Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th January, 2021

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COVID 19

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



Sunday of the Word of God - encourages us to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, shaping how we are called to live and to relate to each other. In the same way, the readings for this Sunday call us to follow the Lord's ways. This may involve some change of priorities and direction for us as we seek to move towards the reign of God ourselves.

As he was walking along, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew and said to them, 'Follow me' and at once they left their nets and followed him. James and John, sons of Zebedee did the same. 'Follow me.'

A video of a special "question and answer" event on the 'Word of God' with Fr. Seán Maher, PP, will be available this Sunday on the Diocesan Website (www.kandle.ie), on the Diocesan Facebook Page and the Balyna Parish YouTube page. Celebrating 'Sunday of the Word of God' together.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends Monday. With our local sisters and brothers of Christian faith we pray "Blessed are you, God among us, for the gift of your Word in Holy Scripture. Blessed are you for its transforming power. Help us choose life and guide us by your Spirit, so that we can experience the happiness which you want so much to share with us. Amen.

Catholic Schools Week 2021

Scoil Phádraig, Scoil Iósaif, The Rock NS, Clonaghadoo NS. COMMUNITIES OF FAITH LERNING LOVE REISIENCE & HOPE

This Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2021. Gracious God, we ask that you send your spirit upon our Catholic Schools. Help all of us, to be, as charitable as St. Brigid, as prophetic as St. Conleth, and as prayerful as St. Laserian. May we use our gifts to help each other. May everyone in our schools be living witnesses of your love and care for the world.



May our school communities be the places of faith hope and love that you call us to be. Amen (Kildare and Leighlin CSW Prayer)

2021 Boxes of Envelopes

The 2021 boxes of Parish Envelopes are now available for collection at the back of both churches. Please take a box and contribute as your means will allow during the coming year.



We are delighted to have received many contributions 'online' via our own parish website www.mountmellickparish.ie and the Kildare and Leighlin site www.kandle.ie. Please spread the word about this facility and encourage others to use it as they may.

Many thanks.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Month Minds Masses:

John O'Donnell, Ashgrove, Alice McCann, Borness, Mass here on Tuesday January 26th at 7.30pm (behind closed doors).

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

Michal Dowling, Garoon, Pat Conroy, Dangans, Gemma McDonnell, Cullenbeg, Bernard Dalton Jnr., Garrymore, John & Bridget Feely, Teresa Angela Lynch, Chapel Street, Elizabeth & Donal Johnson, late of Lord Edward Street. Thomas Lalor, St. Joseph's Tce. Kathleen Holohan, St. Joseph's Tce., Norah Fitzpatrick & Bridget Hatchell, Strahard,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 30th & 31st January.

Eoin Dooley, Brittas, Bridget Moss, Derrycloney, Mary Deegan, Twomey Terrace,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

We welcome

Jack Weston, Garrymore, Sonny Ryan, Kilcavan, Noah Bonham, Acragar, Charlie Duggan, Cullenbeg, Rio Davis, Brockview,

whose Baptism Mountmellick Parish celebrated recently. "...and he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them" Mk 10:16

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 (24th) evening via Webcam and Parish Radio.

PARISH RADIO AND WEBCAM SERIVCE.

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

MASSES

Mon Jan 25th 10am., Tues 26th 7.30pm., Weds 27th 10am. Thurs 28th 7.30pm, Fri 29th 10am. Sat Jan 30th 7.30pm Vigil Mass; Sun Jan 31st 11.00am.

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH Sat/Sun 16th & 17th Jan **Envelopes: €1,805**

THANK YOU

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

CHEOUES CHEOUES

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

READERS Sat/Sun 30th & 31st January

7.30pm: Padraig O'Toole 11.00am: Bernie Reddin

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

If you have a baby for Baptism, please make sure we have your 'Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office. The parish office will contact you to make appropriate arrangements. **Parish Office tel: 057/8624390** email stjosephs1878@gmail.com

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 20th **Jackpot Numbers: 15:17:18:25:** NO Jackpot winner. Next weeks Jackpot is: €11,000 9 Match '3' - €112 each

Winner **Promoter** Dean & Pat Newsom B Conroy

Rock GAA & Rock NS

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions and in the interest of the health aspect we have decide to suspend our weekly lotto until further notice. Stay safe.

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:

<u>clonaghadoons2020@gmail.com</u>be fore 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 <u>secretary@spnbns.ie</u>, 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.