

## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**1st Sunday of Advent - 29th November, 2020**

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**RETURNING TO PUBLIC MASS** - Returning to public celebrations of mass from Tues next Dec 1<sup>st</sup> is a welcome development for us all. It is also a big step for us and demands we take every precaution we can to make it safe for everyone (**every contact counts**).

As before, please note that, our gatherings will be very different from last Jan/Feb. The capacity of the Parish Church is hugely reduced due to the social/physical distancing requirements – between 90-100 people is our limit. The capacity of St. Mary's, Clonaghadoo is reduced to approx. 40 people and we thank you for your understanding of what this means. As the obligation to attend Sunday mass is still removed please consider attending your 'weekly mass' any day during the week – this would greatly ease the pressure on the weekend masses. The observation of social/physical distancing and the wearing of masks will continue. Sanitising stations will be available at all entrances.

We hope to have a few stewards/ushers to help people find seating.

Our arrangements for Christmas will be announced shortly.

### **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS**



Our annual remembrance mass, for all those who have died in the past twelve months, will be held on Monday evening (30<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30pm. The mass will be celebrated behind closed doors but available on our webcam and radio service. May they rest in peace.



**ADVENT 2020** For the four Wednesdays of Advent, beginning on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, instead of our usual Advent Retreat it is hoped to have an online Zoom gathering each week focusing on some of the Scripture Readings of the following Sunday's mass and how they make Advent more meaningful.

It'll be a time to chat, reflect and pray.

To take part, all you need to do is send an email to [stjosephs1878@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephs1878@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link. The heart of Advent is the preparation we do to welcome Christ into our lives. Make these Wednesday evening gatherings part of your personal preparation for welcoming Christ this year.

Each evening will begin at 8.00pm and last about 45 minutes. All welcome.

**REMEMBERING OUR  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

1st Anniversary Masses:

Elizabeth Dunne, Connolly Street.  
Damien Crossan, O'Moore's Forest  
& Kirwan Park,  
Mass here on Thursday December  
3rd at 7.30pm.

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

Danny Lynch, Harbour Court,  
Dan & Cora Barrett, Wolfetone  
Street,  
Donal Fitzpatrick, Clontarf,  
Annie & Dennis Delaney, Derryguile,  
Simon & Vera O'Mara, Hill 60,  
Annie & Paddy McDonald,  
Wolfetone Street,  
Thomas & Bridget Kearney,  
Luke McRedmond, Harbour Street,  
Philip Leech, Rynn, Rosenallis,  
Mary Quigley, Catherine Quigley,  
Mary Tait & George Muir,  
William Maguire, Ballylanders,  
*For those whose anniversaries  
occur at this time and for whom Mass  
will be offered next weekend 5th &  
6th December*  
Eileen Horohan, Clonsaughey,  
Jimmy & Lena Dunne, Wolfetone  
Street,  
Edward & Esther Blanche,  
Wolfetone Street,  
Joseph Blanche, Portlaoise, formerly  
Derryguile,

*Masses available on parish webcam  
or church radio.*

**Parish Office:** Open weekdays  
from 10.30am – 1.00pm &  
3.00pm to 4.30pm beginning  
Tuesday Dec 1st.

**First Friday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>:** Masses at  
10.00am St. Joseph's Church and  
8.00pm in Clonahadoo.

Advent Prayer Service Sunday  
29th November 7.30pm with  
Bishop Nulty  
iCatholic Facebook Page.

**MOUNTMELICK  
PARISH  
Sat/Sun 21st & 22nd Nov  
Envelopes: €650**

**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.

**DONATING ONLINE**

There are now two electronic  
'Donate Buttons' on the front page  
of the Kildare and Leighlin  
diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie).  
The first is called '**Parish  
Collections**'. This button allows a  
donor make a contribution to our  
weekly parish collection or the  
Support of the Clergy Collection.  
The second button is called  
'**Diocesan Collections**'. This  
allows the donor to support any of  
the Diocesan appeals as they are  
listed.

**CHEQUES CHEQUES**

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

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH  
LOTTO**

**Results for Wed. November 25th**  
**Jackpot Numbers: 2:13:21:31:**  
**NO Jackpot winner.**  
**Next week's Jackpot is: €20,000**  
**11 Match '3' - €91**

**Winner:**  
**Ken Coss**

**Promoter**  
**F. Lawlor**

**READERS**

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat/Sun 5th & 6th December**  
**7.30pm: Ann Conroy**  
**11.00am: Vincent McEvoy**

**THANK YOU**

A sincere thank you to the  
Businesses for your support for  
this year's Concern Fast.  
And to all who contributed to  
the bucket collections. The  
online link continues -  
[https://www.justgiving.com/  
fundraising/Mountmellick-Fast](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mountmellick-Fast)

**'Waiting in Hope'  
Pray with Bishop  
Nulty at 7:30pm**

You are warmly invited to join  
with Bishop Nulty and people  
from parishes all across the  
diocese for a service of  
prayer to begin the Advent  
journey together in a spirit of  
hope. It will be streamed live  
from Carlow Cathedral at  
7:30 pm this Sunday evening  
November 29th. In these  
darkening days of winter may  
this time of music, scripture,  
inspiration and prayer help  
people to draw once more on  
the hope that comes to us  
through our faith in Jesus, a  
hope that brings the light of  
Christ into our lives.

You can join in on the  
iCatholic Facebook page:  
[https://facebook.com/  
iCatholic](https://facebook.com/iCatholic); the KANDLE  
Facebook page: [https://  
www.facebook.com/  
KANDLEi/](https://www.facebook.com/KANDLEi/), as well as on the  
YouTube channel: [https://  
youtube.com/c/  
icatholicplayer](https://youtube.com/c/icatholicplayer).

**PARISH RADIO AND WEBCAM SERVICE.**

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

**MASSES**

**Mon November 30th 10.00am & 7.30pm (behind closed doors)**  
**Tues 1st December 7.30pm; Weds 2nd 10.00am; Thurs 3rd**  
**7.30pm; Fri 4th 10.00am.**  
**Sat 5th Dec 7.30pm Vigil Mass; Sun 6th 11.00am.**