

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 5th March 2017

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Phone: 057-864-8030

Parish Website: www.clonasleeparish.com

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

Tues – Ceremony of Light 7:30 pm

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. They also 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

Sat 11th March: Team C: Catherine Hyland, Eimear Kelly

Sun 12th March: Team C: Darragh Mullhall, Paul Mullhall, Corrinne Green, Martina Connolly Daly, Peter Foynes

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 5th March – 10 am

Paddy Breen, Slieve Bloom Park
James & Julia Casey, The Derries
Lil Rosney, her parents Patrick & Catherine Rosney, Broughla

Saturday 11th March – 8 pm

Margaret, Jim, Gerry, Kathleen, Andy, Dinny & deceased members of the Dunne Family, Corbally
Tom Smith Bellair
Jim & Rose Young & Family, Ashbrook
Elizabeth Maher, Killart House
Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe
Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

TWO LIVE, ONE LOVE

Please take a leaflet at the church doors outlining the submission to the Citizens' Assembly by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT & RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Ceremony of Light for confirmation students and Reconciliation service for Easter for parishioners and confirmation students is on Tues at 7:30 pm.

THANK YOU

The Mission collection for Sr Bridie Hogan in Zambia and Fr PJ Clear in Brazil came to €985. On their behalf, sincere thanks to all the parish for your constant and generous support.

TREE PLANTING

Laois/Offaly Irish Wildlife Trust will be planting trees at the Community Centre on Sat March 11th. Come along and help Clonaslee community create a new woodland patch. Please bring your own spade. Children are very welcome to come along.

COMMUNITY ALERT

We are in the process of tendering for the installation of CCTV cameras in our area. This initiative is being set up to provide further security and safety in the Clonaslee area. Fundraising is taking place for the installations of the cameras. A letter has been sent to each household looking for a donation for the installation and upkeep of these cameras. Your donation can be left at Michael Fallons pub, the Community Centre or with Matt Barrett 087-672-6290 in the envelope provided. We are hoping to have a good response back from the community as this will benefit all of us.

BINGO

Bingo each Wednesday from 2 – 4 pm in the Community Centre. We would love to see more getting out and coming for the social aspect.

CCDA

The AGM of the CCDA is on Monday March 13th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. All members please attend.

SET DANCING

Set dancing classes every Wednesdays in the Parochial Hall Clonaslee from 8 – 9:30 pm. Classes are suitable for adults and children, beginners welcome. For more information contact Elaine on 087-236-2723 or John on 085-285-1772.

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MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

Taking place from Fri March 3rd to Fri March 10th each day at 8 pm sharp in the Mountmellick Community Arts Centre. Season ticket for 8 nights is €50, concession €25. One night ticket is €10, concession €5. For further details and bookings contact Jessie at 087-794-2994.

MOUNTMELICK GALLERY & LIBRARY

IFA Farm Safety talks for parents and children. Mountmellick Library Tues 14th March at 6 pm. Save Lives-Think Safety Farm Safely. Drop those stress levels. Adult colouring in Mountmellick Library Thursday mornings 10.30 a.m. Why not drop in? All are welcome. Free internet for 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. every morning from Tuesday to Saturday in Mountmellick Library.

RAMBLING HOUSE

Our first session is on Sun March 19th at 7 pm at An Sean Chistin, Irey, Ballyfin. Lots of music, dancing, singing, stories and poems will be on the menu. All are welcome to join in or relax and enjoy the entertainment. Cupán tae nó caifé. Contact Maureen on 087-648-2038.

LINE DANCING

Due to popular demand, line dancing class is on each Wednesday at 8 pm at An Sean Chistin, Irey, Ballyfin. We will celebrate International Women's Day with special dances on Wednesday March 8. Contact Maureen on 087-648-2038.

FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS

The spring/summer series of Faith Renewal events at Knock Shrine includes a great mix of day retreats, enrichment workshops and a special 'Celebrating Family' day on Sat April 8th with facilitators Fr Timothy Bartlett and Breda O'Brien. For the full programme of events, see www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal

'MOTHERS PRAYERS' WEEKEND

For mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren, bringing them to Jesus who loves them so much more than we do and can change things that we cannot change. In St John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock Fri 10th - Sun 12th March. Mass Friday at 8:30 pm. Sat: Registration at 9 am (No cover charge), meeting starts at 9:30 am. Sunday 9:30 am start

and finishes with Mass at 12:15pm. Any queries to 091-771-009 or 087-618-4110.

LAOIS TRIP

Laois Trip bus travels on Tuesdays and Fridays to Portlaoise. Bus leaves the Post Office at 9:30 am, the bus leaves Portlaoise on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm and on Fridays at 12:30 pm. Cost is €3 return for anyone without free travel pass. Laois Trip also travels to Bingo in Mountmellick every Sunday night. Bus collects in Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. People travelling on Laois Trip must phone in to 087-743-7444 or 057-869-2168 and leave their number the evening before 6 pm or in the morning to book your seat. This is the only way to book your place with Laois Trip.

CLONASLEE CES SCHEME

The following vacancies have arisen:

Caretaker – Evenings at the Community Centre - Job Ref: CES2030016. **Clerical** - Acquired Brain Injury Ireland in Mountbolus - Job Ref: CES2030017. **Clerical** - Heritage Centre and Clonaslee Community Centre - Job Ref: CES2030018. To apply for any of the above positions please contact your local Intreo Office – Tullamore, Portlaoise and quote the relevant Job Reference Number. For specific information about the job i.e. duties, hours etc. please contact Caitriona Cashin, Supervisor on 057-864-8277.

The above positions are part of the national Community Employment Schemes programme and the eligibility criteria, rates of pay and contract lengths are determined by the Dept of Social Protection. People who are eligible for the above positions can work in hours in a flexible manner ie: 19 ½ hours per week or on a week on /week off basis, other options can be negotiated.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 3-10-19. €30 winners: Christy Kelly, Shraduff; Liam Conroy, Clonaslee; Danny Larkin, Hillside; John O'Gorman, Killurine, Mary O'Gorman, Drummond; Eileen Daly, Mountmellick. Promoter's prize: Kathleen Blake, Flynns PO, C Horan. Next week's Jackpot: €800.