

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 5th January 2025

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John & Mary Anne Delaney, Larrigan

WEEKEND MASSES 11th/12th Jan

Saturday 6 pm

Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 6th- 10th Jan

Monday – Epiphany of the Lord
11 am & 6 pm

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 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.

EUCHARIST: 11th/12th Jan: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 4th January – 6 pm

John O'Keefe, The Green

Julia & James Casey, The Derries & deceased members of the Casey Family
Tadhg & Annie O'Donovan & their son
Tadhg Jnr, Main Street

Sunday 5th January – 10 am

Darren Campbell, Coolagh

Mary Daly & the Daly Family, Castlecuffe

Saturday 11th January – 6 pm

Months Mind, Danny McRedmond,
Clonabeg

Eilish Proctor nee Murray, Kent & Bellair

Sr Julia Egan & Brother Philbert Egan,
Rathcoffey

Joe & Bríd Malone, Ballinahemmy

Albert Yates, Castletown

Joe, May, Tom & Bill Conroy, Brocca

Pray for Monica O'Rourke, Bonastick who died during the week.

Josie Kilgannon nee Murray, Liverpool & Bellair and Tony Nugent, Rath. Both who died during the week. Funeral arrangements later.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Confirmation programme continues next Sunday 12th Jan during 10 am mass.

JUBILEE PRAYER CARDS

Jubilee Year 2025 Prayer cards are available at the doors of the church. The card contains the prayer on one side and an explanation of the Jubilee logo on the other side.

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THANKS

The St Stephens's Day Laois Hospice Walk was a great success. The weather

was beautiful, and the crowds were plenty. Thank you to all the walkers, runner and families who participated. A big thanks to the many volunteers, without your help this community event wouldn't be possible.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 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 057-869-2168.* **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 info call 057-869-2168.

COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 16-7-24. €30 winner: David & Noleen Smith, c/o N Smith; Edel O'Brien, Tullamore Road; Patrick Blake & Larry Rigney; Jamie Langford, Hillside; Rose Kennedy, Shraduff; Ger Costello/ c/o Dolores Murray. Promoter's prize: K Blake, K Blake, M O'Keeffe. Next week's Jackpot: €800. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

AND THAT'S THE GOSPEL TRUTH:

Most of us have learned to live with 'automated answering services' now as a necessary part of our daily lives. But have you

ever wondered what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail?

Imagine praying and hearing the following:

Thank you for calling heaven.

Please select one of the following options:

Press 1 for Requests

Press 2 for Thanksgiving

Press 3 for Complaints

Press 4 for all other inquiries.

I am sorry; all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now.

However, your prayers are important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received.

Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to God,

Press 1. For Jesus,

Press 2. For the Holy Spirit,

Press 3. If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding,

Press 4. To find a loved one that has been assigned to heaven,

Press 5, Then enter his or her PPS number, followed by the euro sign.

(If you receive a negative response, please hang up and try area code 666.)

For reservations at heaven, please enter J-O-H-N followed by the numbers 3-16.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets, and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive.

Our computers show that you have already prayed today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.

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This office is now closed for the weekend

to observe a religious holiday. Please pray
again on Monday, after 9.30am.

If you are calling after hours and need
emergency assistance, please contact your
local parish priest.