

## ***Mountmellick Parish Newsletter***

***All Saints - 1st November, 2020***

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**The feast of All Saints celebrates the true life in Christ that we are all called to live.** This Sunday's gospel reading is Jesus's teaching on the Beatitudes: a teaching that finds holiness both in the depths of human experience of loss, poverty, and persecution, and in the expressions of compassion in response to these sufferings. The lives of the Saints and of countless others have been transformed by their deep truth. These teachings speak to the difficult realities of our times too. Many live in poverty or are innocent victims of war; many mourn lives cut short by the Covid virus; others are persecuted for their beliefs. We hold all of these our sisters and brothers in our prayer this coming week and pray for each other, that we may awaken to our true selves as lavishly loved children of God. **HAPPY FEASTDAY**

### [Dedicating November as a month of Prayer and Remembrance for the dead and the bereaved.](#)



“This year, the month of November, in which we traditionally remember the dead and pray for the bereaved, will be particularly poignant. We sense a huge yearning for consolation and hope in the heart of our people. We are especially mindful in 2020 of those grieving families, who, because of restrictions, have been unable to experience the customary spiritual and community supports which are so much part of our Irish tradition. On 1 November at 3.00pm the bishops and priests of Ireland will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to ‘Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved’. We invite the whole country to unite in this moment which will be followed by parish liturgies throughout the month of November, reaching out as much as possible to those who cannot be physically present” (*Statement of the Autumn 2020 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops` Conference*).



**3.00pm – Gathering to Remember and Pray: Please join us via our parish webcam and radio this Sunday afternoon (3.00pm) as we dedicate November as a month of Prayer and Remembrance for the dead and the bereaved.**

**Monday November 2nd**  
**The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**  
St. Joseph's Parish Church

**Mass, via parish webcam and radio, at 10.00am and 7.30pm.**

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### **A November Prayer**

O Lord of life and hope, as I pray today I remember with love (names.....).

Thank you for the gift of them in my life. I have been truly blessed by their presence, their words and actions, and their love.

The pain of their loss is a reminder of the depth of the bond we shared.

Give me the strength and courage to leave them in your care. Help me, O God, to realize that the distance between us now is not so great and that one day, I will be reunited with them in heaven, sharing in Your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**REMEMBERING OUR  
FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED ANNIVERSARY  
MASSES**

**Month's Mind Mass:**

Sean Dowling, Twomey Park, mass here on Tuesday November 3rd at 7.30pm. (behind closed doors).

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

Breda Moss, Derrycloney,  
Annie Carroll,  
Ellen Brennan, Portlaoise,  
Daniel & Margaret Mary Hourigan,  
Harbour Street,  
Desmond O'Riordan, Parnell Street  
James Scully, Derryguile,

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 7th & 8th November:*

John Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce.,  
Ann Delaney, Garoon,

**All masses behind closed doors.**

*Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

**THE PARISH OFFICE**

Because of the Government's introduction of Level 5 restrictions earlier this week we have been advised to CLOSE the Parish Office until further notice. For Newsletter notices, Anniversary notices, Certificate requests etc., you can make contact in any of the following ways:

(a) telephone 057/8624390;

(b) email: [stjosephs1878@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephs1878@gmail.com)

(c) use the post box on the wall beside the office door. Enquiries/requests for Mass cards/Mass bouquets will be attended to when we have contact details for you; Horan's and Eamonn Comerford's will also have a supply available.

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

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH  
Sat/Sun 24th & 25th October  
Envelopes: €1,225**

Many thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted.

**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. October 28th  
Jackpot Numbers: 5:18:20:27:  
No Jackpot winner.**

**Next week's Jackpot is: €20,000  
12 Match '3' - €84**

**Winner: Promoter**

**No Mountmellick Winners**

**MISSION ALIVE**

The Mission Alive Group wishes to thank all our supporters who gave generously following our appeal for funds as the group had to cancel three fundraising events this year. To date €2,875 has been donated and will be sent this week to the Orphan Project in Lusaka in Zambia.

**PARISH CHURCH**

**Opening Hours**

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

**PARISH RADIO AND WEBCAM SERVICE.**

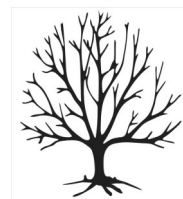
Masses will be celebrated as follows, **behind closed doors**, but available via our parish radio and parish webcam service.

**MASSES**

**Mon November 2nd 10.00am & 7.30pm; Tues 3rd 7.30pm;  
Weds 4th 10.00am; Thurs 5th 7.30pm; Fri 6th 10.00am.  
Sat 7th Nov 7.30pm Vigil Mass; Sun 8th Nov 11.00am.**

**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.**



**READERS**

**Ministers of the Word  
Sat/Sun 7th & 8th  
November**

**7.30pm: Padraig O'Toole  
11.00am: Vincent McEvoy**

**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. Many thanks.