ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 5th May 2024

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

Saturday 11th May

1st Communion Mass 12 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 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 premarriage 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 May: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 4th May – 8 pm

 $\textbf{Months Mind,} \ \text{Paddy Flynn,} \ \text{London} \ \&$

Garryheather

Michael & Eilish Maher, Main Street

John & Kit Carroll, Shracullen

Jane, John, James Dunne, Glenkeen

Sunday 5th May - 10 am

Months Mind, Kit Molloy, Tinnahinch

Mary & Edward Holton, Gorrough

Ben Egan, Rathcoffey

Mick & Betty McEvoy, Sliabh Bloom Park

Saturday 11th May – 8 pm

Months Mind, Jim Multaney, Castlecuffe John Murphy, Kilmanman & the Murphy Family

BAPTISM TEAM TRAINING

A training day for baptism teams will take place in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow from 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday, May 25th. Tea/coffee will be provided throughout the day. Those coming are asked to bring a packed lunch. The day will explore the why of a baptism team, what happens at the celebration of a baptism, what does a baptism team do and the different models of working well as a baptism team. Practical handouts will be provided to participants. If you are interested in joining this team please contact Fr O'Reilly on 057-864-8030.

K&L DIOCESAN DAY IN KNOCK

Join Bishop Nulty on the Kildare &Leighlin Diocesan Day to Knock on Sunday June 2nd. Names now being taken for the bus leaving Mountmellick at 8:30 am. Call to the parish office or phone 057-862-4390. Cost €20. Ceremonies begin at 2:30 pm.

CLONASLEE SHOW SOCIETY

Our first meeting is on Thurs May 9th at 8 pm in the Community Centre. If you have ideas and would like to help out this year, come and see what it is all about.

THANK YOU

Clonaslee Tidy Towns wish to thank Tullamore Credit Union Ltd for their generous sponsorship of €250 received through the Community Support Fund 2024 which will go towards the cost of flowers throughout the village this year.

CCDA

Last meeting until Oct of the CCDA is Mon May 13th at 7:45 pm in the Community Centre. All members asked to attend.

ROAD SWEEPING

The sweeper for Laois County Council will be out on Wed 8th May in the early morning for a full sweep of the village. We ask all residents and businesses to sweep out the footpaths so the

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Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More

sweeper can collect it up. Please move your car if you see the sweeper. We will be out sweeping Tuesday evening if anyone wishes to join us, meeting at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

information call 057-869-2168

We now have a new phone number 057-868-9382 which you can use to book any events or for any enquiries.

Phone: 057-864-8030

TIDY TOWNS

National Tidy Towns Entry 2024 will be submitted Wed 8th May. We encourage all to use bins in the village to dispose of the rubbish -do not throw your rubbish on the ground. We encourage and request all businesses and residents in the village to keep outside their premises or house a sweep every morning or evening it is a great help. Thank you to all who keep their fronts neat and tidy. Clonaslee is poster free for many years now. All posters must go outside the 50 km road signs. We thank all for their cooperation. Work evenings for Tidy Towns is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings meeting at Clonaslee Heritage Centre at 7 pm.

EASTER DRAW RESULTS

Edel O'Brien thank all who supported the raffle in aid of 'Doing it for Dennedy". €2,420 raised. Winners: Bill Dunne, Colm Downey, Rosemary Bradley, Eoghan Conroy, Sadie Rigney, Jack Conroy, Dinny Finnerty x 2, Trish Costello, Dr. Aisling Quinlan, Tadgh Phelan, Steven Gavin, Sadhbh Bergin, Dr Peter Kearney, Emily Casey.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please give Matt Barrett your fee for the text alert. If you require an alarm contact Matt Barrett or Maura O'Gorman.

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

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 14-19-7. €30 winners: Josh Flynn, Main Street; Edel & Hetty, Clonaslee; Mary Downey, Clonaslee; Kevin & Matt Barrett, Clonaslee; Finbar Moore, Camross; Kathleen Blake, Barradoo. Promoter's prize: Hetty Dunne, Leona Murray, Edel O'Brien. Next week's Jackpot: €1,250. Lotto gift 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: 4-8-19-28. €30 winners: Christy & Fintan Conroy, Ger Kelly, Kevin Flynn, Gerry Hogan, Colm Downey. Promoter's prize: Hickeys.

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PRAYER FOR FAVOURABLE WEATHER

God our Father,

we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace. We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with the favourable weather which we so badly need at this time, especially for our farming community and all others whose livelihoods depend on it. Grant them strength and perseverance in their work. In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment, knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life. Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them,

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recognising the vital role they play in sustaining

life.

Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of the earth and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it. May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.