

## Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th September 2020

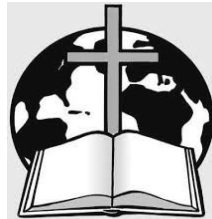
**Seek the Lord!** In our Gospel reading (Mt 20:1-16), Jesus uses a parable of workers in the vineyard to challenge and stretch our thinking about those who are called to live and work for the Reign of God. We are all equal in God's eyes, and there is no room for human ideas of hierarchy and self-importance. The first will be last and the last will be first. As we come to pray together, with Christ at the centre of all that we are and do, how might we live out these radical Gospel values in a world that is in so much need of the kindness and compassion of God? May we have the grace to listen to the cry of the prophet (Is 55: 6-9), and to seek the Lord with all our heart, mind and spirit. In this coming week, let us pray for each other with a generous love, recognizing that we are all equal as we work together in the vineyard of the Lord.

### MISSION AWARENESS AND CALL

Fr. George Augustine, Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Mission Director, will host a Zoom meeting next Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm.

This meeting will be focused on how we best support the missions and also to form mission teams, Bishop Nulty will be in attendance.

More detail from Fr. George via email: [geoosb@gmail.com](mailto:geoosb@gmail.com).



### The Hook of Faith Zoom Conference

The team at 'The Hook of Faith' ([www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)) are pleased to announce a Zoom Conference for the month of October that focuses on 'EVANGELISING IRISH CULTURE TODAY'. Each session will be led by an expert speaker followed by 10 minutes of Questions and Answers. Each session will start at 8pm. Beginning Sept 29th. We hope that as many as possible participate in this event for the missionary month of October.

### DATES FOR CONFIRMATION....

Sunday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>: Last year's 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils from the Rock NS.  
1.00pm - Group A      3.00pm - Group B

Sunday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>: Last year's 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils from Scoil Phádraig.  
1.00pm - Group A      3.00pm - Group B



### .....AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> **Scoil Phádraig Naofa**

11.00am - Group A    2.00pm Group B

Sunday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> **Clonaghadoo NS**

12noon St. Mary's Clonaghadoo



Saturday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> **Scoil Iósaif Naofa**

11.00am - Group A    2.00pm Group B

Sunday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> **The Rock NS**

2.00pm St. Joseph's Church

Due to Covid19 restrictions numbers attending the ceremonies are strictly limited to **the immediate family of the candidates only, living in the same household as they do**. Sadly, we are unable to have any grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours, or friends attend. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Let's keep one another safe.

**REMEMBERING OUR  
FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED ANNIVERSARY  
MASSES**

*For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered.*

**Anthony & Christina Reddin,  
Harbour Street,  
Mary Ann & John Joe Gorman,  
Lower Forest,  
John Martin,  
Michael & Louie Holland, O'Moore  
Street,  
Eamon Payne, late of Emmet Street,  
Ger Moss, Derrycloney,  
Thomas Culleton, Emmet Street,  
Liam A. Scott,  
James Deegan, Borness,  
Catherine Flanagan, Parnell Street,  
Michael & Mary Delaney, Upper  
Forest,**

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 26th & 27th September:*

**Helen Utter,  
Thomas Dempsey, Clonterry,  
Vincent Deffew, Twomey Park,  
Tony Coss, Kirwan Park,  
Siobhan Kavanagh, Coolbanagher  
& formerly of Wolfetone Street,**

*Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

**We welcome  
Maura Weston, Nyra,  
Fiadh Lynch, Debbicot,  
Zoey Lowndes, Willow Grove,**

whose Baptism Mountmellick Parish celebrated recently.

“..and he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them” Mk 10:16



**CELEBRATING BAPTISMS**

If you have a baby for Baptism, please make sure we have your “Baptism Registration Form” on file in the Parish Office. The parish office will contact you to make appropriate arrangements.

Parish Office tel: 057/8624390  
email [stjosephs1878@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephs1878@gmail.com)  
Tel: 057-8679302

**ENVELOPES  
THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all those who, this week, have returned Weekly Envelopes, Station Envelopes and Giving Sunday Envelopes.

If you wish to return your contributions you can, for the moment, put them through the letterbox of either Fr. Murphy's or Fr. Dunphy's house or into the church. Thanks again, all greatly appreciated.

**CHEQUES CHEQUES**

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to “Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account”. Many thanks.

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH  
LOTTO**

**Results for Wed. September 16th  
Jackpot Numbers: 2:12:13:21:  
NO Jackpot winner  
Next week's Jackpot is: €20,000  
19 Match '3' - €53**

<b><u>Winner:</u></b>	<b><u>Promoter</u></b>
<b>Jeanette Lawlor</b>	<b>D. Lawlor</b>
<b>Tina Phelan</b>	<b>M. Phelan</b>

**READERS**

**Ministers of the Word**

**Sat/Sun 26th & 27th September  
7.30pm: Padraig O'Toole  
11.00am: Ann Storey**

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH  
Sat/Sun 12th & 13th September  
Plates: €760  
Envelopes: €1045**

Many thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted.

**Please take this newsletter  
home with you rather  
than leave it behind for  
someone else to handle.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sat/Sun 26th & 27th Sept.**

**7.30pm: Dolores Lawlor &  
Elizabeth Moore  
11.00am: Mona Conroy &  
Michael Gormley**

**Parish Office**

Opening Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday from 10am  
to 1.00pm. Email: [stjosephs1878@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephs1878@gmail.com)

The National Shrine of Our Lady  
of Walsingham - England's  
Nazareth

Thursday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Feast of Our  
Lady of Walsingham

The story of the Walsingham Shrine begins in Saxon times. In 1061, the Lady of the Manor, Richeldis de Faverches, was taken in spirit to Nazareth, shown the house where the Annunciation took place and asked by Our Lady to build a replica in Norfolk. She was promised that *'Whoever seeks my help there will not go away empty-handed.'* The simple wooden house that she built soon became the focus of special devotion to Our Lady. The 'Holy House' was later encased in stone to protect it from the elements. The Roman Catholic National Shrine is today to be found at the Slipper Chapel, a mile south of Walsingham. It has been established there since 1934. In 2015 Pope Francis declared the shrine as a Minor Basilica, so its proper title is 'The Basilica of our Lady, Walsingham'. The 'Slipper Chapel' today welcomes about 200,000 pilgrims and visitors throughout the year, with the main pilgrimage season being from May to the end of September.

**Just a thought:**

St Philip Neri said that 'if you find it hard to forgive, look at the crucifix and remember the Lord's words as they nailed him to the cross. Father forgive them for they know not what they do'.

**PARISH RADIO AND WEBCAM SERVICE.**

**Masses will be celebrated as follows,  
available via our parish radio and parish webcam service.**

**MASSES**

**Mon September 21st 10.00am; Tues 22nd 7.30pm;  
Weds 23rd 10.00am; Thurs 24th 7.30pm; Fri 25th 10.00am.  
Sat 26th Sept 7.30pm Vigil Mass; Sun 27th Sept 11.00am.**