

*ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER*  
*Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

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Parish Website: [www.clonasleeparish.com](http://www.clonasleeparish.com)

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 8 pm      Sunday 10 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am**

You can watch live mass feed on [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv) under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am.

**DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER**

The church will be open daily, entrance from main church doors only, for private prayer and lighting of candles. Please observe social distancing while in the designated area. Hand sanitizers are available.

**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](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 8 pm**

**Month's Mind**, Joanne Foynes, Brocca Martin & Rita Fallon, Main Street Nuala Dunne, Clonabeg

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 10 am**

Paddy & Mairead Murphy, Bellair Pray for Teresa Conroy, Ballydavis, Portlaoise and Elizabeth (Lil) Sheils, Rahan who both died during the past week.

**COLLECTION**

October collection is due this weekend. Please use your monthly envelope for this purpose.

**NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on [www.clonasleeparish.com](http://www.clonasleeparish.com) See [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) for up to date news and resources.

**FACE COVERINGS**

A message from Bishop Denis asks, in line with NPHE and government guidelines all attending Mass are encouraged to wear masks or a visor.

**SEATING CAPACITY**

Our church has capacity of 120 with social distancing allowances, however guidelines state only 50 people are allowed at any one ceremony including stewards, priest, etc. Please be aware of numbers and follow steward's guidance.

**ENVELOPES**

Your weekly donations, monthly envelopes can be dropped into the Parochial house or at Collection Boxes before/after weekend Masses. Alternatively the Diocesan Donation button on Kandle website can be used on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**FUNERALS**

It is important the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed the current guidelines. We know this causes huge hardship to bereaved families, but they are mandatory guidelines.

**HIGH NELLY BIKE CLUB RALLY**

Draw takes place Sun Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Hickey's. Sponsor cards are in the shops and from members for €2 per line.

**TIDY TOWNS**

Clonaslee Tidy Towns have finished for 2020. Please do not throw your masks on the street. Please sweep in front of house or business.

**COMMUNITY ALERT**

With the nights getting longer we ask everyone to be vigilant. Those with monitor alarms, please wear your panic buttons at all times. They are monitored around the clock so help is always at hand. If anyone requires an alarm contact Matt Barrett, Chairman or Maura O'Gorman, Secretary. Report any strange happenings in your area

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**PIANO LESSONS**

Piano lessons available from resident pianist in Ballyfin Hotel. Learn for fun or prepare for music exams. Contact Tom Conroy at 087-205-4720.

**CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot won, congratulations to Ryan James Delaney, Larrigan on winning €1,400. Winning no: 4-17-3. €30 winners: Marty Corcoran, c/o Hickey's; Eilish Dunne, Broughla; Tom Foynes, Ballykaneen; Finn Cassidy, c/o S Fitzpatrick, John Comerford, Brocca; Colette Kelly, Ballykaneen. Promoter's prize: Maura O'Gorman, Ann Rigney, Ann Rigney. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

**LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK**

Children over 5 years old must now pay €2 return and it applies to children up to the age of 18 years. Book your seat the night before on 087-743-7444.

**MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY**

Erica Hargaden of Babogue Sleep Solutions will give a seminar on our Facebook page on Thurs Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. If anyone would like to submit a question to Erica either email [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie) by 5 pm on Fri Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Follow the story of Dee the Bee by Dolores Keaveney as you stroll around Mountmellick Park with the kids. "Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are". Mountmellick Library will be doing a reading passport promotion in September/October for adults. Read 4 books based in any other country or city and on completion adults will be entered in a draw for a token. Appointed browsing service is now operating. Call 057-864-4572 to get a 30 minute slot to browse and pick up books. Masks required and your library card. Call and collect service is on-going and printing is available.

**MUSIC CLASSES**

Music Generation Laois offer the following classes in Laois Music Centre – bodhrán, guitar, harp,

ukulele, world drumming, uilleann pipes, trumpet, trombone, keyboard, fiddle, concertina, trad flute, tin whistle, drum kit, oboe, double bass, The Music Box – a programme for children with special needs, P-Pops – a singing group, a Junior, Intermediate and Senior Trad Group, Harp ensemble, String quartet, Chamber Music and a weekly Rock and Pop Jam. Large ventilated rooms, very reasonable fees, instruments available for hire. Come try a first class for free. 057-868-1782, [mgl@loetb.ie](mailto:mgl@loetb.ie) Music Generation Laois, Church Avenue, Portlaoise R32 YO74

***A Coronavirus Prayer***

***Loving and healing God,***

we, the people of Kildare & Leighlin turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

***Generous God,***

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family and friends. Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe.

***O God of creation and life,***

we place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow. St Brigid, pray for us. St Conleth, pray for us. St Lazerian, pray for us. May all the saints of God, pray for us. AMEN.