

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5th February 2023

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am

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: 11th/12th February: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 4th February – 6 pm

Tim & Margaret Tynan, Garryheather

Christy Francis Lambe, Birmingham

Timothy & Mary Ryan, Terenure

Saturday 11th February – 6 pm

Months Mind, Martin Dunne, Tinnahinch

Sunday 12th February – 10 am

Kathleen Dooley, Camross

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Throats will be blessed after both masses this weekend.

COLLECTION

The Diocesan Levy collection is on next weekend 11th/12th Feb. Please use your monthly envelopes for this purpose.

TIDY TOWNS

We appeal to people to please be responsible and clean up after your dog. Next to the Heritage Centre and on the footpaths is a disgrace. There are Mit Bins at Hillview, Slieve Bloom Park and Brittas Avenue, please take one when you go walking and do not expect someone else to clean up after your pet. We request you put your masks in the bin, there are quite a few on the footpaths.

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY ALERT

Your €10 fee is now due for Text Alert. Please give it to Matt Barrett, Chairman. There are a few outstanding from last year. Anyone who requires a Monitor Alarm, please contact the committee so we can keep a record on who gets them. We thank Teresa Moloney, Task for all she has done for us in Clonaslee, always so helpful.

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.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

2 seats available due to cancellation on the Portlaoise Fatima Pilgrimage June 8th- 15th. Contact 087-121-0263.

BINGO

Graigucullen Bingo on Tuesday 7th Feb in St Fiaccs Hall at 8:30 pm. Over €12,000 in prize money. Jackpot on 50 numbers €5,770, Double number €1720, Lotto €900. Great prizes, bring a friend.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday

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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*

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*

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

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 by 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. We have *book clubs* for all ages; babies 0-3 years, juniors 8-12 years and adult book club. Portlaoise have a *young adult online book club* over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. *Lego Free Play* during school midterm and it is also available 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.

FUNDING INFORMATION EVENT FOR UKRAINE HELP

Laois is getting €1,014,607 under the €50 million Community Recognition Fund to specifically support communities across the country that have welcomed and are hosting families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries. The scheme details set out that only areas which have high levels of new arrivals will be deemed eligible for this scheme. Laois County Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for project proposals from community groups. Proposed project details within the identified areas should be submitted to soconnor@laoiscoco.ie by 4 pm Friday 24th Feb. The Council will host an Information Session on Thurs, Feb 9th at 7 pm in the Dunamais Arts Centre Portlaoise.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

A *sensory morning* on Fri Feb 24th from 10-11:30 am for 0-3 year olds and their parents/carers. Booking is essential. 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 sanitary products will be

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to John Barrett, Tullamore Road on winning €1,100. Winning no: 12-20-17. €30 winners: Peggy Sinnott, c/o M O'Keeffe; Danielle Cusack, Clonaslee; Ann Hooke, Rosenallis; Sharon Murphy, Kilmanman; Seamus McManus, Coolagh; Ritchie O'Keeffe, Brittas. Promoters prize: Shirley Langford, PV Dunne, Kathleen Blake. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

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LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 9-12-17-28.

€40 winners: Caoimhe Ryan, Rossa Braden

c/o Trisha, Michael O'Brien. Promoter's prize:

Colm Hogan. Next week's Jackpot: €15,400 in

Fallons Bar.