

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Lent - 7th March, 2021

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COVID 19

All masses will be celebrated behind closed doors.

Thank you for your understanding.

The power and wisdom of the crucified Christ. This Sunday, we dedicate ourselves anew to keeping God's commandments, as we celebrate the mystery of God's love for us, shown through the wisdom and power of Christ. Having rescued his people from slavery, God gives them the Ten Commandments. These offer guidance for liberation and right-living, rather than oppression and burden. The Gospel reading, however, indicates that many have not remained faithful to God's commandments. In their greed they have turned God's house into a marketplace. As Jesus ejects the buyers and sellers, we are reminded that salvation will come about through the death and resurrection of Christ, the true temple of the Divine. This week, we pray to hear the Word of God afresh in our own being. As we try to offer the Word hospitality and space to take root within us, we ask, as does the writer of the responsorial psalm, that it might revive the soul. We also pray for the freedom of our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are victims of modern-day slavery.

Heavenly God, we come here today to touch the reality of your presence in our world, to renew ourselves in our understanding of your presence in our lives. Routine and habit can sometimes rob us of our zeal and enthusiasm. As we listen to your Word here today, renew within us the sense of urgency and enthusiasm for your Word. Each of us is a Temple, wherein your glory dwells, help us to clear ourselves of clutter and false joys that we might know true hope and faith. Amen.

Pope Francis speaking about his visit to Iraq: "For a long time I have wanted to meet those people who have suffered so much; to meet that martyred church in the land of Abraham. Together with the other religious leaders, we shall also take another step forward in brotherhood among believers. I ask you to accompany this apostolic journey with your prayers, so that it may unfold in the best possible way and bear the hoped-for fruits. The Iraqi people are waiting for us; they awaited St. John Paul II, who was not permitted to go. One cannot disappoint a people for the second time. Let us pray that this journey will be a good one".

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.

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

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

Molly Carbery, Donald Carbery,
Emmet Street,
Annie Delaney, Derryguile,
William Thompson, Wolfetone Street,
Jim Murphy, Irishtown,
Bernard, Mary Anne, Har & Billie
Dunne, Garrymore,
Patrick Conlon, Parnell Street,
Alice Cunningham, Derryguile,

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

Kathleen Hickey, Chapel Street,
Nora Lawlor, Chapel Street,
Betty Dunne, Emmet Street,
Joe Bergin, Emmet Tce.,
Leslie Furlong, Lord Edward Street,

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

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.

*Please note that during current
restrictions a total of 6 people (incl. the
priest) should attend at Baptism
ceremonies.*



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We welcome.....

*Evie Whelan, Garoon,
Noah Carthy, Rosenallis,*

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

I am convinced that all human beings
have an inborn desire for God . . .
this desire is our deepest longing and
our most precious treasure.

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

READERS

Ministers of the Word
Sat/Sun 13th & 14th March

7.30pm: Pdraig O'Toole

11.00am: Ann Storey

*The readers list for March is
available on the Notice Board in
the Church.*

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Sat/Sun 27th & 28th February
Envelopes: €1,435

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 March 3rd
Jackpot Numbers: 1:3:24:25:
No Jackpot winner.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €17,000
7 Match '3' - €143

Winner

Noel Weston

Promoter

Anne Weston

**The draw scheduled for
Wednesday 17th March
will take place on
Tuesday 16th March.**

March 8th - International women's Day:

International Women's Day is a
time for women around the world
to commemorate their struggles
and celebrate their
achievements. The United Nations
formally proclaimed March 8
International Women's Day in
1975. The roots of International
Women's Day can be traced back
to the struggles of women workers
in the late nineteenth and early
twentieth centuries.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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P.T.A.A.

**Any outstanding money for the
Pioneer Magazine can be left
into Sheila Kearney.**

Thank You.

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

WILLS/BEQUESTS

Occasionally the Parish receives
bequests from wills. A bequest
reflects someone's desire to make a
contribution to the parish from
their will. Please remember
Mountmellick Parish in your will.
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.