

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th February, 2021

Fr. Micheál Murphy, P.P. Tel: 057 8679302

Fr. Noel Dunphy, P.E. C.C. Tel: 057 8624141

Parish Office - Tel 057 - 8624390

email: stjosephs1878@gmail.com

web: www.mountmellickparish.ie

facebook: [mountmellick parish](https://www.facebook.com/mountmellickparish)

COVID 19

All masses will be celebrated behind closed doors.

Thank you for your understanding.

He heals the broken hearted, he binds up all their wounds. Today's scripture readings encourage us to look more deeply into the experience of human suffering. It is only through Christ that our pain and despair can and will be transformed. Just like the people in today's Gospel, we are all longing for Christ. In the 1st Reading, Job expresses despair and other sentiments. All of us can perhaps relate to these as we live through the impact of this global pandemic. The Gospel continues from last week, describing the early days of Jesus's ministry in Galilee. After praying with the synagogue community, Jesus responds to the needs of human suffering that he sees all around him. He heals and brings comfort to the sick and struggling. We see how important prayer is to Jesus – and how he wants to reach out to as many people as possible, rather than becoming settled with one community. This week, let us pray for the grace to respond with wisdom and compassion to the suffering and needy of our own time. May prayer be at the centre of our lives as we seek the Lord, the One who heals and transforms all things with eternal divine love.



CONSECRATION To St. JOSEPH: In an Apostolic Letter marking the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," which began on Dec 8th last and extends to Dec 8th 2021. Pope Francis wrote this letter against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." In conjunction with this 'special year' the parish facebook page will host a 33 day programme in preparation for 'Consecration to St. Joseph' beginning Feb 15th and ending on March 19th (Feast of St. Joseph). Consecrating yourself to St. Joseph, our patron here in Mountmellick Parish, means that you acknowledge Joseph as your spiritual parent and entrust yourself to his care. In turn Joseph will share his loving attention, protection and guidance with you. Each day will have a reflection and prayer both focused on St. Joseph and on our closeness to him. "For it is the one who least among you all who is the greatest " (Lk 9:48).

February 11th Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Blessed, Immaculate Virgin, by your appearance at the Grotto of Lourdes, many have been cured of their infirmities, both physical and spiritual. Mother of mercy, healer of the sick, comforter of the afflicted, you know my needs and my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. I come therefore, with confidence, in your maternal intercession.



Obtain for me, from your Divine Son,
O loving Mother, this special request.....(mention need, now).

**Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us,
St. Bernadette, pray for us. Amen.**

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

Cora & Dan Barrett, Wolfetone St.
Evelyn Dillon, Emmet Street,
Christopher Dunne, Davin Park,
John Strong, Borness,
Joe McEvoy, Davin Park,
James & Sean Doyle, Lord Edward St
Joe Fennelly, Harbour Street.

Peggy Morris, Acragar,
Betty Deffew, Emmet Tce.,
Donal Keenan, Manor Road,
John Conroy, Davin Park,
Moirá Conroy, Derrycloney,
Esther Burke, Harbour Court,
Margaret Moran, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Alice Dempsey Jnr, Parnell Street &
Strahard,
Annie Josephine Delaney, St. Joseph's
Tce.,

John & Annie Costello, Lought,
Molly & Jack Maher, Davin Park
Peter McDonald, Railway View,
James & Mary Scott, Chapel Street,
Paddy & Maisie Gorman, Derryguile,
Mary Kate Moloney, Patrick Street,

*For those whose anniversaries occur
at this time and for whom Mass will be
offered next weekend 13th & 14th
February:*

Rosanna & Joseph Fitzpatrick,
Emmet Tce.,
Annie Dempsey, Clonterry,
Julia Bracken, Portnahinch,
Lillian Bentley, The Rock,
Timmy & Jimmy Conroy, Lord
Edward 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 (7th) evening via
Webcam and Parish Radio.

READERS

Sat/Sun 13th & 14th February

7.30pm: Bernadette Clear
11.00am: Vincent McEvoy

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 8th 10am.,
Tues 9th 7.30pm., Weds 10th
10am. Thurs 11th 7.30pm,
Fri 12th 10am,
Sat Feb 13th 7.30pm Vigil
Mass; Sun Feb 14th 11.00am.**

We welcome

**Aodha Kearney, Tullamore,
Croia George, Davitt Road,
Simon & Solomon George,
Oak Manor,**

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 tel: 057/8624390
email stjosephs1878@gmail.com**

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

**Sat/Sun 30th & 31st Jan
Envelopes: €1,125**

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 3rd
Jackpot Numbers: 7:9:26:32:
No Jackpot winner.**

**Next weeks Jackpot is: €13,000
10 Match '3' - €100**

Winner

Promoter

No Mountmellick Winners

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.

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

THANK YOU

**Ann Hickey would like to thank
all who send get well wishes,
mass bouquets, cards and
phoned during her recent illness.
It was very much appreciated.**

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.

The Irish Catholic

Ireland's biggest and
best-selling religious
newspaper is published
weekly, providing a lively
mix of news, analysis and
informed commentary about
the Church and social issues
as they affect Ireland and
the wider-world. The paper
costs €2.50 per week and
can be ordered/collected in
the Parish Office.
Tel 057/8624390.