

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

Christ King of the Universe - 22nd November, 2020

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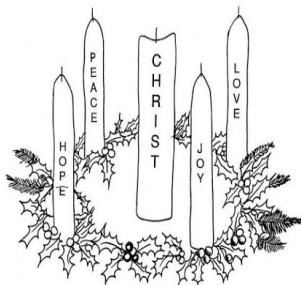
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As royal shepherd, Christ is leading us into the Kingdom of his Father. Today's feast of Christ the King ends the Church's liturgical year on a high point. Perhaps, after the year we have had, we need, more than ever, its full title: 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe'. So that God *'may be all in all'*, Christ is, indeed, king over the whole universe. Though we may have felt – and perhaps still feel – *'scattered, during the mist and darkness'* of 2020, God keeps the flock always in view and will show us where to rest. We are not abandoned. Rather, the care of the one, true, kingly shepherd means we really shall want for nothing. The call of this Shepherd King is heard in the Gospel reading (Mt25: 31-46), inviting us to a share, both *in his service of others*, especially to the very least, and in *his very life*. This week let's try to be open to that call and respond with joyful and generous hearts.

'Waiting in Hope'

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, at 7:30 pm

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis 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, via www.iCatholic.ie, at 7:30 pm next 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.



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.



PRESENTATION DAY.

Saturday, Nov 21st, was the Congregational Feast Day of the Presentation Sisters. We thank God for the many Presentation Sisters who lived and worked in our parish down the years. Please God we will soon be welcoming the present-day community back to Mountmellick from their time in Bagenalstown.

"Lord, You filled the heart of Nano Nagle with loving care and compassion for those in need. Through her intercession, help us in our present need. We pray that, like her, we grow in your love & in the love of the poor & the most vulnerable of this world. Amen."



ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

Our annual remembrance mass, for all those who have died in the past twelve months, will be held on Monday Nov 30th at 7.30pm. As of now it will be celebrated behind closed doors but available on our webcam and radio service. If you have relatives around the country or abroad who might wish to join in now might a good time to give them notice of it.



HOLY HOUR –

Adoration, Music, Reflection,
Rosary – Sunday evening 8.00pm, via parish webcam and radio service.
Log in at www.mountmellickparish.ie.

**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Month's Mind Mass:

Cecelia Kirkland nee Wall,
Cornwall, formerly of Clonsaughey
and Davitt Road, mass on Tuesday
Nov 24th at 7.30pm

1st Anniversary Masses:

Angela Walsh, Irishtown,
Sheila Dowling, Kilmainham,
Ina Coffey, Clonduff, Rosenallis,
Mícheál Ward,
Karen Kelly, Willow Grove &
formerly Davin Park,
Mass here on Thursday November
26th at 7.30pm (behind closed doors)
*For the following whose
anniversaries are remembered this
weekend and for whom Mass will be
offered.*

James Phillips, Patrick Street,
Michael Dalton, Dernacart,
Michael Dunne, Patrick Street,
Martin Conroy, Lord Edward St &
Manor Road,
Elizabeth & Edward Dempsey, St.
Joseph's Tce.,
Kathleen Westman, Connolly Street,
Nancy Westman, Wolfetone Court,
Johanna & Joseph Deffew, Harbour
Street,
Eddie Keogh, Borness,
May & Patrick Murphy, O'Connell
Square,
Mary Horan, Irishtown,
*For those whose anniversaries
occur at this time and for whom Mass
will be offered next weekend 28th &
29th November:*

Vincent Dunne, Irishtown,
Timothy Dunne,
Edward Murphy, Chapel Street,
Cora & Dan Barrett, Wolfetone
Street,

All masses behind closed doors.

**Masses available on parish webcam
or church radio.**

**MOUNTMELLICK PARISH
LOTTO**

Results for Wed. November 18th
Jackpot Numbers: 3:19:27:28:
NO Jackpot winner.
Next week's Jackpot is: €20,000
23 Match '3' - €44

Winner: Mr. McElwee
Promoter McElwee's

**MOUNTMELLICK
PARISH
Sat/Sun 14th & 15th Nov
Envelopes: €1,410**

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.

READERS

**Ministers of the Word
Sat/Sun 28th & 29th November**

7.30pm: Michael Feely

11.00am: Ann Storey

**Lotto tickets and monies will
be taken in at the parish office
on Wednesday mornings -
11am to 12 noon.**

REMEMBRANCE TREE
During November we
remember our faithful
departed. Place the names
of your deceased loved ones
on our
remembrance tree and as a
community we unite in
honouring and
thanking God for them.
May the souls of our
faithful departed,
through the mercy of God
rest in peace. Amen.



**PARISH CHURCH
Opening Hours
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday Thursday, Friday
& Saturday
11am to 6pm.
Sunday 12 noon to 6pm.**

**Mass of Remembrance
for all who have died from
Covid-19**

Knock Shrine invites you to join us
online for a special Mass this
Sunday November 22nd at 12
Noon, as we remember all who
have died from COVID-19 on the
island of Ireland. This Mass will
be celebrated by Most Rev Michael
Neary and streamed
from Knock Basilica. Petitions
may be placed online on the Knock
Shrine website prior to the Mass.
These will then be placed on the
altar and prayed for during
the Mass. Join us online
at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live
The Mass will also be broadcast at
the later time of 2.15pm on RTÉ
News Now.

PARISH RADIO AND WEBCAM SERVICE.

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

MASSES

**Mon November 23rd 10.00am; Tues 24th 7.30pm;
Weds 25th 10.00am; Thurs 26th 7.30pm; Fri 27th 10.00am.
Sat 28th Nov 7.30pm Vigil Mass; Sun 29th Nov 11.00am.**