

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil 7:30 pm

Tuesday – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

& Opening the Year of Mercy 10 am

Wed, Thurs, Friday 9 am

## CONFESSIONS

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 on 057-934-1831 or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Christopher & Elizabeth Conroy, & deceased members of Conroy Family, Cappinagraigue

Fr Joe Shortall, former PP, Clonaslee

Joe Culleton, Coolaboughlan

Edward Troy, Brittias & deceased members of the Troy and Kennedy Family

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

Timothy & Margaret Mary Murray & Murray Family, Bellair

Larry Conroy, Brocca

Christina & Peter Dunne, Brocca

Doyle Family, Killoughey

Tommy Flynn, Chapel Street

Joseph Hickey, Bridge House

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

Fonsie Downey, his mother Dora & all deceased members of Downey, Dunne & O'Meara Families

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The tradition of placing Poinsettias around the altar will continue this year. If you wish to have one on the altar in memory of your beloved dead, there is an envelope in your monthly box for this purpose. Cost €10 each.

## YEAR OF MERCY

You are invited to join Bishop Denis Nulty on Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> for the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The journey to the Door of Mercy, followed by its opening and the action of crossing over its threshold serves to remind us of the recognition of Christ as the sole door through which we enter salvation (John 12:9) and the one way that leads to the Father (John 14:6). The Church's on-going pilgrimage toward "Jesus Christ (who) is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

## 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am Mass.

## SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are on sale before and after both masses. Pkg 10/€5.

## SENIOR CITIZEN PARTY

The annual senior citizen party will be on Sun Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm sharp in the Community Centre. Please let us know you are attending. If you think you are eligible and haven't received an invite please contact Maura, Secretary on 087-212-2766 or John, Chairperson on 083-471-2546. No reply, no dinner.

## CHANGE FOR CHARITY

If you wish to give your small change for local charity there will be collection baskets in the church, during mass.

## CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Carol service will be on Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the church. The Sacred Heart College Tullamore Choir, children from the local national school and Tom Conroy will be performing. Mulled wine and light refreshments will be served. All welcome to join the festivities.

## CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas Mass bouquets are now available. Contact Dolores Murray, 087-414-8093.

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## **SANTA IS COMING**

Santa will be arriving by sleigh on Saturday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Heritage Centre. The Christmas Market will be in the Heritage Centre from 4:30 – 7:30 pm the same day.

## **CLONASLEE COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

The postponed AGM will be on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the college. We encourage all parents to attend.

## **CCDA**

The monthly Clonaslee Community Development Association meeting is on Mon Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. These meetings are open to everyone in the community.

## **COMMUNITY ALERT**

Please be careful, there are a lot of gates, sheds and doors being opened by unwelcomed visitors in the Clonaslee area this week. Be vigilant as the dark evenings are here. Leave on lights and radio if you are going out. Please wear your panic button at all times and never be afraid to press your button. You may sign up to text alert by calling Matt Barrett, Chairperson on 087-672-6290.

## **CLONASLEE VILLAGE MARKET**

Open Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30 pm in the Heritage Centre. Fresh produce, home baking, knitwear, arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera, goat's cheese and milk and much more.

## **ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK**

Sponsorship cards are available from Sheila Bourke on 087-633-9540. We welcome all donations of fruit cake. Invite your family and friends to a great day out and a worthy cause.

## **SING FOR JOY CHOIR**

Dates for your diary: Wed Dec 9<sup>th</sup> St Fintan's Church, in the grounds of St Fintan's Hospital, entrance from Stradbally Road at 11 am and Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise at 11 am. All are welcome to come along and enjoy your Christmas favorites.

## **RAMBLING HOUSE**

All are welcome to AnSean Chistin, Irej, Ballyfin on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

pm for a wonderful evening of music, song, dance, poems, stories, cuppa and chat to celebrate our culture and enjoy traditional Christmas entertainment.

## **CÉILÍ**

The final céilí of the year will take place in the Community Centre, Ballyfin on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm. Music by the popular Glenside Céilí Band. What a great way to spend a dreary December afternoon while celebrating our rich heritage of music and dance. All are welcome.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Bingo at the Heritage Centre is on Wednesdays from 2 pm – 4 pm everyone welcome. Please come along for bingo, a cuppa and a chat. Side door is open for wheelchair users

## **CCE JOB VACANCY**

Vacancy for a *Clerical worker/Administrator* Job Ref: 989928. Position based in Acquired Brain Injury Ireland in Mountbolus. Hours flexible; 19 ½ hours per week or 2 full days and 1 half day and CE rates of pay apply. Good communication and interpersonal skills essential. *Caretaker* Job Ref: 989930 two positions – 1 based in Acquired Brain Injury Ireland in Mountbolus and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Clonaslee. 19 ½ hours per week, CE rates of pay apply. *Caretaker/cleaner* Job Ref: 989934: based in the Community Centre. 19 ½ hours per week, CE rates of pay apply. General eligibility requirements for CE – one year in receipt of a social welfare payment and over 25 years of age but please check with your local Social Welfare/Intreo office for confirmations. Please contact Caitriona in the Community Centre on 057-864-8277 for further information.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 11-2-1.

€30 winners: Fionn Conroy, c/o M O'Gorman; Sína Kelly, Killoughey; Imelda Cusack, Clonaslee; Colette Kelly, Ballykaneen; John Cusack, Clonaslee; Pat Harding, Laois Trip. Voucher: Seamus Hickey, Tullamore Road. Bottle: Pat Corbet. Promoter's prize: Ger Kelly, Shirley Langford, Kathleen Blake. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. Bottle: Chris Horan. Next week's Jackpot: €650.