

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th November 2024

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WEEKEND MASSES 23rd/24th November
Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 11th – 15th November
Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9 am

View a video broadcast of masses in Clonaslee daily at 9 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: 23rd/24th Nov: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 16th November – 6 pm

Winifred Flanagan, Arden Heights, Tullamore
John & Brigid O'Gorman, Graiguefulla
Hugh & Angela O'Gorman & Grandson Enda
Comerford, Brocca

Leo & Norah O'Gorman, Mountrath

Sunday 17th November – 10 am

James, Brigid & Paddy Rosney, Larrigan
Peter & Mary Hogan, theirs baby son,
granddaughter Abigail & deceased members of
the Hogan & Scully Families.

Patrick Conroy, Shraduff

Saturday 23rd November – 6 pm

Months Mind, Greg Callaghan, Tullamore
Margaret & Thomas Fingleton, Portarlinton
Annie, John, Margaret & Sister Bridie Casey,

Sunday 24th November – 10 am

Christina, Owen, Sean & Eugene Mulligan,
Walsh Island

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation programme is on today Sun Nov 17th at 10 am mass.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated and for your generosity at the Remembrance Mass. Total amount collected was €750.

NEW EUCHARIST MINISTRY ROTA

The new rota for Eucharistic ministers is on the Sacred Heart Altar.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for children is on Wed 20th Nov from 6:15 – 7:15 pm. All welcome.

BUS TO LIMERICK

A bus will travel to Limerick on Sat Nov 23rd leaving the Post Office, Clonaslee at 8:30 am, Rosenallis at 8:45 am, Mountmellick Garda Station at 9 am. Bus leaves Limerick at 5 pm. Seats must be booked through TFI Local Link Office on 057-869-2168 before Wed Nov 20th. Adults: €12 return, under 16: €7 return.

CLONASLEE CLOTHES COLLECTION

FUNDRAISER

Items needed - Mens, Womens and Childrens Clothes and Shoes. Bed Sheets and Curtains. Please leave at the shed door at the back of Clonaslee Community Centre before Wed Nov 21st. Any questions ring Dolores 087-414-8093.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Social Services Christmas dinner is on Sunday Dec 1st at 1 pm in the Community Centre. All over 65 years are welcome to come. Catering by Marie's and music by Rock On Paddy. There is no raffle, but everyone will receive a free gift. This is a great social event, and we would love to see as many as possible attend. It is always a great day, and this year will be the same, with plenty of spot prizes. We will be in the Community Centre on Nov 30th to decorate and have the place look its

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best for the party. Anyone free at 11 am is very welcome to come and help, help will also be needed after the party to clean up. Names can be

Accepted. Travels on Bank Holidays. More info call 057-869-2168

given to Maura O'Gorman, Secretary on 087-212-2766 or John Callaghan, Chairperson on 083-471-2546.

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

In The Gallery is Street Photography exhibition by Laszlo Vig. Baby Book Club is on Thurs at

CONCERT

O Holy Night with Liam Lawton & Friends in St Marys Church, Edenderry on Sunday 8th Dec. Doors open at 6:30 pm, concert 7 pm. Tickets €15 available from Parish Office 046-973-3311.

10:30 am. *Junior Book Clubs: 4-6 years meeting on the second Tues of the month at 3:30 pm, 7-9 years meeting on first Tues of the month at 3:30 pm, 10-12 years on first Tues of the month at 4 pm. Adult book club meets monthly, we are reading 'My Name is Lucy Barton' by Elizabeth Strout for November. Short and Sweet Book Club is reading "Passing" by Nella Larsen. Next meeting is Tues Nov 26th at 11 am. Join us for a cuppa at the Ciorcal Comhrá each Tues at 6 pm, all levels welcome. Shared reading sessions where a staff member will read a story or poem. Lego Free Play on Sat mornings 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. If interested in any of the above and you wish to register call 057-868-9382 or email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie.*

FLY POSTING

Clonaslee is a Litter Free Village for many years. We ask that all posters be placed outside the 50 km road signs. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

A great gift to give at Christmas is 'A Different Era, Life in a Small Village' written by Fr. O'Reilly costing only €10. Available after masses and in the Post Office.

CCDA REPORT

The Fire Brigade had to be called to centre on Halloween night as it was felt the gas tank was in danger of exploding owing to a banger being put into the adjacent recycling bin. Guards have CCTV of it and will be following up on this. Christmas lights are up on Main Street. New lights to be purchased for Tullamore and Brittas Roads. Clonaslee received 2 invites to the Laois Community and Development Awards. Fr O'Reilly and Patrick Blake attended and we won Best Landscape award and €250. A run down on the Tidy Towns results was given, they went up by 13 points this year. Great achievement for all involved. Lotto dividends were given out this week. €6000 to the Centre and €6000 between two primary schools and the parish.

CLONASLEE PARISH / COMMUNITY

LOTTO

Why not give a Parish/Community Lotto Gift Card for Christmas. 5 weeks for €10 or 10 weeks for €20. Contact Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093 or Betty Finnerty 087-773-0734.

TFI LOCAL LINK BUS

This bus travels to Portlaoise every Tuesday and Friday and to Tullamore every Thursday leaving from the village at 9 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

A great Christmas gift to someone who has everything.

PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot won, congratulations to Fran Bates, Clonaslee and Eilish Dunne, Broughla who share the €2,000 jackpot. Winning no: 2-10-16. €30 winner: Julie Davis, Gurteen; The Staff, c/o Hickeys; Ciara & Grace Foynes Clonaslee; Kathleen & John Rigney, Clonaslee; Seamie & Catriona, c/o Hickeys; Holly Deane, c/o J Carroll. Promoter's prize: Maura O'Gorman, Mary

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Margaret Daly, Emily Kelly. Next week's

Jackpot: €500. Lotto gift vouchers can be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-8093. Extra prizes next week for Christmas.