

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th November 2023

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Kathleen Culleton, Hillside

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: 18th/19th Nov: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 11th November – 6 pm

Months Mind, Mary Moore, Stradbally & formerly of Barradoo.

Jim & Kathleen Cusack & deceased members of the Cusack Family

Mary & Timothy Ryan, Terenure

James, Brigid & Paddy Rosney, Larrigan Pak & Peggie Dunne & the Maher Family, Ballinalug

Thomas & Margaret Russell, Larrigan

Sunday 12th November – 10 am

Laurence Conroy, Brocca

Annamay O'Keefe, Brocca

Rosary for all souls last Sunday

Total collection €1,232. Thanks to all who participated and helped. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Church Gate Collection in aid of Fatima Fund

Will be held next Sat 18th & Sun 19th. Thanking you for your support.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT CONCERT

An evening of song, faith, hope and love coming to Clonaslee in aid of the church roof on Sunday Dec 10th at 7:30 pm in St Manman's Church with Dana, Philomena Begley, Sandy Kelly, Chrissy Mac, Sandy Kelly. Tickets cost €30 and are available on willwego.com, local businesses and from Parish Council members. For more info call John Cusack 087-351-5805.

CCDA

CCDA meeting on Monday November 13th at 7:45 pm in the Community Centre. We look forward to seeing all members attend.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Clothes collection going towards Seniors Christmas Party. Time again to sort the Clothes, Leave all your bags into the Community Centre before Wed Nov 22nd. Any brand new items put into a clear bag separate. Any questions please call Dolores 087-414-8093

SOCIAL SERVICES

The annual Christmas dinner is on Dec 3rd at 1 pm. Anyone over 65 is welcome to attend and may bring someone with you. Catering by Marie. Names to Sec 087 2122766, John 083 4712546, Mary Rose 087 2071166 by Nov 27th. Help is needed on Dec 2nd at 11am to get hall ready.

Tidy Towns

Dog faeces on footpaths is currently a big problem in and around the village especially to people walking at night. There are three Mutt Mitt dispensers around the village - at Hillside, Slieve Bloom Park and Brittas Avenue. Please clean up after your dog.

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Shared Reading: Shared reading groups bring people together to talk, laugh and share. Just grab a cuppa and enjoy listening to a story or poem-no pressure to read or talk.

Starting **Wednesday** 8th **November** 11 a.m. Call [0578644572](tel:0578644572)!

Our Book clubs are back for all ages! Baby Book Club is back on Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. for 0-3-year-olds and their carers. There are a few places in our adult book clubs which meets once a month! Call 057 8644572 to book a place or for more information. Lego Free Play: On **Saturday** mornings in Mountmellick Library from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. No need to book just drop in to meet and create together!

Mountmellick Arts Collective meet on **Thursday** mornings in Mountmellick Library. If interested call [0578644572](tel:0578644572) or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie to find out more!

Sensory Room in Mountmellick Library: Following registration, this 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. For further information contact Mountmellick Library at [0578644572](tel:0578644572).

Sensory Toy Resource Collection: This 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. For further details call [0578644572](tel:0578644572) or call into Mountmellick Library to pick up a booklet.

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.*

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

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Fionnuala McManus on winning €500.00. Winning no:9-23-10. €60 winners: Kelly children c/o Ger. Geraldine Deane, Reary James Langford, Clonaslee William Murray Clonaslee, Liam Conroy Clonaslee Sean Leahy Cadamstown. Promoters: Maura Gorman, Ann Rigney, Mary O'Keeffe Ann Rigney, Ger Kelly, S. Fitzpatrick Next week's Jackpot: €500. Plus 6 x €30 & Christmas prizes. 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:3-23-26-28.

Community & Voluntary Awards 2023 & Unsung Hero

Clonaslee Tidy Towns entered the village in Best Kept Residential Place in the Community & Voluntary Awards. A certificate of nomination was received **last Friday** night at Midlands Park Hotel. Patrick Blake was nominated for Unsung Hero 2023 at the Community & Voluntary Awards 2023. He received a certificate of nomination **last Friday** night at Midlands Park Hotel.

Clodiagh Players Variety Show

takes place **Wednesday** through to **Saturday** **November 29th** – **December 2nd** in Clonaslee Parochial Hall at 8pm. Contact Suzanne to book your seat 087 399 2355 or Pay at the Door.

Clonaslee Community Employment Programme scheme are looking for an Office Administrator.

19.5 hrs a week. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department of Social Protection This position includes annual training opportunities.

Please send CV's and covering letter to Manager, Clonaslee Community Center, Bellair, Clonaslee, Co. Laois. OR email:

clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com

Mountmellick Library

Heritage Illuminations Project: Come participate in this community led project with artist Caroline Conway on **Thursday** afternoons, (16th & 23rd Nov.) 2-4 p.m. in Mountmellick Library for a series of paper crafting workshops to create heritage motifs that will be illuminated in Mountmellick for **Christmas** 2023. All materials supplied. All welcome! Supported by Creative Laois as part of the Creative Ireland Programme in partnership with Laois County Council.

The Gallery in Mountmellick Library are delighted to host for the month of November the Shutterbugs Photography Exhibition. All are welcome to drop in and view the exhibition!

History Talk: Dr. Cormac Moore will give a talk on Laois Loyalist Applications to the Second Irish Grants Committee on **November 21st** at 7 p.m. as part of the Decade of Centenaries.

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€30 winners: Annette Scully, Trish Callaghan Jo Leary,

Marina O'Keeffe, Doreen Kelly. Promoter's prize:

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Next week's Jackpot: €3,400 in Fallons Bar