

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 29th November 2015

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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

Confession 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 28th November – 8 pm

James Dunne, Main Street

Peter Dunne, Jim & Maura Sweeney & Donal Sweeney, Main Street

Bridie Heffernan, Ballymacrory & Liverpool

Frank & Mary Barnett, Ballymacrory

Jim Dunne, Ballymacrory

McEvoy & Conroy Family, Graigueafulla

Thomas O'Brien, Reary

Willie & Bridget Deegan, Darby & Cadamstown

Sunday 29th November – 10 am

Michael Costello & Mrs Annie Costello, Graigueafulla

Tom McCann, Glebe

Saturday 5th December – 8 pm

Christopher & Elizabeth Conroy, & deceased members of Conroy Family, Cappinagraigue

Fr Joe Shortall, former PP, Clonaslee

Sunday 6th December – 10 am

Timothy & Margaret Mary Murray & Murray Family, Bellair

Larry Conroy, Brocca

Pray for Martin Dunne, Robinstown, Mullingar & Broughla who died during the past week.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

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

ADORATION

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

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

The monthly SVP meeting on Fri 4th Dec after Mass in the Fr Shortall Room.

COLLECTION

Christmas Station collection is next weekend.

Please use your blue monthly envelope.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Voting continues this weekend to facilitate those unable to vote last week. You are asked to please vote for 3 people whom you consider a suitable candidate. Voting ballots and pens are at all the doors. Please put your vote in the boxes at the church doors.

COLLECTION

National church gate collection for Saint Vincent de Paul next weekend 5th/6th Dec.

CHOIR

Christmas choir practice is on Thurs 3rd Dec at 7 pm on the Gallery. All welcome.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are on sale before and after both masses. Pkg 10/€5.

CCDA ELECTION

Don't forget to send back your voting sheets for the Community Development Assoc. You may vote for 4 people from your area, names are on the sheet provided with voting sheets.

SENIOR CITIZEN PARTY

The annual senior citizen party will be on Sun Dec 13th at 1 pm sharp in the Community Centre. Please reply this week to let us know you are attending. If you think you are eligible and haven't received an invite please contact Maura, Secretary on 087-212-2766 or John, Chairperson on 083-471-2546. No reply, no dinner.

CHANGE FOR CHARITY

If you wish to give your small change for local charity there will be collection baskets in the church, during mass, 28/29th Nov & 5/6th Dec.

CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Carol service will be on Sunday Dec 13th at 5 pm in the church. The Tullamore Choir, children from the local national schools and Tom Conroy will be performing. Mulled wine and

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light refreshments will be served. All welcome to join the festivities.

BUS TO LIMERICK

On Sat Dec 5th leaving Clonaslee at 8:30 am, Rosenallis at 8:45 am, Mountmellick at 9 am. Seats must be booked before Wed Dec 2nd on 057-869-2168. All Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults/FTP/over 16 cost is €5 return, under 16 cost is €3 return.

HOLY CROSS

Next visit is Dec 3rd leaving Clonaslee at 6 pm Collects in Rosenallis and Mountmellick. Cost €15 return. If you require tea and sandwiches €5. Names to 087-212-2766.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas Mass bouquets are now available. Contact Dolores Murray, 087-414-8093.

SING FOR JOY CHOIR

Dates for your diary: Wed Dec 9th St Fintan's Church, in the grounds of St Fintan's Hospital, entrance from Stradbally Road at 11 am and Wed Dec 16th in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise at 11 am. All are welcome to come along and enjoy your Christmas favorites.

SANTA IS COMING

Santa will be arriving by sleigh on Saturday Dec 12th at 6 pm at the Heritage Centre. The Christmas Market will be in the Heritage Centre from 4:30 – 7:30 pm the same day.

STRICTLY COME DANCING

In aid of St Manman's GAA Club will be held on Sat Dec 5th in the Community Centre. Bar and band on the night. All support greatly appreciated. Tickets are €20 and available from dancers, Jody on 087-250-6469 or Donna on 087-991-1665.

CONGRATS

Congratulations to William Murray on winning the Laois Intermediate Footballer of 2015.

CLONASLEE VILLAGE MARKET

Open Saturdays from 10am to 1pm in the Heritage Centre. Fresh produce, home baking, knitwear, arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera, goat's cheese and milk and much more.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat on 18th -20th Dec

at Newbridge College. It's an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. There will be good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, fantastic live music, group activities, Youth masses, adoration, a healing service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people. Don't let money be an obstacle, just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. Booking is essential. For info /booking see www.youth2000.ie, see our Youth 2000 Ireland FB page or ring 01-675-3690.

CCE JOB VACANCY

Vacancy for a *Clerical worker/Administrator* Job Ref: 989928. Position based in Acquired Brain Injury Ireland in Mountbolus. Hours flexible; 19 ½ hours per week or 2 full days and 1 half day and CE rates of pay apply. Good communication and interpersonal skills essential. *Caretaker* Job Ref: 989930 two positions – 1 based in Acquired Brain Injury Ireland in Mountbolus and 2nd position in Clonaslee. 19 ½ hours per week, CE rates of pay apply. *Caretaker/cleaner* Job Ref: 989934: based in the Community Centre. 19 ½ hours per week, CE rates of pay apply. General eligibility requirements for CE – one year in receipt of a social welfare payment and over 25 years of age but please check with your local Social Welfare/Intreo office for confirmations. Please contact Caitriona in the Community Centre on 057-864-8277 for further information.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 23-12-8. €30 winners: Sarah & Emily Corbet, Ballykaneen; Sean Egan, Tinnahinch; Camillus Kelly, c/o Hickeys; Pat Dunne, Ballymacrory; John Barrett, Tullamore Road; Mary Rose Corbet, Ballykaneen. Voucher: Nora Casey, Castlecuffe. Bottle: Edel Dunne, Chapel Street. Promoter's prize: Ann Rigney, Chris Horan, M McRedmond. Voucher: Flynn's PO. Bottle: Shirley Langford.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 16-17-22-24. €40 winners: Geraldine Conroy, Sheila Dunne, Sarah Conroy, Helena Dunne, Brandy & Darkie. Promoter's prize: Fallons. Next week's Jackpot €8,550.