

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of The Lord

Sunday 9th April 2023

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Pray for Jim Costello, Graiguefulla, and Mick Deevy, Clonlyon who died during the past week.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 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: 15th/16th April: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 8th April – 6 pm

Benedict & Bridget Egan, Rathcoffey
Liam, Larry, William & Elizabeth Flynn,
Garryheather

Paddy Conroy, Scotland

Joe Young, Main Street

Sunday 9th April – 10 am

Leo Doyle, Brockagh

Saturday 15th April – 8pm

Months Mind, Tom Dooley, Hillside

Eamon & Betty Bourke, Main Street

John Bourke, Dublin

Breda Butler, Bellair

Gerry Donnelly, Kilcormac

Jack Hogan, Main Street

Elizabeth Mortimer, Tinnahinch & Dublin

Sunday 16th April – 10 am

Pakie Dooley, Ballynahown & deceased members

of the Dooley, O'Rourke & Davis Families

Blaise McRedmond, Chapel Street

NOTE: NEW MASS TIMES

Please note *starting Sat April 15th* Mass will be at 8 pm on Saturdays and 10 am on Sundays.

HAPPY EASTER

We hope this Easter you will experience the mercy, compassion and inner peace that the Risen Lord promises. Thanks to all who prepared or participated in any way in the Holy Week Ceremonies; Sacristans, Altar Servers, Choirs, Ministers of the Eucharist and of the Word.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations to the church before/after mass. Do not leave them in the Church at other times.

EASTER COLLECTION

Easter collection is this weekend. Please use your envelope for this purpose.

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clean up Laois Week takes place April 17 -21. Clonaslee will start gathering litter in the village and approach roads over the next two weeks and two evenings before the collection - Tuesday April 18th and Thursday April 20th at 7 pm from Clonaslee Heritage Centre. Anyone who wishes to litter pick in their area at a time that suits them can request the branded bags and a litter picker/gloves from Patrick on 087-468-4213. The bags of litter will be collected Tuesday morning April 25th by Bord na Mona inside the barrier of Clonaslee Community Centre on the grass.

HOSPICE CHEQUE PRESENTATION

Presentation of the Hospice cheque from the successful St Stephen's Day Walk is on Friday 14th April at 8 pm in the Heritage Centre. Light refreshments will be served.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns held their AGM for 2023 in Clonaslee Community Centre on Monday night. The committee wish to thank the volunteers and workers, including new volunteers, who came on board in 2022 and helped us look after our village and expressed thanks to everyone who helped in any way including Francine and CE participants, Laois County Council

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and all their departments, local Cllr representatives and local businesses. A lot of work was achieved and Clonaslee did very well locally in 2022. The National Competition has launched for 2023 and entry must be submitted by May 10. Officers elected for

Free Travel Pass Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More information call 057-869-2168

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

The Gallery is host to the Kildare based artist Faye Cummins. Faye says "I love texture, colour, wild images and whatever my brain decides it wants to come up with next". *English and Ukranian Sensory*

2023: Chairperson: John Callaghan, Secretary: Patrick Blake, Treasurer: Maura O Gorman

Storytime and craft: Juliette Saumande will be here on Wed April 12th at 3 pm for a 1-hour interactive sensory story time suitable for children aged 3 – 7 years. Katya who will translate the story into Ukrainian.

CONSERVATION & POLLINATION LECTURES

Free Zoom lectures featuring Geology, Cultural Heritage, Natural History & Archaeology of 6 conserved churches in Laois & Offaly including Kilmanman on Wednesdays from 12th April for 4 weeks starting at 7 pm. The link to join the free lectures available from Fionnuala Horan via email wranglestown@gmail.com

Приєднуйтеся до письменниці Джульєтти та перекладача Катерини, щоб побути в затишній атмосфері історії про холодні зими та блискавичних драконів, а після історії залишайтеся, щоб створити свого власного чутливого Дракончика. Sat April 22nd from 12-1pm, Donna Mills the *author will read her book* "What Can I Do?" followed by an *elephant craft*. Suitable for 3-7 year olds. There will be no *Baby Book Club* on Tuesdays April 11th and 18th. It will return on Tuesday April 25th at 10:30 am as per normal for 0-3 year olds and their parents/carers. Celebrate *Poetry Day Ireland* on Thurs April 27th at 11 am with poetry readings inspired by this year's theme 'Message in a Bottle'. There will be a talk on *Men's health* by the Irish Cancer Society on Tues April 25th at 12 noon. On Tues April 11th at 11:30 am there will be a *community road safety talk* and Q and A session with RSA Road safety promotion officer Barry Anderson. We are hosting a *writing space* on Thursday mornings where people can write/ journal and meet. Closed any Saturday of a Bank Holiday weekend. For further information or to book any of the above events call 057-864-4572 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

WORK EVENINGS

Clonaslee Tidy Town work evenings will commence from Tuesday April 11th at 7 pm meeting at Clonaslee Heritage Centre. We will start weeding and sweeping from the cemetery wall into village. We will meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7 pm. We will also go out on Saturdays as time allows. If you cannot make our work evenings, we encourage anyone who would like to help anytime that suits them your help and assistance will be gratefully appreciated by the committee. Follow us on Facebook for updates.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Please be very vigilant. There are two males impersonating Gardi calling to homes of older people again. Please report all suspicious activity to the Gardi. Do not entertain strangers of any kind or people posing to be someone else to your door. Use your peep hole and press the panic button if you are concerned. It is monitored 24 hours and always on hand.

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

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won congratulations to Liam Conroy, Hillside on winning €1,100. Winning no:13-7-2. €30 winners: John & Laura, c/o Kathleen Blake; N Smith, Bellair; S Barrett, Bellair; Bobby O'Keefe, The Green; Imelda Cusack, Clonaslee; Mare McCabe, c/o Hogans. Voucher: Shane Finnamore; Annette Doolan. Easter Egg: Jimmy McEvoy. Promoter's prize: Mary Margaret Daly, K Blake, A Rigney. Voucher: K Blake, Imelda Cusack. Easter Egg: S Finnamore. Next week's

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Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased

from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty

Finnerty, Chapel Street. Happy Easter.

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 6-8-23-25.

€40 winners: Marie Callaghan, James McRedmond,

Jim Rigney. Promoter's prize:

J Digan. Next week's Jackpot: €16,750 in Fallons Bar.