

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 8th December 2024

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WEEKEND MASSES 14th/15th December

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 9th – 13th December

Mon – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9 am & 6 pm

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 6 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 pre-marriage 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: Mon 9th December: Team B
14th/15th December: Team C

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 7th December – 6 pm

Kit Mahon, Sliabh Bloom Park

Tim & Margaret Murray, Bellair

Joe & Julia McRedmond, Clonabeg &

daughter- in-law Pearl McRedmond, London & deceased members of the McRedmond Family.

Peter & Loretta Dunne, James Dunne, Main Street

Jim & Maura Sweeney, Main Street

Donal Sweeney, Main Street

Miss Nolan, Main Street

Deceased members of the Blake Family, Barradoo

Fr Joe Shortall, former Clonaslee Parish Priest

Saturday 14th December – 6 pm

Mary Rosney, Clonlyon

Edward & Anne Troy & deceased members of the Troy & Kennedy Families, Brittas

Pray for Fr Joe Fleming PP Clonegal, Carlow, the brother of Fr Lar Fleming, former CC in Clonaslee. Also, Desmond White, Killurin both who died recently.

GIVING TREE

Please have gifts back no later than Sun Dec 15th.

CLONASLEE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Practice for Christmas Eve masses commence on every Saturday at 6:45pm, after mass, except for Dec 14th. New singers are invited to come along.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

In aid of Clonaslee Basketball a Church Gate collection is this weekend 7th/8th Dec. Your support is appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

No choir practice this week.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas Fair in Peavoy's Shop, Clonaslee on Sun 8th Dec from 11 am - 4 pm on both days.

There will be gift ideas, festive treats, crafts and lots more!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Christmas Market in Cadamstown car park on Sun Dec 15th at 2 pm. Handmade crafts, cakes and more will be available. Santa will also be paying a visit. All invited to come along.

THANK YOU

Social Services Committee thank everyone who came on Sun Dec 1st for the annual dinner which proved a huge success. It was great to see large numbers who came and so many new faces. The Centre was beautifully decorated and a big thank you to the ladies and gents who prepared the Centre. Thank you to Marie's Catering for the lovely meal provided, also to Caroline for doing a fabulous cake. We thank all businesses who

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sponsored gifts, those who brought gifts on the day to us and to those who gave private donations.

Christmas Tea/coffee Morning for all our customers: Join us on Tues Dec 17th at 11 am for tea/coffee and chat-there might even be mince pies to thank you for your continued support. *Parent and Child pop up Christmas Craft table* on Sat Dec 14th at 11 am until stocks last. No need to

Thank you to Rock on Paddy for a great evening's entertainment. Thank you to the HSE for the grant we receive to host the event each year and to the High Nelly Club and St Patrick's Day committee for their generous contribution to the committee. It is all very much appreciated. It is a lovely social event and wonderful feedback from all saying it was a brilliant, enjoyable day. Each person received a free gift. Two hampers were sponsored by Clonaslee Pharmacy and were won by Eilish Dunne, and Seamus Rigney. A minutes silence was observed for all close friends and family that have left us RIP.

book just come in and create together. *The Gallery* will host 'Unapologetically Me' by Pauline O'Connor. *Baby Book Club* is on Thurs at 10:30 am. *Junior Book Clubs: 4-6 years* meeting on the second Tues of the month at 3:30 pm, *7-9 years* meeting on first Tues of the month at 3:30 pm, *10-12 years* on first Tues of the month at 4 pm. *Adult book club* is reading 'To Kill A Mocking Bird' by Harper Lee meet in January 2025 to discuss.

ST STEPHENS DAY WALK in AID OF LAOIS HOSPICE

Shared reading sessions where a staff member will read a story or poem. *Lego Free Play* on Sat mornings 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-868-9382 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

This time of year again and preparations are in full swing! The Community Centre will be open from 8:30 am – 4 pm approximately, if you have a spare hour or two, any help would be appreciated. Sponsorship cards are available from Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540, Niall Bourke 087-411-6274 or follow us on our Facebook page.

ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Almas Christmas mass bouquets are available from Dolores on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street. Donation €4.

Donations of fruit cakes are greatly appreciated.

The Centre will be set up on Friday 20th Dec at 6 pm. Volunteers appreciated.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

A great gift to give at Christmas is 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' written by Fr. O'Reilly costing only €10. Available after masses and the Post Office.

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 Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More info call 057-869-2168

CLONASLEE PARISH / COMMUNITY LOTTO

Why not give a Parish/Community Lotto Gift Card for Christmas. 5 weeks for €10 or 10 weeks for €20. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty 087-773-0734. A great Christmas gift to someone who has everything.

PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 15-13-7. €30 winner: Bla Delaney's Grandchildren, Breda McEvoy, 27 Hillside; Josie Corrigan, c/o Downey's, Clonaslee; Maura O'Gorman, Clonaslee; Colm Downey, Clonaslee; Páidí

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Bourke, Clonaslee. Voucher: Young Children,
Castlecomer. Bottle: Joe Casey, Broughla.
Promoter's prize: Leona Murray, Dolores Murray,
Seamus Fitzpatrick. Voucher: Downeys. Bottle:
Hogans. Next week's Jackpot: €950. Lotto gift
vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray
on 087-414-8093. Extra prizes next week for
Christmas.