

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 5th March 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.

EUCHARIST: 11th/12th March: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 4th March – 6 pm

Noreen Foyne, Ballykaneen
Margaret Gormley, Keady, Co Armagh

Saturday 11th March – 6 pm

John Moran, Main Street
Tom Smith, Bellair
Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch
Tom Higgins, Brocca
Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

Sunday 12th March – 10 am

PJ Comerford, Castlecuffe
Patrick & Mary Delaney, Coolagh their daughters
Claire & Kathleen & great grandson Patrick McDonald

Pray for Pat Flynn, Cashel, Co Tipperary & formerly Reary Valley who died during the week.

CLONASLEE ST PATRICK'S PARADE

On St Patrick's Day at 12 noon sharp. Grand Marshal is Garrett Culliton, Paralympian. Assembly at the Community Centre from 11 am. €500 cash prize for Best Overall Float, €100 cash prizes for category winners. Enquiries contact Brendan 087-967-5054 or Ronan 085-148-2296.

TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns held their first meeting of 2023 recently. Items discussed included: 2022 year in review in National Competition and locally – Clonaslee did very well. Community Recognition Fund Application for towns and villages including Clonaslee hosting Ukrainian friends, Increase Biodiversity in Beds and Flowerpots within the village, Projects for 2023, Laois Federation Tidy Towns AGM in Durrow recently. Please dispose of masks in the bins in the village and not on the ground. There are 3 mutt mitt dispensers in the village for cleaning up after your dog. A fine can be issued for €150 by Laois County Council for not cleaning up after your dog. Clean Up Laois Week 2023 takes place April 17th-21st where Tidy Towns group gather litter for collection by Bord Na Mona AES through Laois County Council.

CCDA

The Clonaslee Community Development Association Election packs are being delivered to households for the election of new CCDA committee. Please return your vote in the enclosed envelope found in your pack to any of the boxes in the following locations: the Church, Castlecuffe NS, Scoil Bhríde NS, Community Centre, Post Office, Hogans Shop or Clonaslee Pharmacy by Fri March 10th. CCDA meeting on Monday March 13th at 7:45 pm. All members please make an effort to attend.

'FITNESS FOR ALL' BOOTCAMP

Come join us in the Heritage Centre, *please note new location*, on Saturdays from 11 am – 12 pm.

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€30 for 4 weeks. Bring a towel, water and a friend. All ages and abilities welcome.

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

PARISH / COMMUNITY LOTTO

Would you like to join the Lotto? 5 weeks for €10 or 10 Weeks for €20 at a time. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Presentation of cheque to Laois Hospice takes place shortly. If there are any outstanding donations, please contact Sheila Bourke on 097-633-9540 or send to Capparogan, Clonaslee.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

If you have bags of clothes ready for collection, please contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

CONVERSATION GROUP

Meeting on Tuesdays from 7- 8 pm in the Heritage Centre, Clonaslee. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Ukrainian English conversation group. The night is conversation based; all you need to be able to do is chat. Can you help each week or every second week? For more information contact Mags on 086-866-8820.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Festival is from 3 – 10th March with 8 drama groups performing. Tickets €15, nightly at 8 pm.

LIVING WELL FOR LONGER EXPO

EVENT

Healthy Laois and Age Friendly Laois Expo Event is on Thurs April 13th from 4-8 pm in Portlaoise College, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise R32 N795. Showcasing the supports, services, groups and activities available to all ages in Laois. 50 stands in attendance. For more info and to preregister contact tcurran@laoiscoco.ie or 086-036-3426.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday 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 057-869-2168.* **New bus service** from Birr to Portlaoise Monday to

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

Pop-up Parent and Child's *Craft table* on Tues March 14th from 3:30 pm until stocks last.

A showing of the *Ripple Effect film* in the Library on Tues March 28th. Tea/coffee at 7 pm and film shown 7:30-8 pm. The *Home Energy Saving Kit* contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home. If you wish to be added to the waiting list for this item call 057-864-4572.

Campaign against *period poverty*, free sanitary products are available in bathrooms of Mountmellick, Portlaoise and Abbeyleix libraries. *Writing space* Thurs mornings where people can meet to write or journal. *Age Friendly Laois*: Free to collect at 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. The *Gallery* is hosting Laois based artist Orla McDonagh. The pieces are acrylic painted works and ceramic pieces. *Book clubs* for all ages; babies 0-3 years meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am, juniors 8-12 years meeting Tues March 28th at 4 pm. and adult book club is reading Louise Nealon's *Snowflake* for March. *Young adult online book club* over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. For further info or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Mary Leahy, Clonaslee on winning €500. Winning no: 17-9-22. €30 winners: Nora Casey, Castlecuffe; Val Rowney, Shraduff; Damien Moran, Main Street; Damien Moran, Main Street; Nadian & Cian O'Keeffe, Brocca; Aidan Hogan, Shraduff. Promoter's prize: Dolores Murray, S Lanford, S Fynamore. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift

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vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray
on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 14-17-18-22.

€40 winners: Eilish Dunne, Des Dunne, Tom

Murray. Promoter's prize: C Downey. Next

week's Jackpot: €16,000 in Hickeys Bar