

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

1st Sunday of Lent - 21st February, 2021

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COVID 19

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

Stations of the Cross – Video Series on www.kandle.ie

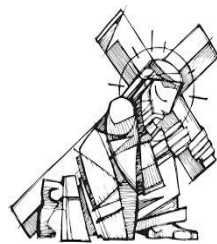
During Lent the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin will host a video series entitled ‘Stations of the Cross in this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic’. Each Friday evening three new reflections will be added (the first three are already available). Bishop Nulty will lead the praying and the reflections will be read by a variety of people from all across the diocese. Log on to www.kandle.ie.

LENT **Lent** – a new church season, an opportunity to start again has begun. We can give thanks to God for giving us this season of grace. Lent is closely associated with God’s Covenant and with baptism, and our scripture readings today strongly underline this. In the First Reading from the Book of Genesis, God makes a Covenant with Noah’s people, saved from the flood by the ark. It is a Covenant of peace, symbolized by the rainbow. St Paul, in the Second Reading, reminds us that just as Noah is saved from the waters, so we are saved by the waters of baptism. It is a pledge made by God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The account of the temptations of Jesus in today’s gospel is very brief just four verses (1:12-15). It is only after this experience that Jesus begins his ministry, calling people to repent and believe the Good News. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. This week, we give thanks for ‘this joyful season’ – a time and a journey of turning back to God as we make our way to the joy of Easter.

TRÓCAIRE - Trócaire’s Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Awut and Ajak are shining examples of resilience, friendship and solidarity. This Lent we hear not only about the enormous challenges they have faced, but also about how they support each other through these challenges. Trócaire Boxes are available at the back of both churches and your support for its work is greatly appreciated. “Until Love Conquers Fear”

FROM POPE FRANCIS’S LENTEN MESSAGE 2021

“The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the **faith** that comes from living Christ, the **hope** inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the **love** flowing from the merciful heart of the Father”.



Sunday Evening Stations of the Cross

Every Sunday evening for Lent (8.00pm) you are cordially invited, via the parish webcam and radio, to our praying of the Stations of the Cross. We will use different reflections/prayers each week so that the deeper meaning of these moments on Jesus’ final journey and how they speak to us today might be uncovered.

“By your Holy Cross you have redeemed the World”

**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

1st Anniversary Masses:

Patricia (Pat) Conroy, O'Moore Street & Silvermines, Tipperary, Patricia Lynch, Chapel Street, mass here on Thursday February 25th at 7.30pm (behind closed doors).

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

Lally Hourigan, Harbour Street, Maureen Marron, Lord Edward Street, John Geoghegan, Emmet Tce., Kathleen Buggy, The Commons, Ian Quigley, Salt House Lane, Michael Carroll, Pattisons Est. Annie Loughlin, Connolly Street, Mary & Cecilia Fox, Lought, Pat Hartnett, Acragar, Ellen & Joseph Byrne, Wolfetone Street, Billy Dunne, Lower Forest, Patrick Dempsey, Emmet Tce., Margaret Byrne, Lord Edward Street Elizabeth Meehan, Garoon, John & Annie Conroy, Derrycloney, Michael & Mary Ann Dunphy, St. Joseph's Tce. Peter (Pe) Dunne, Straboe,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.



We welcome

*Malia Feely, Tullamore,
Freya Tuohy Roberts,
Wolfetone Street,*

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.

Parish Office telephone: 057/8624390
email stjosephs1878@gmail.com

**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 22nd 10am.,
Tues 23rd 7.30pm., Weds 24th
10am. Thurs 25th 7.30pm,
Fri 26th 10am,
Sat Feb 27th 7.30pm Vigil
Mass Sun Feb 28th 11.00am.

READERS

Sat/Sun 27th & 28th February

7.30pm: Fiona Walsh
11.00am: Bernie Reddin

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
Sat/Sun 13th & 14th February
Envelopes: €545**

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".

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
LOTTO**

Wednesday February 17th
Jackpot Numbers: 1:5:26:29:
No Jackpot winner.
Next weeks Jackpot is: €15,000
9 Match '3' - €112

**Winner Promoter
No Mountmellick Winner**

**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.

**Lenten
Stations**

Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to our 'Lenten Stations'. This Lent 'Station' contributions can be handed in at the church, using our usual boxes, our post-box or the Parish Office. Please use the envelope from your parish box or an envelope clearly marked 'Lenten Station' to make your contribution.

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions there will be no designated Station Masses this Lent.

The Lenten Station contributions go towards the salary of the priests and we appreciate your kindness.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.

**Kildare & Leighlin
SAFEGUARDING**

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

**For Sale
Bags of turf (€3 per bag).
Contact: 085 8313737.**

**The Parish Office
will be closed on
Monday & Tuesday
22nd & 23rd February**