

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

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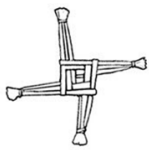
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COVID 19

All masses will be celebrated behind closed doors.
Thank you for your understanding.

Listen to his Voice! As we live through these winter/spring days, we may be comforted by the words of the responsorial psalm that encourages us to listen to the Lord's voice and not to grumble as the Israelites did at Massah and Meribah in the desert. In today's First Reading, Moses announces a true prophet speaking God's words and commandments. In the Gospel, we meet this true prophet in the person of Jesus, who teaches the people with authority, making a deep impression on his audience. Even unclean spirits obey him. This week we may want to pray for all those who find it difficult to listen to God's voice, especially if God chooses to speak through the people we meet. Perhaps we can also focus on keeping our attention on the Lord, trusting that God will help us to avoid distractions from the one thing that matters: listening to him.



Prayer for the Feast of St. Brigid, Patron of our Diocese, Monday February 1st.

Brigid you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

The rushes of St. Brigid's Cross represent our hopes, our dreams, our gifts and our efforts in working towards a more caring society. God weaves patiently and persistently with the rushes of our lives and invites us to keep offering the shreds of our suffering and the stuff of our dreams and to take our place in weaving the shape of a new creation. St. Brigid pray for us.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday Feb 2nd is the feast of 'The Presentation of the Lord'. Tuesday is also World Day for Consecrated Life and we give thanks for all the prophetic, consecrated religious who bless people with a presence of 'kindly light', joyful gospel service and who hold the world and the Church in contemplative prayer.

We hold in prayer in a special way our own **Presentation Sisters** and give thanks for their generous, caring and spiritual support to our community.

We look forward to their return among us in the not too distant future.

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**

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

Ann Nancy Dunne, Chapel Street,
Michael & Ann Ryan, Bay Road,
Stephen Lynch, O'Connell Square,
Rory Hyland, Debbicot,
Sid & Ellen Dunne, The Harbour,
Bernard Kavanagh, Wolfetone Street,
Laurence Dowling, Acragar,
Kathleen Weston, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Michael & Nora Dowling, Derryguile,
Thomas & Margaret Kelly, The Rock of Dunamais,
Leo McGlynn, Maynooth,
Alice McCann, Borness,
Philomena Dunne, Emmet Street,
Mary Kinch, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Kathleen & Dixie O'Neill, Harbour Street,
Mary & Jane Bergin, Cloncannon,
Henry & Mary Jane Allen, Eyne,
Una Bloomer, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Mary Barrett, Lord Edward St.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 6th & 7th February:

Oliver Kelly, Acragar,

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

We welcome

*Harry Redmond, Garoon,
Theodore Doyle, The Commons,
Alexander Rosenlund Daly,
College View,
Theo Brazil, Derryguile,*



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

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.

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**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 Feb 1st 10am.,
Tues 2nd 7.30pm., Weds 3rd
10am. Thurs 4th 7.30pm,
Fri 5th 10am,
Sat Feb 6th 7.30pm Vigil
Mass; Sun Feb 7th 11.00am.

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 (31st) evening via Webcam and Parish Radio.

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Sat/Sun 23rd & 24th Jan
Envelopes: €965

THANK YOU

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

CHEQUES CHEQUES

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

READERS

Sat/Sun 6th & 7th February

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Ann Storey

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LOTTO

Wednesday January 27th

Jackpot Numbers: 10:14:17:29:

No Jackpot winner.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €12,000
13 Match '3' - €77

Winner

The 3 E's

Promoter

Eleanor Duff

Please support our weekly parish lotto. Tickets on Sale in the parish office, from promoters and in the local shops. Thank you for your support. Good luck!

**Tuesday February 2nd:
Feast of the
Presentation of the Lord.
Candlemas Day.**



Candles will be blessed at 7.30pm mass Tuesday evening 2nd Feb (*behind closed doors*).

If you have candles for blessing they should be left into the parish office beforehand.
Thank you.

FUNERALS

The Govt. guidance on the numbers who, for public health reasons, should attend funerals is 10. This restriction is very difficult particularly for bereaved families and our consideration for them must be paramount. Extended family, neighbours and friends can, during these challenging times, offer their condolences in a variety of ways. The primary overall good here is for looking after the health and well-being of each other – a seemingly harmless cough or sneeze in a congregated setting could do untold harm. Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated. Thank you.

**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. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. We are open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Messenger/Africa/Reality
Magazines
are available for collection
in the Parish Office.**