

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

Baptism of the Lord - 10th January, 2021

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COVID 19

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



I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.

Coming after the Epiphany of the Lord (Jan 6th), today's feast day can be seen as a second manifestation of Christ, as the heavens are opened before the whole world. In today's 1st reading, from Isaiah, we hear how God's word will bear fruit in us. The one we see being baptised in the Gospel is the Word and, by carrying out the Father's will perfectly, all creation is restored. Jesus is the pilgrim from heaven who comes to accompany us on our pilgrimage to heaven. Jesus's relationship with his family and townsfolk, and his solidarity with the world was a very real one. How do we respond to the demands of care and love, especially in these times? This coming week let's strive to deepen our trust in God; to nurture our faith in the Spirit, and to strengthen our joy in the Son, through whose birth and baptism we become one in God.

Thank You

As we draw the curtain on Christmas, I want to thank all who helped us celebrate it in both our churches this year - our hard-working staff and great-hearted volunteers. From sanitising to stewarding, from printing to publishing, from flower arranging to fixing Christmas trees, from cleaning to clearing, from designing to decorating so many combined to make it all happen. Thanks to our readers, musicians/singers, ministers of the Eucharist and servers without whom our masses would have been a lot less enriching. Thanks too to all who donated flowers, wreaths, holly and straw and to the CES Team for looking after the main Crib and lighting. Míle buíochas to one and all. 2021 is getting off to a shaky start but the prospects are very good. May we all journey generously, safely and courteously. *Fr. Micheál.*

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 available for collection at the back of both churches this weekend and throughout the week. 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**

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

**Paul Goodwin, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Jane & Joseph Delaney, Manor Lane,
Bill & Kitty Coffey,
Bill Weston, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Nicholas Brennan, Harbour Street,
Esther Forde, Acragar,
Mary & Martin Delaney, Graigue, &
Josephine Fennelly,
Michelle Oxley, Lord Edward Street,
Maura Horan, Strahard,
Johnny & Charlie Cahill, Acragar &
Twomey Tce.,**

**Fr. Con Phelan, Strahard,
Ted Carbery & Loughlin Moran,
Emmet Street,
Owen Lawlor, Cloncosney,
For those whose anniversaries occur at
this time and for whom Mass will be
offered next weekend 16th & 17th
January.**

**John Bunny Bracken, Portnahinch,
Rose Dempsey, O'Moore Street,
Clare Murphy, Chapel Street,
Carmel Flynn, Derrycloney,
Mary Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Patrick Conroy, O'Moore 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
from 8.00pm to 9.00pm this
Sunday (10th) evening via
Webcam and Parish Radio.

READERS

**Ministers of the Word
Sat/Sun 16th & 17th January**

**7.30pm: Fiona Walsh
11.00am: Mona Conroy**

Just a thought

***A bird that you set free may be
caught again, but a word that
escapes your lips will not return.***
(Jewish Proverb)

**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 11th 10am., Tues 12th
7.30pm., Weds 13th 10am.
Thurs 14th 7.30pm,
Fri 15th 10am
Sat Jan 16th 7.30pm Vigil
Mass; Sun Jan 17th 11.00am.**

**2021
PARISH
CALENDAR**



2021 Parish
Calendar is
available to
pick up at the
back of the churches.
Happy New Year

Holy Mother of God, to you
we consecrate this New
Year. You, who know how
to cherish things in your
heart, care for us, bless our
time, and teach us to find
time for God and for
others. (Pope Francis)

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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**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
LOTTO**

**Results for Wed. January 6th
Jackpot Numbers: 7:14:16:17:
No Jackpot winner.**

**Next is Jackpot is: €12,000
16 Match '3' - €63**

**Winner: Promoter
Eleanor Duff Eleanor Duff
Stephen Deegan Dolores Lawlor**

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.

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
Sat/Sun 2nd & 3rd Jan**

Envelopes: €530

THANK YOU

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

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.
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.

Rock GAA & Rock NS

Jackpot No's: 2:14:17:22:
5 x €20 winners: Michael &
Alicia Conlon, The 3 Girls, Jack
Cussen, Sarah Lawlor, John
Boland. NW J/Pot: €7,600