

# ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am**

## 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 for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or [accordtull@eircom.net](mailto:accordtull@eircom.net). Also on offer marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

**WEBCAM** – Live Mass feed on [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) under Clonaslee Parish

## NOTE

All groups, organisations, clubs please advise the parish office on 864-8030 two weeks in advance if you holding a church gate collection

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 8 pm: Team B:** Sineád Hobhan Garry, Corrine Greene, Aaron Lawlor

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10 am: Team B:** Darragh Mulhall, Paul Mullhall, Eimear Kelly, Martina Connolly Daly, Cadlagh McCann

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 8 pm

Kit Mahon, Sliabh Bloom Park  
Laurence Conroy & Larry Conroy Junior, Brocca Helen Hilliard, Shraduff  
Fr Joe Shortall, PP

McEvoy & Conroy Family, Graigueafulla

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

Fonsie Downey & his mother Dora. Winifred Downey & her sister Josie & members of the Downey Family, Ballinahemmy

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am

**Months Mind** Donal Flanagan, Two Mile Borris & formerly of Tinnahinch

Michael Culleton & deceased members of the Culleton Family, Brittas

Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly, Gorrough

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – December

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The tradition of placing Poinsettias around the altar will continue this year. If you wish to have one on the altar in memory of your beloved dead, there is an envelope in your monthly box for this purpose. Cost €10 each.

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Confirmation programme begins Mon Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Scoil Bhríde.

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

The First Communion programme continues next Sunday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am Mass.

## GIVING TREE

Gifts from the Giving Tree will be brought to patients in St Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick on Wed Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and children from Scoil Bhríde and Castlecuffe NS will sing carols.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Members of the Clonaslee, Portarlinton and Clonaghadoo Christmas Carollers are hosting a Christmas Carol Concert in Clonaghadoo Church on today Sun Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm and in St Michaels Church, Portarlinton on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. All welcome to attend and admission is free.

## CLONASLEE MONTHLY BINGO

Clonaslee Monthly Bingo in Clonaslee Community Centre on today Sun Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Doors open at 2:15 pm.

## PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Mountmellick: Mon Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Killeigh: Wed Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Friday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>: Rosenallis at 7 pm, Clonaslee at 8 pm.

## THANKS

Dawn Flynn, Ciara Dunne and Tom McRedmond, & the staff of Hickey's Bar sincerely thank all who helped, big or small, in our recent fundraiser for CRMF Crumlin Children's Hospital. We were

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overwhelmed with the support we received. On Oct 7<sup>th</sup> we presented a cheque for €16,198.53.

## TIR NA N'OG PLAYSCHOOL

Our Christmas Nativity will take place on Thurs Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the hall at Scoil Bhríde.

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Choir practice is each Wednesday at 7 pm in the Choir Gallery for Christmas Eve mass.

## ALMAS CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET'S

Almas Christmas mass bouquet's available from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty, Chapel Street.

## CHIROPODIST

The Chiropodist will be in Clonaslee Pharmacy Fri Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. Please call in or phone 057-868-6990 to book an appointment.

## ST STEPHEN'S DAY HOSPICE WALK

Donation of fruit cakes would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who would like to help out in the Community Centre on Stephen's Day please contact Sheila Bourke For info re: the walk or sponsorship cards please contact Sheila Bourke 087-633-9540.

## MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY & GALLERY

Mountmellick Library will close at 5 pm on Fri Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. It will reopen on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>/Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Dec and then close again until Wed Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

## VANDALISM

There have been reports of recent vandalism and removing of flowers in our graveyard. This is very hurtful and distressing to family members. If you see vandalism happening please contact the Gardí. Lock your cars when visiting the graveyard.

## THANK YOU

Social Services committee thank all who attended their Christmas dinner and party. The meal by Marie's Catering was lovely. Our thanks to all who gave gifts, and donations. Thank you to Patricia Costello for giving a lovely hamper, won by Dan O'Neill. Total of €245 was made from tickets sales. Also to all who helped on Saturday and Sunday, to St Manman's GAA members for cleaning the centre afterwards, and the ladies who washed glasses and left the place spotless. To Caroline for the fabulous cake. To all the

businesses for their sponsorship. To Rock on Paddy and the CCDA for the use of the centre. Feedback from the day was all enjoyed it very much. To all who supported the church gate collection, gave private donations and Clonaslee St Manman's. Without the support in the parish a lot of activities would not take place. Social services run weekly bingo on Wednesdays, a yearly outing and the Christmas party and funding go towards all these.

## CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Laois Co Council informed us they are removing the bin outside Fallons as a lot of household rubbish is being put in the bin ie: nappies, ect. If this continues, the bins will be taken away. All the bins are for litter and cigarette butts.

## FLY POSTING

No fly posting is allowed in and around the village, posters must go outside the 60 km signs.

## LAOIS OFFALY LOCAL LINK

Bus travels each Tuesday and Friday to Portlaoise leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:30 pm. Cost €3 return and travel pass accepted. Bus travels to Tullamore every Thursday leaving at 9:30 am, returns at 12:15 pm. Cost €3 return. Bus travels to Bingo each Sunday leaving Clonaslee at 7:30 pm. It is a door to door pick up. The bus will also drop you at hospitals or train stations. Any queries or to book your seat you must phone or text to 057-869-2168 or 087-743-7444.

## CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 22-12-9.

€30 winners: Clodiagh Kennedy, Clonaslee; Séan Foynes; Lance Finnamore, Rosenallis; Anthony Maher, Clonaslee; Niall Bourke, Capparogan; Sarah & Emily Corbet, Clonaslee. Voucher: Fiona Kennedy, Shraduff. €30: Paddy Dunne, Sliabh Bloom Park. Promoter's prize: Eamon Sammon, Ronan Dunne, Eamon Sammon. Voucher: Kathleen Blake. €30: Chris Horan. Next week's Jackpot: €800. Why not give a gift card for Christmas, birthdays or a special occasion. Lotto gift cards can be purchased at the Heritage Centre or from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.