

## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th February, 2021**

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## **COVID 19**

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

## **Pastoral Letter for Lent 2021 – Bishop D. Nulty.**

### **Lent reminds us the Lord is always with us**



Ash Wednesday is a day of huge significance for us as members of the Christian community. On that day we begin our journey of Lent, forty days of turning back to God, forty days of re-examining our lives through the lens of our faith, forty days of pushing the reset button on how we live in relationship with God, with one another and with ourselves.

.....This Lent I invite you to really think about what meaningful choices you might make around prayer, fasting and charity. Let them be choices that allow God and others into your life. Let them be choices that will deepen the hope and strength that comes from our faith alone, a hope and strength that we are called to share in solidarity with the whole world in this time of pandemic.

.....I especially invite you to join me in a series entitled 'Stations of the Cross in this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic'. Each week we will be uploading ([www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)) a video containing three stations of the cross, led by me with the reflections read by people who have been deeply impacted by Covid. It promises to be a special time of shared prayer.

For now let us take this moment of prayer together as a diocesan family, during that age old ritual of being blessed with ashes, as we begin our Lenten journey and so we pray:

**“Loving Jesus, As I place on my forehead the sign of your saving cross  
You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.  
Walking into Lent my heart is set on you.  
May my fasting fill me with hunger for you.  
May my prayer draw me deeper into your presence.  
May my acts of charity bring your love to my home and community.  
Lord of life, Grant that by turning back to you in these forty days,  
I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith;  
For you raise me up from fear and despair  
And call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always.  
With you, I will rise again. Amen”.**

*Bishop Denis Nulty*



## **Ash Wednesday**

Envelopes with blessed ashes will be available for collection on Wednesday morning in both churches. A table in front of the altar will have the envelopes and an Ash Wednesday prayer for you to take home. This year's Trócaire boxes and copies of Bishop Nulty's Pastoral Letter for Lent will also be available from Sunday.

"Our journey of Lent soon begins, let us make this journey together. I ask God's blessing on all of us for these forty days as we make our way to the joy of Easter, answering the call to come back to God with all our hearts". *(Bishop Nulty)*

**REMEMBERING OUR  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**1st Anniversary Masses:**

Mick Coss, Harbour Court,  
Eugene O'Reilly, Acragar,  
Mass here on Thursday February  
18th at 7.30pm (*behind closed doors*).

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

Fr. Charles Flanagan,  
Lord Edward Street,  
Julia Bracken, Portnahinch,  
Sheila Whelan, Kirwan Park,  
Grainne Drummond, Pond Lane,  
Annie Payne, Emmet Street,  
Joey Dunne, Emmet Terrace,  
Sr. Rosemary Dunne, Graigue,  
John Christie, Connolly Street,  
Daniel Dunne, Catholes, Ballyfin,  
Peter Allen, Eyne,  
Mai Sherlock, Kilmainham,  
George Monagher, Kilmainham,  
Rose Moylan nee Lawlor,  
John & Ellen Delaney, Esker Gate,  
P. Kearney, Harbour Street,  
Rita Glynn, Bay Road,  
Birdie Murphy, Avoca,  
Margaret O'Neill, Dublin,

*For those whose anniversaries occur  
at this time and for whom Mass will be  
offered next weekend 20th & 21st  
February:*

Andrew & Kathleen Turley,  
The Harbour,  
Michael Scott, Sarsfield Street,

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

**We welcome**

**Jake Ryan, Kirwan Park,  
Kylie Kane, Clonaslee,**

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

**TEMPERANCE SUNDAY** this  
year falls on Feb 14th, a special day for  
love, lovers and friends. Perhaps this  
year, parents with young children might  
be encouraged to make another pledge  
of love; one of a different kind - to give  
up alcohol for the six weeks of Lent  
which begins on Wednesday.  
(PTAA Magazine Feb 2021)

**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 15th 10am.,  
Tues 16th 7.30pm., Weds 17th  
10am. Thurs 18th 7.30pm,  
Fri 19th 10am,  
Sat Feb 20th 7.30pm Vigil  
Mass Sun Feb 21st 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 (14th) evening via  
Webcam and Parish Radio.

**READERS**

**Sat/Sun 20th & 21st February**

**7.30pm: Carol McAuley**

**11.00am: Mona Conroy**

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH**

**Sat/Sun 6th & 7th February**

**Envelopes: €1,495**

**THANK YOU**

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

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH**

**LOTTO**

Wednesday February 10th  
**Jackpot Numbers: 17:22:23:24:**

**No Jackpot winner.**

**Next weeks Jackpot is: €14,000  
9 Match '3' - €112**

**Winner**

**Sean Cullen**

**Promoter**

**Kay & Pam**

*Happy  
Valentines day*

**TRÓCAIRE 2021 &  
SOUTH SUDAN**

About 3.8 million people in  
South Sudan – one in every  
three people – as a result of  
ongoing war have fled their  
homes and remain displaced  
within their country or are

living as refugees in  
neighbouring countries to this  
day. Trócaire works with local  
partners in South Sudan. Awut  
and Ajak, who's stories feature  
on this year's Trócaire box, lost  
their homes and loved ones to  
the conflict and fled their  
villages with nothing but the  
clothes on their back, trekking  
through miles of dangerous  
bushland with no food or water  
for themselves or their children.  
Awut arrived in the community  
of Malek frightened but was  
welcomed with loving arms by  
her new neighbours. Some time  
later, Ajak returned to Malek  
after having been away with her  
husband who was a soldier.

Here, in this remarkable  
community, people whose lives  
were brought together by pain  
and suffering are starting new  
lives based on love, friendship,  
and kindness. Every day  
remains a struggle for Awut and  
Ajak and their families. They  
struggle to earn money, grow  
food and attend school.

Life continues to be full of  
challenges and obstacles for  
these amazing women, but they  
face these challenges together,  
with dignity and solidarity.

Please support Trócaire this  
Lent in their work in  
Sth Sudan. Trócaire boxes are  
available at the back of both  
churches. Thank you.

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