

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th January, 2021

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COVID 19

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

‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!’ Like the people in today’s readings, we, too, are called by Christ: called to spend time with him; to work with him; to offer our bodies, hearts and minds in loving service of God’s will. John the Evangelist describes the call of the first disciples, where Jesus asks the searching question addressed to every reader of the Gospel: ‘What do you want?’ Here begins the journey of getting to know Jesus, as the disciples (and we ourselves) follow on the path of deepening faith towards an understanding of who Jesus Christ is. This week, we, too, may ask for the grace of an open ear and an open-hearted response to Jesus’s invitation to ‘Come and see’.



Sunday of the Word of God Pope Francis has designated the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as a particular celebration of the Scriptures in the life of the Church. This year it falls on Jan 24th. Each year, we are asked to focus on how God speaks to his people in the proclamation of the Scriptures. In order to celebrate this, Fr Seán Maher will host a Q&A on YouTube, to be released on that Sunday. If you would

like to include a question for consideration, please e-mail your question to ppbalyna@gmail.com Details of the recording will be included later. Questions should arrive before Thursday next Jan 21st.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from Jan 18th-25th. For 2021, it has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme chosen is, **“Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”**, based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Resources for this week can be accessed on the following link: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/> The resources include a prayer service and daily prayer for the home that includes Scripture, a Meditation, Prayer, Questions and a ‘Go & Do’ section. Look out for the daily prayer on the Kandle Facebook page and Twitter account on each of the days and feel free to share.

Catholic Schools Week 2021 Sunday, 24 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2021. During this week the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to supporting each other and living out Jesus’ message of the gospel will be honoured. This year’s theme is ‘Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience’.

2021 Boxes of Envelopes - 2021 Boxes of Envelopes



Many thanks to all for the support shared throughout the year. The 2021 boxes of Parish Envelopes are now available for collection at the back of both churches. The weekly envelope contributions significantly help with the everyday running of the parish and we appreciate every one of them. Please take a box and contribute as your means will allow during the coming year. **NB:** On our parish website www.mountmellickparish.ie there is an option to make **‘online contributions’** which might suit some people.

**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Month Minds Mass:

Maura Flanagan, Patrick Street, mass here on Tuesday January 19th at 7.30pm (behind closed doors).

1st Anniversary Mass:

Albert White, St. Joseph's Tce., mass here on Thursday January 21st at 7.30pm (behind closed doors).

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

Mary & Michael McCormack, Hill 60,
Thomas Curham, Killeen,
Elizabeth Milmo, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Peter Conran Harbour Street & The Conran Family,
Teresa Ciss O'Sullivan, St. Joseph's Tce.,

Leo White, Chapel Street,
Michael Conlon, Derryguile,
James, Elizabeth & Josephine Fitzpatrick, Graigue,
Andrew O'Reilly, Connolly Street,
Liam Conroy, Derryguile, Michael,
Paul, Seamus, Willie & Baby John Conroy & John Lynch, Portlaoise,
Tom Gorman, Station House,
James Gormley, Parnell Street,
Patrick Quigley, Derryguile,
Thomas Moran, Bridie Doyle,
Patrick & Pat Cullen,
Jack Bacon, Connolly Street,
Michael Fitzpatrick, Cloncannon,
For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 23rd & 24th January.

Tom & Breeden Scott, Strahard,
Joseph Davis, Harbour Street,
Tony Smith & Bronte Smith,
Twomey Park,
Michael Haverty, Irishtown,
Ambrose Dempsey, Strahard,

***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 from 8.00pm to 9.00pm this Sunday (17th) evening via Webcam and Parish Radio.

**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 Jan 18th 10am., Tues 19th 7.30pm., Weds 20th 10am.
Thurs 21st 7.30pm, Fri 22nd 10am, Sat Jan 23rd 7.30pm
Vigil Mass; Sun Jan 24th 11.00am.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Sat/Sun 9th & 10th Jan
Envelopes: €910

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who, this week, have returned their Weekly Envelopes. Please write your name on your envelope when returning.

READERS

Sat/Sun 23rd & 24th January

7.30pm: Michael Feely
11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
LOTTO**

Jackpot Numbers: 4:7:11:16
Jackpot: €12,000
5 Jackpot winners - €2,400 each.
Next is Jackpot is: €10,000
104 Match '3' - €10 each

Winners & Promoter

Red Murphy (M. Murphy) Joe O'Mara, Marian O'Mara, Pauline Geoghegan (F. Hibbits), Sadie Dempsey (R. McEvoy), Martin Colbert (J. Turner), Greg Keenan (McElwee's), John Callaghan, Denis Whelan (E. Comerford), Marching Ex, Ann Holohan (S. O'Mara), Ber Murray (B. Murray), Sadie Coss (Emmet Stores), Denis Maher (May Lynch), Rachel Sinnott (Dowling's), Sheelagh Coyle, Tom Storey (C. Lindley)



Congratulations to
Aine McKane & Emmet
Healion
who married in
St. Joseph's Church on
Saturday January 2nd 2021.

*May the Lord keep them forever in
fidelity and love.*

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS
ENROLMENT 2021**

Clonaghadoo National School
are now enrolling for the
2021-2022 school year.

Enrolment Forms are available
online at

clonaghadoons.weebly.com

Email:

clonaghadoons2020@gmail.com

before January 22nd, leave your name and address and Enrolment Forms will be posted out or please phone 057 8628757 and leave your name and address on the answering machine. Closing date for admissions will be February 10th.

The Rock National School is accepting admission forms for prospective Junior Infants 2021 from 14th January to 4th February inclusive. Forms are available

from the school by phoning 0578624490, by emailing therockns20@gmail.com or by writing to the school at The Rock National School, Mountmellick, Co. Laois R32AP98. Forms can be posted or emailed by return.

Scoil Phádraig Naofa, B.N.S., Mountmellick are now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. Enrolment Forms are available online at

spnmountmellick.scoilnet.ie

Email secretary@spnbns.ie, before January 22nd, leave your name and address and Enrolment Forms will be posted out or alternatively leave your name and address on the answering machine on 0578624760.

Admissions will be accepted until February 10th, 2021.

St. Joseph's GNS, Mountmellick is now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year.

Email admin@stjosephsgns.ie

before January 22nd with your name and address for receipt of admissions form by post.

Closing date for admissions will be February 10th 2021.