

## ***Mountmellick Parish Newsletter***

***3rd Sunday of Advent - 13th December, 2020***

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## **CHRISTMAS and KEEPING SAFE**

The schedule for Christmas Masses is as follows:

St. Joseph's Parish Church

Christmas Eve 7.00pm, 9.00pm and 11.00pm

Christmas Morning 8.00am, 10.00am and 12noon.

St. Mary's Clonaghadoo

Christmas Eve 9.00pm

Christmas Morning 10.00am.

### **THERE WILL BE NO CHILDRENS MASS THIS YEAR**

As already mentioned, our capacity in both churches is extremely limited so in the interests of public health and to try and manage our numbers safely a ticketing system will apply. There will be three types of tickets: (1) a family ticket for up to five or six people from the same household (2) a single ticket for an individual person and (3) a double ticket for two people for example a husband and wife, a brother and sister, a parent and child, from the same household.

The family groups will be seated in the available seats in both the left and right-hand side aisles. The double ticket and single ticket places will be divided between the available rows of the main aisle. This plan applies to both churches.

Tickets will be available from the Parish Office from next Wednesday morning. You may only collect tickets for your own family members and not for anyone else. We look forward to your cooperation in this regard. Those collecting tickets will be asked to sign for each of them and leave a contact number.

As we have a responsibility to observe all the Govt. restrictions and we want to facilitate as many as we can we would encourage families, for this year, to consider attending their "Christmas" mass on any of the 12 days of Christmas, which will be quieter and safer.

While these arrangements are very different from our normal Christmas this is not a normal year and the health and well-being of everyone must be our first consideration. With your cooperation we will respect that, celebrate our masses as safely as we can and together do our best to prevent any further spread of the virus.

**CHRISTMAS - EVERY CONTACT COUNTS - CHRISTMAS**

**REMEMBERING OUR  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

***Month's Mind Mass:***

Marie Comerford, Twomey Park,  
mass here on Tuesday December 15th  
at 7.30pm.

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

Bernard Rochford, Emmet Street,  
P. J. Mitchell, Pearse Street,  
Frank Lawlor, Wolfetone Court &  
Kilcavan,  
Sheila Finlay, Acragar,  
Anthony Marnell, The Rock,  
Peter Corcoran, Clonmoyle,  
John Ging, Brittas,  
Des Byrne, Irishtown,  
Gussie McGlynn, Bay Road,  
John & Margaret Reddin, Manor  
Road,  
Daniel O'Mahony, Emmet Road,  
Lorcan Poole, Sarsfield Street,  
Paddy Delaney, Patrick Street,  
Kay Dunne nee Bracken,  
Peter & Kathleen Bracken, Garoon,  
James & Catherine Troy & The Troy  
Family, Garoon,  
Elizabeth & Fredrick Hill, New Road,  
Michael Kirwan, Harbour Street,  
Clement Lynch, Straboe,  
William & Bridget Keane,  
Patrick Conroy, Bay Road,  
Kathleen & Patrick Cleary, Davin  
Park,  
Bridget Culleton, Derrycloney,  
Elizabeth Dowling, Parnell Street,  
Joe & Martha Hayden, Bay Road,  
Baby James Duff,

*For those whose anniversaries  
occur at this time and for whom Mass  
will be offered next weekend 19th &  
20th December:*

Mary Dempsey, Kirwan Park,  
Tony Payne, Station Road,  
Robert & Christopher Parkinson,  
Connolly Street,  
Meryl McNabb, Emmet Street,  
Patrick & Annie Fitzgerald, Manor  
Lane,  
Tom & Avril Fitzgerald,

*Masses available on parish webcam or  
church radio.*

**Parish Office:**

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

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH**

**Sat/Sun 5th & 6th Dec**

**Baskets: €860**

**Envelopes: €2267**

**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. December 9th**

**Jackpot Numbers: 9:15:20:22:**

**NO Jackpot winner.**

**Next week's Jackpot is:**

**€20,000**

**20 Match '3' - €50**

**Winner:**

**Helen Whelehan**

**Eileen Walsh**

**Promoter**

**M. Phelan**

**C. Lindley**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sat/Sun 19th & 20th Dec**

**7.30pm: Bernadette O'Toole  
& Claire Dempsey**

**11.00am: Noreen Savage &  
Helen Doran**

**ADVENT 2020**

The next Parish Advent Zoom  
will be on Wednesday 16th.  
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.  
Each evening will begin at  
8.00pm and last about  
45 minutes. All welcome.

**Samaritans - WE ARE HERE  
FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS**

Every hour, every day, a Samaritan  
is waiting to answer your call. This  
Christmas our volunteers will be  
here to listen 24/7, allowing you to  
talk without judgement, to relieve  
distress and reach a better  
understanding of your situation.  
We hear from men and women of  
all ages who feel stressed, lonely,  
bereaved, have family or financial  
worries, or are suicidal.  
Please don't suffer in silence. We  
are here today, and all over  
Christmas, on freephone 116 123  
or email [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie)

**SAINT JOSEPH.**

Marking the 150th anniversary  
of St. Joseph being declared  
patron of the universal church,  
Pope Francis, on Tuesday last  
(Dec8th), proclaimed a yearlong  
celebration dedicated to the  
foster father of Jesus saying  
that Christians can discover in  
St. Joseph, who often goes  
unnoticed, "an intercessor, a  
support and a guide in times of  
trouble." Throughout this  
'special' year we will  
celebrate our patron and  
honour him in prayer and  
devotion.

**PARISH RADIO AND WEBCAM SERVICE.**

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

**MASSES**

**Mon December 14th 10.00am; Tues 15th 7.30pm;  
Weds 16th 10.00am; Thurs 17th Fri 18th 10.00am.  
Sat 19th Dec 7.30pm Vigil Mass; Sun 20th Dec 11.00am.**