

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 7th December 2014

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat 8 pm Sun 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Sun Dec 7th, Vigil Immaculate Conception 8pm

Mon Dec 8th – Feast of the Immaculate
Conception 10 am

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am

Friday – Communion Service 9 am

CONFESSIONS

Every 1st Friday before 7:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact 057-864-8030.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat Dec 13th – Team A: Annie Digan, Mary Ellen Tynan, Aishling Dunne.

Sun Dec 14th – Team B: Luke Kelly Cusack, Rachel O'Meara.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 6th December – 8 pm

James Dunne, Ballinalug
Christopher & Elizabeth Conroy & all
deceased members of the Conroy family,
Cappanagraigue & Timothy Guckivan &
Fred Duggan

Fr Joe Shortall, former P.P. of Clonaslee
Edward Troy, Brittas

Joseph Hickey, Bridge House
Bernard & Ann Breslin, Glenkeen

Sunday 7th December – 10 am

Tim & Margaret Mary Murray, Bellair
Margaret & Larry Conroy & their son Larry
Brocca

Michael Costelloe & Mrs Annie Costelloe,
Graigueafulla

Deceased members of the Blake family,
Barradoo

Joe Culleton, Coolaboughlan

Saturday 13th December – 8 pm

William Conroy, Brocca

Sunday 14th December – 10 am

Doyle Family, Killoughey
Tommy Flynn, Chapel Street

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Social Services Christmas dinner is today Sun 7th Dec at 1 pm in the Community Centre. Music by Rock on Paddy. A great day assured.

CONFIRMATION

Second night of the confirmation programme 'You will be my witness' is on Mon Dec 8th at 7 pm in Scoil Bhríde for 55 confirmation candidates.

COLLECTION

This weekend church gate collection is for Clonaslee College Parents Association. Next weekend is the National church gate collection for Saint Vincent de Paul.

CCDA

The monthly meeting of the CCDA is on Mon Dec 8th at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. All members please attend.

ST STEPHENS DAY HOSPICE WALK

This year's walk is coming close, so get those walking boots out and stretch those legs! You can now follow us on Facebook, look us up on Clonaslee St Stephens Day. Donations of Christmas cakes and fruit cakes are gratefully accepted. Sponsorship cards are available by contacting Sheila Bourke on 087-633-9540.

SHOE BOX APPEAL FOR HOMELESS

Give a small gift and a bit of hope to a homeless person this holiday season. Appreciated gifts include toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, sweets or chocolates, socks, hats, scarves, gloves. If people would like to donate even one item, we will put the shoe boxes together. Even a euro will help! Please bring donated items to the Clonaslee Pharmacy and make a difference to the homeless.

THANKS

Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the Clodiagh Players presenting 'The Six Marys' written by Jean Farrell. There was plenty of laughter and some wisdom gained! We thank everyone who helped in any way to see this production to its end.

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SANTA ARRIVING

Santa arrives to the Clonaslee Pharmacy on Sunday December 21st from 12 noon – 2 pm.

BUS TO KILKENNY

On Sat Dec 13th leaving Clonaslee at 9:30 am sharp, Rosenallis 9:45am and Mountmellick at 10 am. Bus leaving Kilkenny at 5 pm sharp. Seats must be booked before Wed Dec 10th through Laois Trip. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults and over 16 years old cost €5 return, under 16 €3 return. To book your seat call Laois Trip on 057-869-2168.

CLONASLEE BRANCH CCE

We have five beginner button accordions to rent for a year and one fiddle being able to rent for the year which gives the child good chance to see if they like the instrument before the parent go to buy one themselves. Music classes continue every Thursday from 4:15pm in the Community Centre. For further information contact 085-285-1772. Classes will finish Thursday December 11th and resume on Thursday January 9th.

SINGING AND MUSIC SESSION

The next singing and music session will be on Fri Dec 12th at 8:30 pm in the Parochial Hall. This is the one for Christmas so feel free to dress appropriately and bring along some festive songs, all are welcome.

SANTA'S COMING

The festive season is fast approaching so what better way to get excited than for the children to meet with the big man himself on Sat Dec 13th at Swans bar at 6 pm in conjunction with Clonaslee I.C.A.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Clonaslee Comhaltas will be holding their annual Christmas draw on Sat Dec 13th at Fallon's bar and lounge, tickets are €2 each and are available by any member of the committee or by contacting 085-178-1585

SCOIL BHRÍDE NEWS

Pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th Class took part in the Annual Hallelujah Choir Concert at City West on Fri Dec 5th. This event is one of the highlights of the year for the Senior Classes at the school.

Teachers and pupils have been busy rehearsing for the concert since September and certainly this year's show was one of the best ever. The children had a truly wonderful day out and will cherish the whole experience for many years to come. Well done to all concerned. Please see school website for pictures. Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year for our school and we look forward to the following events over the next few weeks. Blessing of the school crib on Mon Dec 15th at 12 pm. Visiting the sick at St. Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick on Tues Dec 16th at 10 am. Annual school Christmas concert on Thurs Dec 18th at 8pm. Nativity Play at Sat night mass on Dec 20th at 8 pm. Well done to the boys and girls from 5th and 6th Class who took part in the Basketball Blitz in the Community Centre on Dec 2nd. Our teams played very well against teams from Mucklagh, Tullamore and Castlecuffe displaying great skill and determination.

WHIST

Whist every Sunday night starting at 8:45 pm sharp in the Parochial Hall. Christmas prizes each week up to December 21st. All welcome

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-22-8.

€30 winners: Pat Bourke, Clonaslee; Isaac Lowndes, Rosenallis; O'Gorman Children, Clonaslee; Joseph Fitzgerald, Garryheather; Seamus Kelly, Scaroon; E O'Keefe, The Green.

Voucher: B & H Multaney. Bottle: Brian Flanagan, Tinnahinch. Sweets: R, A, J & Larry Rigney. Biscuits: Dan & Susan O'Neill. Promoter's prize: Shirley Langford, Mary Rose Corbet, Rigney's. Voucher: Peavoy's. Bottle: Shirley Langford. Sweets: Mary Rose Corbet. Biscuits: Chris Horan.

Next week's Jackpot: €1,100.

CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 2-4-11-1.

€40 winners: Fr Gahan, Ger and Martin, Billy McEvoy, Matt Barrett, Eileen and Joe Digan.. Vouchers are €25each from 1-4 Ger Kelly, Post Office, Hogans Shop: Sharon and boys, Niamh and Owen Gath, Tadgh Bryan, Mary Hickey, Kathleen Callaghan, Pakie Friel. Promoter's prize: Mick Fallon. Next week's Jackpot: €2,500.