

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 3rd December 2017

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Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am

Thursday – Vigil Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8 pm

Friday – The Immaculate Conception 10 am

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 for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or accordtull@eircom.net. Also on offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

WEBCAM – Live Mass feed on www.mcmmedia.com under Clonaslee Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Thurs 7th Dec: Team A: Eimear Kelly, Lily May Owens, Amy Thornton, Emily Lambe

Fri 8th Dec: Team A: Emer Dunne, Daniel O'Meara, Michael Poole, Ciara Breen, Niamh Kelly, Cadhia McCann

Sat 9th Dec: Team B: Catherine Hyland, Amelia Dunne, Sineád Hobhan Garry, Corrine Greene

Sun 10th Dec: Team B: Darragh Mulhall, Paul Mullhall, Peter Foynes, Eimear Kelly, Martina Connolly Daly, Corrine Greene

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 2nd December – 8 pm

Laurence Conroy & Larry Jnr Conroy, Brocca Tom McCann, Glebe

Christina & Peter Dunne, Brocca

James Dunne, Mains Street & his father Peter Donal Sweeney, Jim Sweeney & Maura

Sweeney, Main Street

Sunday 3rd December – 10 am

Timothy & Margaret Mary Murray, Bellair & members of the Murray Family

Michael Costelloe & Annie Costelloe,
Graigueafulla

John & Margaret Multaney & their son Charles,
Coolagh

Saturday 9th December – 8 pm

Kit Mahon, Slieve Bloom Park

Christopher & Elizabeth Conroy & deceased members of the Conroy Family, Cappanagraigue
Fr Joe Shortall, former PP of Clonaslee

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the gallery in preparation for Christmas Eve mass. All welcome to join.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The tradition of placing Poinsettias around the altar will continue this year. If you wish to have one on the altar in memory of your beloved dead, there is an envelope in your monthly box for this purpose. Cost €10 each.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

In aid of Epilepsy Ireland is next weekend 9th/10th Dec. Thank you for your support.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Senior Citizens Christmas dinner is on today Sunday Dec 3rd in the Community Centre at 1 pm sharp in the Community Centre. Please come on time. Raffle for a hamper and numerous prizes. A great day is promised.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Clonaslee/Portarlinton Christmas carollers are hosting a Christmas concert on Sunday Dec 10th at 5 pm in St Manman's Church, Clonaslee. The Clodiagh Players and Clonaslee Comhaltas will have a presentation during the concert. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

MONTHLY BINGO

Bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre on Sun Dec 10th. Doors open at 2:15 pm. First number called at 3 pm. Books cost €3, €6 and €11. Sheets €2. Over €1,800 in prize money to be won.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please take down the registration number and phone in anything suspicious to the Garda station on 057-867-4100. Be a good neighbour and check on the elderly. Wear panic button and press it if you require help. Call Teresa if there are any problems on 087-970-5651.

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PLAYSCHOOL NATIVITY

Tir na Nog Playschool Christmas Nativity will take place on Wed Dec 13th at 6:00 pm in the hall at Scoil Bhríde. Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONCERTS

Scoil Bhríde Christmas concert is on Tues Dec 19th at 7 pm. Castlecuffe NS Christmas concert is on Thurs Dec 21st at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas bouquets cards are available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

SOCIAL SERVICES BINGO

Bingo on Wednesdays at 2 pm in the Community Centre. Come along for two hours and enjoy bingo, cuppa and a chat. All welcome.

MONSTER WHIST DRIVE

In Clonaslee Parish Hall on Sun Dec 10th at 8:30 pm sharp. Top score: €200; First gent: €100; Second gent: €50; First lady: €100; Second lady €50; 1st quarter: €25; 2nd quarter: €25; 3rd quarter: €25; 4th quarter: €25. Whist card €10.

SING FOR JOY CHOIR

All are welcome to join Sing For Joy for their Christmas concert, "Christmas Joy" on Wed Dec 6th in St Fintans Church, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise at 11am and Wed Dec 13th in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise, upstairs in John Paul Room at 11am. Free admission.

TEENY TOTS

Clonaslee Teeny Tots Parent & Toddler Group on every Tuesday during the school term in the Community Centre from 9:30 am – 12 noon. All welcome with lots of fun activities for children from babies to pre-school. Cost is €3 per family. For more information contact Cheryl on 087-633-1528.

DISABILITY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Meeting of Laois Public Participation Network's Disability Special Interest Group is on Tues Dec 12th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise in the Maryborough Room. Further information available from Pamela Tynan at 057-866-5661 or ptynan@laoiscoco.ie

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Our December exhibition; Inis artists comprises 15 artist both professional and highly talented amateur artists based in Clare. All are welcome to view the exhibition. Junior Chess club is on Sat Dec 9th at 10:30 am for ages 7 – 13. Basic knowledge required. An adult chess club runs every Saturday morning from 12 – 2 pm. The adult colouring group meets on Thursday mornings from 10.30 onwards. The inaugural annual Laois County Council Junior Chess tournament is on Sat Dec 9th from 9.30 am-1.30 pm in Portlaoise College on the Mountrath Road. All Primary school children welcome at all levels. Further information from Sport and Leisure section, Laois County Council. Call 057-866-4058 or email sports@laoiscoco.ie Baby Book Club is every Tuesday at 10:30 am. This is for babies from 0 – 18 months and their parents and siblings.

LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus travels each Tuesday and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Bus travels to Tullamore on Thursdays leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm from the Bridge Centre. Bus travels to Bingo Sundays leaving at 7:30 pm It is a door to door pick up. The bus will also drop you at hospitals or train stations. Any bookings or queries to 087-743-7444.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-8-5. €30 winners: Benny Peavoy, Clonaslee; Ann Rigney, Brocca; Patricia Lowndes, Rosenallis; M.E.E. Gilsenan, c/o N Dunne; Eve Deanes c/o 26 Hillside; Tina Conroy, Brittas. Voucher: Edel & Hetty c/o Matt. Bottle: Peter Maher. Promoter's prize: Mary O'Keeffe, Post Office, Matt Barrett. Voucher: Ger Kelly. Bottle: Mary O'Keeffe. Next week's Jackpot: €1,400.

CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 1-14-18-26. €40 winners: Julian, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Julie Kennedy. Promoter's prize: Frank Fitzpatrick. Next week's Jackpot: €12,400.