

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 8th January 2023

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Joe Conroy, Brocca

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 10 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: 14th/15th January: Team A

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 7th January – 6 pm

James Rigney, Garryheather & deceased members of the Rigney Family

Mary Anne & John Delaney, Larrigan

John O'Keeffe, The Green

John, Mary & Margaret Dunne, Capparogan & the Dunne Family

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Darren Campbell, Coolagh

Peggy & Joe Corcoran, Castlecuffe

Catherine & Pat Browne, Castlecuffe

Brid & Joe Malone, Ballinahemmy

Saturday 14th January – 6 pm

Sister Julia Egan & Brother Philbert Egan, Rathcoffey

Nora Conroy, Clarahill

Albert Yates, Castletown & deceased members of the Conroy & Yates Families.

Pray for Ann Rogers nee Fitzgerald, Dalkey, Dublin & formerly of Garryheather who died during the past week.

1st COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Confirmation programme takes place next Sat 14th Jan at 6 pm mass. 1st Communion programme is on Sun 15th at 10 am mass.

OSKARS 'THE DERRY GIRLS'

Clonaslee St Manman's 'The Derry Girls' group are hosting a cake sale on Sat 14th after 6 pm mass in Scoil Bhride.

OSKARS 'WAKING NED'

Clonaslee St Manman's "Waking Ned" group are hosting a fundraiser on Sun Jan 15th. High Nelly Cycle at 1 pm and Tractor Run at 3 pm. Registration from 12 pm in The Square, Clonaslee. €20 per entry. Raffle and music on the day in Hickeys Pub. For more information contact Tom on 087-947-6262.

CCDA

The monthly CCDA meeting is on Mon 9th Jan at 7:45 pm in the Community Centre.

ST PATRICK'S PARADE

The AGM for St Patrick's Day Parade is on Tues 10th Jan at 8 pm in the Community Centre.

CLONASLEE ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

The annual St Stephen's Day walk in aid of Laois Hospice was a fantastic success. Blessed with a beautiful crisp day, despite a seasonal snow shower high up the mountains, huge crowds turned out to support this very worthy cause. Chairperson of Laois Hospice Mary Delaney attended the event and spoke with many people including our volunteers and thanked them for their continued support and donations. After 2 years of virtual walks our Community Centre was full of buzz again and the walkers enjoyed refreshments and chats. Sincere thanks to all our

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sponsors, your support and sponsorship, means so much to the great success of the walk, also to all who donated Christmas cakes. To Sean & Denise

Flynn, thank you. To all our volunteers who worked tirelessly over the Christmas period – preparing the walk with signage, preparing the Community Centre, parking, soup and water stations and all who helped in any way on St Stephen's Day – a huge thank you and much appreciated as usual. Sponsorship cards can be returned to Sheila Bourke, Capparogan, Clonaslee

CASTLECUFFE NS ADMISSIONS

Castlecuffe National School will begin accepting applications for September 2023 admission on Jan 5th. The application form for admission can be downloaded from www.castlecuffens.com, or alternatively parents may email the school at info@castlecuffens.com giving their name and address and we will send one out in the post. The school can also be contacted by phone on (057) 864-8238 between 9 am and 11 am on weekdays. Our admissions policy and admissions notice for this year are available for viewing on our website.

SCOIL BHRÍDE ENROLMENT 23' – 24'

Scoil Bhríde, Cluain na Slí will commence accepting applications for Admission to its new Junior Infant Class 2023-2024 from 5/1/23. The closing date for accepting applications falls on 5/2/23. A copy of the school's Admission Policy and Application for Admission form for the 2023-2024 school year is available as follows:

*To download at www.clonasleens.ie *On request: by emailing: clonasleens@gmail.com

*On the phone: 057-864-8334 between 2-4pm

*On writing to: The|Principal, Scoil Bhríde, Chapel St., Clonaslee, Co Laois R32WE51

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9:20 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. **New 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 information call 057-869-2168

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

The Home Energy Saving Kit contains six practical tools to help you save energy at home and can help identify common problems. You can borrow the kit for a duration of 2 weeks in order to conduct a mini home energy audit. If you wish to be added to the waiting list for this item call 057-864-4572. The gallery is hosting an exhibition, Moving Forward, by the 6th year students of Mountmellick Community School for the month of January. Sensory Toy Resource Collection service is for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. To register for the service, you must have a referral letter from O.T., G.M.P., physio or other professional. Sensory Room service is for the use of children and adults with additional needs with their parent/carer present. Following registration with a supply letter the room can be booked for 30-minute sessions. We have book clubs for all ages in Mountmellick Library-babies 0-3 years, juniors 8-12 years and adult book club. Portlaoise have started a young adult online book club over Zoom. If interested call 057-862-2333. Lego Free Play on Saturday mornings in Mountmellick Library from 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm. No need to book. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 5-19-14.

€30 winners: Mary Rose Corbet, Ballykaneen; Paul Nestor, 12 Slieve Bloom Park; Josie Fitzgerald, Garryheather; Mary A Hogan, Brittas; Jim Rigney, Clonaslee; Edel O'Brien, Chapel Street. Bottle of Wine: Jim Rigney, Clonaslee. Promoters prize: Hetty Dunne, Ann Rigney, Cosy Bar. Bottle of Wine: Ann Rigney Brocca.

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Next week's Jackpot: €650. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 5-9-17-26.

€40 winners: Kelly Kids, Conny Dunne, Michael Downey Jr. Promoter's prize: K Flynn.

Next week's Jackpot: €14,800 in Downey's Bar.