

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday 24th May 2020

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MASSES

You can watch live mass feed on www.mcnmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday at 8 pm and Sunday at 10 am.

DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open daily, entrance from main church doors only, from 2pm – 6pm for private prayer and lighting of candles. Please observe social distancing while in the designated area. Hand sanitizers are available.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Suspended for now for safety.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind, Kathleen McCann,

Chapel Street

Ellen Rigney & deceased members of the Rigney

Family, Garryheather

Mamie Poole, Main Street

Mary Hogan, Broughla

Joe Dunne, Garryheather

Joseph Quinn & Hannah Quinn, Chapel Street

Pray for Rita Fogarty, Ballinakill who died during the past week.

Anniversaries will still be celebrated at weekday and weekend masses thru the Webcam

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on www.clonasleeparish.com

See www.kandle.ie for up to date news and resources, including a list of parishes that have webcam so you can join in prayer and watch Masses. Follow Bishop Denis on twitter @BishopDNulty for daily tweets. Like Kildare & Leighlin Facebook page to keep updated.

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MONTHLY AND WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Thanks to all who have continued drop in weekly and monthly envelopes into the Parochial House. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Donation Buttons on KandLe Website: There are now two easy to use electronic 'Donate Buttons' on the front page of the diocesan

website www.kandle.ie The first button is called

'**Parish Collections**'. This button allows a donor to donate to our parish towards the Weekly

Collection or the Clergy Collection. At the end of each month the money will be directly transferred to the local parish. The second button is called

'**Diocesan Collections**'. This allows the donor to support any of our Diocesan appeals and they are listed: Retired Priest's, Vocations, Missions, Faith Development, Peters Pence, Youth Ministry and Trócaire. The donation system is easy to use and very secure. Every donation will be receipted.

FUNERALS

It is important to remind ourselves that the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed ten. Our church now uses a webcam, people will comment on social media and elsewhere if it is obvious there are more than should be, attending the funeral. We know this causes huge hardship to bereaved families and is difficult to police, but the directions are not at our own local discretion, they are mandatory as set out in the HSE and government guidelines.

MOUNTMELLICK LIBRARY

Are you cocooning with no access to books or do you know someone who is? You can now request a selection of books, audiobooks and DVDs from Laois Libraries. Drivers from Volunteer Laois will then deliver them to you house. Call 1-800-832-010, The Laois Community response Forum, if you wish to avail of this service. keep an eye out on our Facebook page for story-time with Emma. Virtual baby Book Club is on every Tuesday on the Mountmellick Library Facebook page.

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KNOCK

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage Mass to Knock on Sunday, June 7th will now be streamed live on www.knockshrine.ie and on the Shrine's Facebook page. Pilgrims from across the diocese are welcome to join the afternoon ceremonies from their homes. The schedule is the Rosary at 2.30 pm, followed by Mass and Benediction at 3pm. In advance of the day, pilgrims may place their petitions online on the Knock Shrine website and these will be placed on the altar for the Mass. Many pilgrims light candles for loved ones and their intentions during their visit to Knock and this service is also available online. A candle will be lit at the outdoor candelabra for requests received.

TRÓCAIRE

This is a very difficult year for Trócaire. Covid-19 will have devastating effects on the developing world with poor sanitation etc. The collection of the Trócaire boxes has been impossible this year. Trócaire are suggesting that on the weekend of Pentecost, families should be helped to transfer the contents of their boxes by post or electronic transfer. Any way that you can help facilitate this will be deeply appreciated by Trócaire and more importantly by those they support. Perhaps the Diocesan Donation button on KandLe might help in this regard.

CLONASLEE MEALS ON WHEELS

Are you 65 and over? A 2 course meal for €5 a day is available. Volunteer drivers needed for Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Mon to Fri, 8am-8pm, call 0818-222-024.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God,

we, the people of Kildare & Leighlin turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family and friends. Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe.

O God of creation and life,

we place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow. St Brigid, pray for us. St Conleth, pray for us. St Lazerian, pray for us. May all the saints of God, pray for us. AMEN.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

We are praying for all who have lost loved ones due to the Corona virus.