

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 30th March 2025

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Lorrha & Shracullen

WEEKEND MASSES 5th/6th April
Saturday 6 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES 31st March – 4th April
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 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: 5th/6th April: Team B

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 29th March – 6 pm

James & Michael Costelloe, Graigueafulla

Sunday 30th March – 10 am

Tom Flynn, the Glebe

Bernard & Anne Breslin, Glenkeen

Lar Breslin & Sister Finbar Breslin, Glenkeen

Saturday 5th April – 6 pm

Benedict & Bridgid Egan, Rathcoffey

Sinead Murphy nee Barrett, Tullamore & Bellair

Paddy Flynn, Garryheather & London

Elizabeth & William Flynn, Garryheather

Liam & Larry Flynn, Garryheather

Sunday 6th April – 10 am

Kit Molloy, Tinnahinch

Frank & Alice Kennedy, England, formerly of

PLEASE NOTE

For the foreseeable future, Saturday evening mass will continue at 6 pm.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and invalids of the parish will be visited on Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th April at the usual times.

ADORATION

Adoration is in the Fr Shortall Room on Friday 4th April from 9:30 am – 1 pm. Pray for the Christians who are hugely suffering under the new regime in Syria.

SYNOD NEWS

In 2022 Church members across Ireland identified key themes. In 2023-2024 the Universal Synod addressed these themes. Now in 2025 you are invited to name the priorities for action arising from them for the Irish church. **How:** Watch a short video on www.synod.ie/resources-for-spring-gatherings-2025/ Consider the question: What themes are emerging for you? **Register** and come to the meeting on Tues 1st April from 7 – 9:30 pm in Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard. **Book by** lunchtime 1st April at fds@kandle.ie or 059-916-4084.

CLONASLEE TIDY TOWNS

Clonaslee Tidy Towns AGM is on Wednesday April 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Centre. All welcome to attend

CONFIRMATION

A great day of celebration was had when 48 students participated in their Confirmation last week. Thank you to the teachers, parents, choir, Fr O'Reilly and Dolores Murray for all the preparation needed for this special event. Thank you to anyone who helped in any way to make this a special day for our students.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning is on Thurs April 3rd from 11 am to 12:30 pm. It is a lovely social event and all about getting out for a while to meet people and have a chat. There is a €2 charge per person to

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cover light and heating. Please contact 087-212-2766 if you intend to attend on the day.

Kelly, Butcher or Edel O'Brien. Draw on Easter Sat 19th April at Edel's house, Chapel Street.

Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner

Past Pupils of the Brigidine Convents of Abbeyleix, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are invited to the Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner on Sun 27th April in the Midlands

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

Clean Up Laois Week is March 31st to April 4th, Clonaslee Tidy Towns ask if anyone who would like to litter pick in an area to contact Patrick on 087-468-4213 for the branded bags and litter pickers. If all groups, organisations, estates and businesses would do their own area, it would be a great help as we only have a few workers. All the main roads entering the village, Brittas Lake and woods will be done. We would appreciate all the help possible. All bags will be collected by AES on Tues April 8th inside the barrier at Clonaslee Community Centre.

Park Hotel, Portlaoise at 12:45pm. Cost €50 and booking to be made before Thurs

17th April. Contact Sheila Kinane 087-224-944 or 045-867-124 Email: sheilakinane@gmail.com or Dolores Kavanagh Murray 087-414-8093

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.

THANK YOU

Clonaslee St Patrick's Day committee wish to thank all its sponsors, volunteers, those who gave generously, the Grand Marshalls of the 1975 Laois Senior winning hurling team, and the local residents for their cooperation. Special thanks to all who entered the marvellous floats to make the 2025 parade such a success. Prize winners are Overall – No 82 Ballyboy Community Development. Most Original – No 79 Newton Plant Hire. Best Vintage – No 55 Albert Reid. Most Entertaining Float – No 34 Clodiagh Players. Best Dressed Dog – No 43 Padraig Cleere with dog M.G. Best Club/School – No 26 Clonaslee Ladies Football Club

CE SCHEME VACANCIES

1. Office Assistant Community Centre
 2. Groundskeeper/Caretaker Community Centre
 3. Receptionist Heritage Centre
 4. Horticultural/ Environmental Worker (2)
- Part-time flexible hours. No experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Standard Community Employment pay rates. If interested please contact the Scheme Supervisor on (057)8648277 or email clonasleecommunitycentre@gmail.com***

BUS TO ATHLONE

A bus will travel to Golden Island Centre, Athlone on Sat April 12th leaving Clonaslee at 9 am. Anyone interested in traveling please phone 087-212-2766 as just a few seats left.

COMMUNITY & PARISH LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 14-8-12.
€30 winner: Jamie Langford, Clonaslee; Nora & John Casey, Clonaslee; Deirdre & Susie, c/o Nuala Smith; Garry Delaney, Boora; John Barrett, Clonaslee; Larry, Rebecca & Olivia Rigney, Clonaslee. Promoters prize: Ronan Dunne, Larry Rigney, Sheila Bourke. Next week's Jackpot: €800.

EASTER RAFFLE

In aid of Gavin Flynn Foundation supporting families whose children need cancer treatment abroad which is not available in Ireland. Tickets cost €2/line or 3 lines/€5 available from Ger

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Murray on 087-414-8093

CLONASLEE/ST MANMAN'S GAA LOTTO

Jackpot not won. Winning no: 7-16-25-28.

€30 winners: Owens' Kids, James McRedmond,
Liam Rooney, Kevin Murphy, Hollie McDermott.

Promoter's prize: C Hogan.

Next week's Jackpot: €13,900 in Fallons Bar.