ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 31st January 2021

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LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MASS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBCAM.

| WEEKEND MASSES | |
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| Saturday | 8 pm |
| Sunday | 10 am |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | |
| Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri | 9 am |

You can watch live mass feed on www.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 30th January – 8 pm

Betty Heaney, Gorrough Tim & Margaret Tynan, Garryheather <u>Sunday 31st January – 10 am</u> Months Mind, Brid Malone, Ballinahemmy

Patrick Stack, Coolagh & Portlaoise

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on www.clonasleeparish.com See **www.kandle.ie** for up to date news and resources.

ENVELOPES

<u>**Thanks</u>** to all for your generous donations to the Parish and Clergy. Your envelopes may be left at the Parochial House.</u>

FUNERALS

It is important the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed the current guideline which is *10 people*.

CASTLECUFFE NS ADMISSIONS

The Admissions process for primary schools has changed this year and the date is set for schools receiving applications starting on Jan 14th until Feb 4th. Castlecuffe NS application form for admission can be downloaded from www.castlecuffens.ie or email the school at castlecuffens@gmail.com with their address and we will send one out in the post. If any difficulties they may phone the school on 057-864-8238 between 9:30 am and 11 am on weekdays.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT

The village primary school is currently endeavouring to determine numbers for the school year 2021-2022. It is imperative the parents of all new Junior Infants for September 2021 contact the school in writing. Please give details of your child's name, address, date of birth and PPS number, if known, and your own contact number. Please email the school at clonasleens@gmail.com or write to the Principal, Scoil Bhríde, Chapel Street, Clonaslee, Co Laois R32 WE51.

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Application forms for admission to Junior Infants School Year 2021-2022 shall be provided by the Board of Management for all those who make contact with us now. Telephone 057-864-8334 between 2 pm and 4 pm each day for further details.

TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns will have a general clean up on Tuesday February 9th at 3pm meeting at Clonaslee Heritage Centre. Please bring your gloves and hi viz jacket. Litter pickers and bags will be provided. All public health guidelines regarding social distancing will be adhered to.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Gardi and community alert ask you to please be extra vigilant as the dark evenings are here. Don't open your door to strangers. Use your peep hole before you answer the door, press your panic button if you are worried. If you notice anything unusual please report it to the Gardi. Those with monitor alarms, please wear your panic buttons at all times.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

It was decided, during Level 5 restrictions, for the safety for of all concerned, the lotto would be postponed until a later date

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

The library is closed for business and will remain so for the duration of Level 5 restrictions. Our online services are available 24/7. Decluttering Workshop: Zoom Workshop with Sarah Reynolds on how to organise your home with tips on decluttering and top storage solutions on Tues Feb 9th 7.30-8.30 p.m. If interested, please email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie Missing your book club? Join our online short story book club from the comfort of your own home. We'll meet over Zoom once a month to discuss selected short stories. If interested call 057-864-4588 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie. For those over 65 and cocooning Laois Libraries with the help of Laois Volunteers will deliver books, talking books or DVD'S to your door. Call 057-864-4572 Tuesday -Friday 10 am-1pm. and 2-5 pm if you wish to avail of this service.

<u>ALONE</u> - COVID-19 Support Line for Older People Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818-222-024.

Prayer to St Brigid Feb 1st, 2021

As you begin, name any prayer intention you have, including protection and healing from COVID-19 and the intentions for the people of our diocese.

Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael, may your protection never fail. Spread your mantle over me, where 'ere I am, where 'ere I be. Cover me with God's joy and peace, let my faith and hope never cease. Shine your light where there is darkness, strengthen me in any weakness. Heal all within that may be ill, give me the desire each day to do God's will. 'Till I rest, my journey o'er, with God and you forever more. St Brigid, patron of Kildare and Leighlin, pray for us.