* is hosting artist Siobhan Parkinson. Her pieces carry deep spiritual messages. Opening night is Tues Feb 7th at 6:30 pm.. All welcome. We have *book clubs* for all ages; babies 0-3 years, juniors 8-12 years and adult book club. Portlaoise have started a *young adult online book club* over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings from 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 23-15-13
€30 winners: Laura Slevin, Brittas; Peter Costello, Graigueafulla; Kitty Deane, Reary; Tom McRedmond, c/o Hickeys; Shane & Patsy, Coolagh Cross; Jimmy Delaney, c/o C Horan. Promoters prize: Flynns PO, N Dunne, K Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €1,100. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores

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Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty,
Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA

LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-9-11-22.

€40 winners: Pat Callaghan, Annie & Neil

Digan, Mike Kelly. Promoter's prize:

F Fitzpatrick. Next week's Jackpot: €15,250 in

Downeys Bar.