

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016*

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 9 am**

**Wed – Ash Wednesday 10 am & 7:30 pm**

## 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)

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Team A:** Ciara Hyland, Christopher Dunne, Gráinne Scully, Ellen Doyle

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Team A:** Aoibhe Mulhall, Paul Mulhall, Emma Dunne

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 8 pm

Lorraine Hogan, The Square

Foynes Family, Ballinakill

Thomas Casey, Cush

Timothy Tynan, Garryheather

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 8 pm

Richard & Catherine O'Keeffe, The Green

Mary McCann, Glebe

Margaret Dunne & Dunne Family, Cloonagh

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 10 am

Mary Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park

James & Kathleen Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park

Seamus & Margaret Donnelly, Sliabh Bloom Park

William & Margaret Donnelly, Ballinalug

## MISSION COLLECTION

The collection for Sr Bridie Hogan in Zambia and Fr PJ Clear in Brazil is this weekend Feb 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> in the boxes inside the church doors. Thank you for your faithful support.

## COLLECTION

Diocesan Levy is next weekend, please use your yellow monthly envelope for this purpose.

## THIS LENT LAY YOUR BURDENS DOWN

A base stone has been placed here together with smaller stones. In your own time during this holy season we invite you to take a stone from this space, or indeed from another place such as your garden, and carry it with you for a while – a day, a week...As you do so, pray and reflect on where in your life you are in need of God's mercy.

Whenever you are ready, place your stone back here as a sign that you are ready to welcome God's mercy into your life and that you are willing to share this mercy with others. You may well find yourself taking more than one stone in the season. Over the weeks of Lent may the growing mountain of stones remind us of the steadfastness of God's mercy and love as Pope Francis says to us: "Let us be renewed by God's Mercy, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too." As a sign of this shared Lenten journey the Clonaslee base stone and a base stone from each parish will be brought to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Beginner computer classes start on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10 am in the Heritage Centre.

## CCDA

The AGM of the Clonaslee Community Development Association is on Mon Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. This is the first meeting for newly elected members.

## HOSPICE WALK

A follow up meeting will take place in the Community Centre on Tues Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. All involved on the day please come along where we will discuss the happenings of the day.

## CLOTHES COLLECTION

CCDA are collecting clothing in aid of Social Services. Please bring your bagged items to the Community Centre by Wed Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

## TIDY TOWNS

The AGM of Clonaslee Tidy Towns is on Mon Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. The present secretary is thinking of stepping down after many years, we are hoping for a good turn out to elect a new secretary.

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## **COMMUNITY ALERT**

We are meeting on Mon Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. Sgt Mark Doran from Portlaoise Garda Station will attend on the night along with others from surrounding areas. We ask everyone to please come and voice your opinion on the many issues that affect our community. This is everyone's chance to have a say. Text alert renewal payments for the next term are due; please contact Matt Barrett, Chairman on 087-672-6290.

## **SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT '16 -'17**

The village primary school is currently endeavouring to determine numbers for the school year '16-'17. It is imperative that the parents of all new Junior infants for September '16 contact the school in writing over the next few weeks. In your correspondence please give details of your child's name, address, date of birth and P.P.S. number (if known) and your own contact number. Actual Enrolment forms shall be provided by the Board of Management later in the school year for all those who make contact with us now. Telephone 057-864-8334 (between 2pm and 4pm each day) for further details.

## **JUBILEE OF MERCY LECTURE**

The Psalms-- a way to praise and Mercy. Following on from a very well received lecture last October, Fr Sean Maher is presenting a second lecture marking the Jubilee of Mercy in the diocese. It will take place in Carlow College on Thurs Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., followed by refreshments. In his lecture Fr Sean will explore in a very accessible way "The Psalms – a way to praise and mercy". All are very welcome to attend what is sure to be a lovely evening.

## **SOCIAL DANCING**

Lessons in waltz, quickstep, jive, foxtrot and slosh will commence on Tuesday February 16 and will continue each Tuesday for five weeks at An Sean Chistin, Irej, Ballyfin from 8-9.30 pm each night. Further details Maureen 087-648-2038

## **TIR na nOG**

Tir na Nog playschool are now enrolling for September 2016, we are currently participating in the ECCE scheme (free year). We also have

spaces available from now until June 30. We are open Mon – Fri 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The cost is €12.50 per day. For further details or to enrol your child please contact Victoria on 057-864-8988.

## **LAOIS ARTHRITIS**

Laois Arthritis is presenting a talk in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise on Wed Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm sharp. Topic: "Self-Care Strategies for Wellbeing" Speaker: Finola Colgan, Area Development Officer, Mental Health Ireland. Everyone welcome. Contact details: 089-252-5344, Anne: 087-906-7386. This is a free event. Gentle Zumba continues each Tues evening at St Mary's Hall from 6-7 pm.

## **FLY POSTING**

Clonaslee CCDA asks, in the interest of Tidy Towns that all fly posting must go outside the 50-60 km signs. Tidy Towns have been commended on this feature in the National results. Thank you all for your cooperation.

## **CHRISTMAS DRAW RESULTS**

The Clonaslee ICA Annual Christmas Draw results are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>: Kathleen Callaghan, Clonaslee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon Longwork, Tullamore. 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathleen Hyland, Clonaslee. 4<sup>th</sup> Ivor Conroy, Clonaslee. Ham: Patrick Blake; Christmas Cake: Maureen Cusack. Thank you to our sponsors Fallons, Swans, Cosy Bar, Hogans, Hickeys and Clonaslee Pharmacy.

## **THANKS**

The Irish Heart Foundation thank all who supported their recent collection and to the collectors. Total amount collected is €507.

## **COUNTRY MARKET**

Country Market in the Heritage Centre on Sat from 10 am – 1 pm with fresh vegetables, home baking, knitwear, arts, crafts, wood crafts, soaps, Aloe Vera, goats cheese and milk, flowers, plants and much more. Free tea and coffee available.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 17-18-5.

€30 winners: Mary Murray, Mountmellick; Mary Rose Corbet, Ballykaneen; Edel Dunne, Chapel Street; Shirley Finnamore, 37 Hillside; Patricia Barrett, Bellair; Oliver Culleton, Brittas. Promoter's prize: Kathleen Blake, Ann Rigney, S Finnamore. Next week's Jackpot: €2,000.