

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Feast of Immaculate Conception,

Holy Day of Obligation 9 am & 7 pm

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

## ALTAR SERVERS

Sat Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Team B: Annie Digan, Emma Conroy, Amy Farrington.

Sun Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Team B: Roisin Scully, Ciara Foynes, Mary Hyland.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

8 pm Timothy & Margaret Mary Murray, Bellair

8 pm Fr Joe Shortall, P.P. Clonaslee

8 pm Joseph Hickey, Bridge House

8 pm Joe Culliton, Coolaboughlan

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

10 am James Dunne & his father Peter Dunne, Ballinalug

10 am Larry Conroy, Bedford & formerly Brocca

10 am Jim & Maura Sweeney, Main Street

10 am Donal Sweeney, Main Street

10 am Doyle Family, Killoughey

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

8 pm Derry Keating, Ashbrook

8 pm Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly, Gorrough

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

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am Mass

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice for the Carol Service is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7 pm in the church. Anyone wishing to participate is very welcome.

## CAROL SERVICE

An Ecumenical Carol service is on Sun Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Heritage Centre. This is our final bicentenary celebration. All welcome to attend.

## COLLECTION

The annual national collection for St Vincent de Paul is postponed until next weekend, 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Support is greatly appreciated for those in need. This means the Epilepsy Ireland who has a permit for a church gate collection on this weekend will be postponed until 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Will collectors for this collection please take note of change.

## PLEASE NOTE

For Church gate collections you must have a permit so those who have been granted a permit can go ahead on their designated weekend as difficulties are arising with unauthorised collections.

## FAMILY BINGO

On this Sunday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall. Cost €2. All welcome to join the fun.

## SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN

Santa Claus comes to town by sleigh on Saturday evening December 14 at 5 pm. Santa's sleigh will be parked at A.J.'s on Main Street. All welcome to visit Santa. Hosted by Clonaslee ICA and CCE.

## IFA

The AGM of the Clonaslee IFA will be on Tues Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the Community Centre. A presidential election on at the moment so it is very important all members attend and cast their vote. We will have a guest speaker on the night. Tea and home baking will be served. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

## CCDA

The monthly CCDA meeting will be held on Monday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm in the Community Centre. There is plenty to discuss and we ask that all members please attend.

## CAKE SALE

Clonaslee Rounders is having a cake sale on Sun Dec 15<sup>th</sup> after 10 am mass in the Fr Shortall Room. Lots of homemade goodies will be available to buy and enjoy.

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

Volunteers on the day of the St Stephen's Day walk in aid of Laois Hospice at the Clonaslee Community Centre would be much appreciated. As always donations of fruit cakes are greatly appreciated. For further information contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540 or Niall Bourke 087-411-6274.

## **THANKS**

Jason Finnerty thanks everyone for their support for his book launch. Special thanks to those who brought and prepared food and those who helped out on the night. Copies are still available over Christmas.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

A collection will be on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Dec in aid of Christmas lights. They cost a lot to run and its great to see our village lit up and looking superb. Great credit to all involved in putting up lights.

## **SANTA'S VISIT**

Santa Claus will be making a visit to Clonaslee Pharmacy on Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Almas Christmas cards at €4 and Christmas bouquets at €3 are available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

## **CLONASLEE ROUNDERS**

Rounders training begins on Tues Feb 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-9pm in astro pitch at Community Centre. Age group over 16 both men and women. Closing date for registration & affiliation is Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. All new members very welcome.

## **OLD PHONES NEEDED**

Scoil Bhríde is collecting old phones in an effort to win an i-pad for the school. The competition is in association with Irish Autism Ireland. All donations of old phones are greatly appreciated. Please give your old phones to a Scoil Bhríde child or drop them into the Fr Shortall room after mass.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

The committee would like to thank everyone who came last Sunday for the Christmas party. It was great to see so many new faces attending. A

wonderful day was had by all. Our thanks to Marie's Catering for the lovely meal that was provided, also the many people who sponsored prizes. Thank you to the person who made the fabulous cake. Thanks to Rock on Paddy for providing the music which was enjoyed very much. Thanks to those who decorated the centre, making it welcoming and seasonal for the large attendance. It was a wonderful social event, friends meeting and getting out for a few hours. Thanks to all who phoned and wrote saying how much they enjoyed the day.

## **FAMILY IN CRISIS**

Discussion questions on a document about the family in crisis, which was received by all parishes worldwide, was issued by Pope Francis. If anyone wishes to take part in the discussion please leave your name in the sacristy.

## **FREE PARKING MOUNTMELICK**

On behalf of Business Mountmellick there is free parking in Mountmellick Town Centre on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## **CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO**

Jackpot won! Congratulations to Karen Fitzpatrick, Brittas on winning €2,300. Winning no: 23-1-13. €30 winners: Val Hogan, Tinnahinch; Deirdre Comerford, Brocca; Josie McCarthy, Clonaslee; Bourke family, Capparogan; Larry and Benny, Clonaslee; J.J.D. Rigney, Clonaslee. Voucher, John Callaghan; bottle, John O'Gorman. Promoter's prize: Conroy's, Matt Barrett, L Costello. Voucher, Ger Kelly; bottle, Shirley Langford. Next week's Jackpot: €500. Extra prizes next week.

## **CLONASLEE ST MANMANS GAA LOTTO**

Jackpot not won Winning no: 17-25-23-28. €40 winners: Jack Gardiner, Gearoid and Emily Rose, Lawlor Family, Niamh and Gearoid Walshe, Larry and Benny. Promoter's prize: Swans. Extra prizes, turkeys sponsored by Ger Kelly. Turkeys: Noel Carroll, Brendan Kelly, Niamh Hennessey, Ann Gleeson. Hogan's voucher: Martina O'Donovan, Elizabeth Maher. Post Office voucher: Bill and Eilish Dunne. Next week's Jackpot: €1,900.