

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th May 2025

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Scaroon

Nancy Flynn, Coolagh

WEEKEND MASSES 24th/25th May
Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 19th – 23rd May
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 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.

EUCCHARIST: 24th/25th May: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 17th May – 8 pm

Sheila O'Connor, Ashbrook

Mary & Joe Hickey, Bridge House

Sunday 18th May – 10 am

Mary & Peter Hogan, Broughla, their baby son,
baby granddaughter Abigail Hogan & deceased
members of the Hogan and Scully Families

John O'Brien, Rearymore

John & Kit Carroll, Shracullen

Thursday 22nd May – 9 am

Michael English, Old Bridge, Clonmel

Saturday 24th May – 8 pm

James & Ellen Rigney, Garryheather & deceased
members of the Rigney Family

Mary & Terence Hogan, & their son Michael,

Sunday 25th May – 10 am

John, Tommy, Larry & Mary Ryan Camross
Martin & Bridget Corcoran, their sons Tommy,
John & Billy & grandson Sean, Coolagh

Pray for John Daly, The Green & Dublin who died during the week.

1st COMMUNION CELEBRATION

1st Communion will be celebrated on Sat 24th May at 12 noon. Congratulations to the 21 students receiving their 1st Communion.

CEMETERY MASSES at 7:30 pm

Clonaslee Cemetery: Friday June 6th

Corrigeen Cemetery: Friday June 13th

Kilmanman Cemetery: Friday June 20th

REARYMORE CEMETERY MASS

On Friday June 27th at 7:30 pm. Please note: if inclement weather mass will be in St Bridget's Church.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

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

COLLECTION

Retired Priest Fund collection is next weekend 24th/25th May. Please use your monthly envelopes.

SHARING FROM THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is on Sat 24th May from 10 am – 4 pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Attendees are asked to bring a lunch – tea/coffee will be provided. If you would like to take part in this training please contact Fr O'Reilly.

CCDA REPORT

The following was discussed at the recent CCDA meeting: Grant was received for upgrades to the Community Centre. Works will be carried out over the summer. Heating is fixed. On-going issues with how Irish Water left Birr Road path,

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we hope to be resolved shortly. Local Councillor gave €500 of his Discretionary Funds which will be put towards paint for Heritage Centre. Coffee

done before judging starts. The flowers for the pots and beds will arrive on Tues May 20th and we welcome anyone who wishes to help plant up on Tues evening, we will meet at 7pm at Clonaslee Heritage Centre. We have agreed to 12 hanging

Morning was very successful. Thanks to all who help. Best of luck to the Tidy Towns in their entry. Patrick has put in a lot of work into it. Thanks to Supervisor and CE workers for all they do. There are 15 places plus the Supervisor. 11 are filled, we are still looking for 2 Environmental and 1 Office person. Please be wary of unknown persons collecting in the church yard at week-end masses. Meeting concluded with sympathies extended to all who lost loved ones.

COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning is Thurs May 29th from 11 am to 12:30 pm. There is a €2 charge per person to cover light and heating. The get together on May 14th was a huge success with 38 attending, wonderful feedback from the morning. Chairperson Maura extends sincere thanks to all who attended, those who set up tables, Shirley and Angela who worked hard on the day, Caroline for the baking and all who brought in something, also to those who cleaned and tidied up. Thank you to Ger Kelly for his sponsorship. It is lovely to see so many attending and socialising.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

The SuperValu National Tidy Towns entry has been submitted for Clonaslee for this year's competition. Judging will likely commence at the end of May. A lot of work has been done to date which includes grass cutting and strimming on Mountmellick Road, weeding and sweeping of footpaths on Mountmellick Road from the Cemetery into the village, weeding and sweeping of the footpath on Tullamore Road, beds weeded in the village and edging done along the kerbs on The Green, litter picking of all approach roads in the village, sweeping and weeding Main Street, watering of flowers and beds during this hot weather. If anyone is thinking of painting, we would be delighted if they could try getting it

baskets along the Main Street and 2 in The Square this year to add colour to the Main Street.

Clonaslee Village has been entered into Tullamore Credit Union Pride of Place 2025 Competition in the Best Village Category. Judging will take place over the summer months June – Sept in various categories. Clonaslee received Gold in this competition last year. Work evenings take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings meeting at 7pm at Clonaslee Heritage Centre. More volunteers would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Personal monitor alarms available to anyone over 65 years old. First year is free if you have a land line, or with a mobile phone, you pay for a sim card, but the alarm is free. The following years will cost €66 with Task Community Care. These alarms are monitored around the clock and have saved many lives. If the alarm is no longer required, they must be returned to the committee as we install them for someone else. Phone Secretary if you require one on 087-212-2766.

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

COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 18-21-15.

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€30 winner: Ben & Alex Peavoy, Portlaoise;
S Fitzpatrick, Clonaslee, Ellen Delaney,
Clonaslee; Ann Rigney, Clonaslee; Geraldine
Deane, Reary; J Cusack, Clonaslee. Promoters
prize: Flynn's PO, Pat Dunne, C Horan. Next
week's Jackpot: €1,100. Lotto gift vouchers can
be purchased from Dolores Murray on 087-414-
8093