

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

The Holy Family - 27th December, 2020

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COVID 19

From December 26th all masses will be celebrated behind closed doors. Thank you for your understanding.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Sun Dec 27th

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.



CHRISTMAS 2020

NEW YEAR 2021

What do we find ourselves thinking and feeling as 2020 draws to a close and another year approaches? Some months ago, we might have hoped that Christmas would see the light at the end of the tunnel, marked by 'normal' festivities and gatherings. For many, this may not have been the 'normal Christmas' we've longed for. But however we feel, we can trust that our faithful God is always present with us and around us, even in this year of pandemic. Perhaps we've even found ourselves grateful to have a little more time than usual to sit quietly with the Lord this year, pondering some of the things we may once have taken for granted ... including the gift of simply being together with loved ones. As we look back over 2020, let's ask God to show us anew how many of our ordinary daily human activities are linked with love ... love for God, for one another, and for the whole of creation. With the Lord beside us, we try to notice some of the special gifts we've seen over these months: the bravery of those working on the 'front line'; the kindness of neighbours or strangers; the gift of communication through technology; the news of a vaccine; and above all, the certainty that we are loved.

2021
— HAPPY NEW YEAR —



God is With Us....



**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

1st Anniversary Mass:

Seán Peake, Ashgrove, mass here on
Thursday December 31st at 7.30pm.
*For the following whose
anniversaries are remembered this
weekend and for whom Mass will be
offered.*

Jim Furlong, Emmet Street,
Mary Ruschitzko,
Joe Scully, Lord Edward Street,
Thomas Scott, Acragar,
Terence O'Connell, Brittas,
Ann Dunne, Emmet Street,
Margaret Harrisonball, England &
formerly Emmet Street,
Bridie & Chris Fitzpatrick, Connolly St
Frank Maguire,
Catherine Delaney, Salt House Lane,
Finty Burton, Connolly Street,
Martin Dunne, Connolly Street,
Brigid Culleton, Emmet Street,
Mary & Thomas Dickinson,
Kyltelisha,

*For those whose anniversaries occur at
this time and for whom Mass will be
offered next weekend 2nd & 3rd
January.*

Donal Horohan Clonsaughey,
Terence Horohan, Clonsaughey,
John Jack Delaney, Pattisons Estate &
Irishtown,
Margaret Masterson, O'Moore Street,
Des Conroy, Harbour Court,
Frank White, Emmet Street,

*Masses available on parish webcam or
church radio.*

Holy Hour:



You are warmly
invited to our Holy
Hour of Prayer and

Reflection, including the Rosary
and some Christmas music from
8.00pm to 9.00pm this Sunday
(27th) evening via Webcam and
Parish Radio.

READERS

Ministers of the Word

Sat/Sun 2nd & 3rd January

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Ann Storey

**Go raibh míle maith
agaibh.**

Thanks to everyone who has
been there for us and for the
parish in so many ways this
past year – staff and
volunteers; every kindness,
every support and every
commitment shown by so
many have mattered and are
really appreciated. As we
head into 2021 we'll continue
to pray with and for each
other as we are beckoned
towards better days
ahead. Happy New Year.

Fr. Murphy,

Fr. Dunphy,

Fr. MacNamara.

Thank You

**MOUNTMELLICK PARISH
LOTTO**

Results for Wed. December 23rd
Jackpot Numbers: 6:7:12:18:
No Jackpot winner
Next is Jackpot is: €11,000
28 Match '3' - €36

Winner:

Louisa Ahern

De Barra Family

Mary Collins

Baby Essie

Promoter

F. Hibbitts

John Dowling

Emmet Stores

Judy Furlong

The Next Lotto Draw will take
place on
Wednesday January 6th

PARISH WEBSITE

Our parish website has got a
major facelift recently and the
new-look site is now
live'. One very practical
feature on it makes 'secure
and easy to use online
donations' very
accessible. We hope you will
avail of this facility to
continue your support of the
parish's finances. Thank you.

**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

Monday Dec 28th 10.00am.

Tues 29th 7.30pm.

Weds 30th 10.00am.

Thurs 31st 7.30pm

Fri 1st Jan 10am

**Sat Jan 2nd 7.30pm Vigil
Mass;
Sun Jan 3rd 11.00am.**

**MOUNTMELLICK
PARISH**

Sat/Sun 19th & 20th Dec

Baskets: €845

Envelopes: €1605

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who,
this week, have returned
Weekly Envelopes, Station
Envelopes and Giving Sunday
Envelopes.

DONATING ONLINE

Visit our parish website to
donate online. Thank You.

CHEQUES CHEQUES

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

**COVID-19 Support Line for
Older People**

ALONE has launched a
national support line and
additional supports for older
people who have concerns or
are facing difficulties relating to
the outbreak of COVID-19
(Coronavirus). Professional
staff are available to answer
queries and give advice and
reassurance where necessary.
The support line is open seven
days a week, 8am - 8pm, by
calling 0818 222 024.