

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent - 6th December, 2020

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Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord

The call to repentance is at the heart of the Advent season. Like the people in today's readings, we, too, are called to a change of heart, as we long for a better world where injustice will cease. The Gospel reading shows how radical John the Baptist was in his calling, just like the Old Testament prophets. His focus was on the need to repent, for people to change their world view and live accordingly. In this way, they will be more open to the teachings of Jesus, so that 'the glory of the Lord shall be revealed'. This week, we might ask for the grace of trust, and to receive the deep love of God into our hearts. God is offering us new life in Christ, empowering us to be his instruments for change in a world torn apart by self-serving actions and fear. Perhaps we can make this our prayer: 'Lord, make us channels of your peace and justice. Amen.'

CHRISTMAS - Every Contact Counts -

With just a few weeks to go before Christmas we would ask you to give serious thought to the matter of attending Mass either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Morning. Mindful of the fact that our capacity in both churches is very limited and, that in the interests of public health, we are asked to limit our contacts to as few people as possible, overcrowded churches could pose a serious risk. Next weekend we will announce our schedule of masses but in the meantime, we would ask you to give all this some serious consideration. As Archbishop Martin in Armagh said recently attending mass as a family at Christmas, attentively and carefully, via webcam or television, is both a meaningful and a special thing to do. Then on any of the 12 days of Christmas, which will be quieter and safer, come as a family to mass, to visit the crib, or simply to say a prayer. We all want to have a safe and enjoyable Christmas so please consider how we might all make that happen.

A message from the Irish bishops: "Keep Christ at the Centre of Christmas" We strongly encourage the faithful to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas this year. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to "tune in" from the "domestic churches" of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child. (Dec 2nd 2020)

**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception Tues Dec 8th**

**Masses Parish Church
11.00am & 7.30pm**

**"O Mary conceived without
sin pray for us who have
recourse to thee."**

**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

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

Edward & Mary Conroy, Dernacart,
William (Billy) Conroy, Upper
Forest,
James Scott, Parnell Street,
Bill Lalor, Lord Edward Street,
Siobhan Keogan nee McKenna, Kells
Joseph Brophy, St. Joseph's Tce.
John & Margaret Conroy, Dangans,
Edward (Ned) & Margaret (Peggy)
Droney, Ashgrove & Acragar,
Edward & Esther Blanche,
Wolfetone Street,
Joseph Blanche, Portlaoise, formerly
Derryguile,
Patrick Carroll, Wolfetone Street,
Julia McNeill, Davin Park,
Jim, Maura, Gerry & Marie
McEvoy, Shamrock House,
Kathleen Gormley, Parnell Street,
Sarah O'Neill, Emmet Terrace,
Ellen Corcoran, Clonmoylan,
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Cloncannon,
*For those whose anniversaries
occur at this time and for whom Mass
will be offered next weekend 12th &
13th December*
Conor Davis, Emmet Street,

*Masses available on parish webcam
or church radio.*

**MOUNTMELLICK PARISH
LOTTO**

Results for Wed. December 2nd
Jackpot Numbers:1:12:22:28:
NO Jackpot winner.
Next week's Jackpot is: €20,000
12 Match '3' - €84

Winner:	Promoter
The 4 Girls	K. Burke
Anne Smith	May Lynch
Marie Conlon	F. Hibbitts

**NB: No 7.30pm
Mass on Thursday
next (10th)**

**MOUNTMELLICK
PARISH
Sat/Sun 28th & 29th Nov
Envelopes: €710**

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. 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.

Parish Office:

Open weekdays from
10.30am – 1.00pm &
3.00pm to 4.30pm.

READERS

Ministers of the Word
Sat/Sun 12th & 13th Dec
7.30pm: Bernadette Clear
11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat/Sun 12th & 13th Dec
7.30pm: Oliver Ging &
Patricia Moloney
11.00am: Therese Wall &
Antoinette Makim

ADVENT 2020

For the four Wednesdays of
Advent, beginning on
Dec 2nd, 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 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.

**Wanted 3 bedroom house to
rent in Mountmellick contact:
086 1017596**

PARISH RADIO AND WEBCAM SERVICE.

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

MASSES

Mon December 7th 10.00am; Tues 8th Holyday 11.00am
and 7.30pm; Weds 9th 10.00am;
Thurs 10th NO EVENING MASS. Fri 11th 10.00am.
Sat 12th Dec 7.30pm Vigil Mass; Sun 13th 11.00am.