

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday of Lent - 21st March, 2021

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COVID 19

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

‘I will draw all people to myself’ As we journey through Lent and approach Holy Week, today’s readings draw us deeper into contemplating Jesus fulfilling the new Covenant by his sacrifice and death. The First Reading from Jeremiah reveals God’s love, as God promises to make a new covenant with us, written on our hearts. In the Gospel Jesus spells out the necessity for the grain of wheat to die. His soul is troubled, but he is One with God. Through the cross will come glory. As his disciples we must follow him, and so, like Jesus, may we turn to God in all our troubles, striving to draw others with us. Loving God grant us the wisdom to understand your will for our lives. Help us to detach from the mundane and to seek to produce much fruit from the single grain that we are, which we choose to nourish and ripen through your Word. Enable us to always feel your presence during difficult times and to place our trust in you, that when we feel entombed, that is when we are about to see the fruits of our labour. Amen.



Turning to God for Forgiveness this Lent



As we move closer to Holy Week, many people’s thoughts turn to the sacrament of reconciliation/confession as part of the journey of Lent. Unfortunately, at this time of restrictions parishes are not able to make this sacrament freely available to people. But, of course, the forgiveness of God is always available to us and there are many ways in which we can experience God’s mercy, love, and forgiveness as we anticipate a future celebration of the sacrament. ***You are very welcome to join us via our Webcam for an ‘online’ Penitential Service on Wednesday week (March 31st) at 7.30pm.*** This is a time of prayer, readings, reflection with an examination of conscience concluding with the praying of an Act of Contrition. This is a non-sacramental celebration of God’s mercy and a rich preparation for a future celebration of the sacrament with individual confession and absolution. Already, before confession, a person on that journey enjoys the forgiveness of God. Alternatively, in your own time, you can spend some time in prayer with God and make what is known as an act of perfect contrition. This involves two things on your part: firstly, to pray an act of contrition out of love of God and secondly, to make a firm commitment to go to confession when it’s possible and safe to do so.

An Act of Contrition: O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.

Mini-Lenten Retreat in preparation for Holy Week 2021



In preparation for the Easter Triduum, ‘The Hook of Faith’ is happy to offer a ***‘Mini-Lenten Retreat in Preparation for Holy Week’*** on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March. The retreat will be held on Zoom and will be led by Fr. Billy Swan. Each conference begins at 8.00pm.

The three conferences will anticipate Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter and will therefore focus on the Eucharist (Tues. 23rd); the Cross and the Mystery of Suffering (Wed. 24th); the Resurrection, Joy and Hope (Thurs. 25th). To take part, all you need to do is send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com All are welcome.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

Francis Sullivan, Davitt Road,
Liam Brophy, Bay Road,
Michael & Bridie Dempsey, St. Joseph's Tce.
Mary & Patrick Fennelly, O'Connell Square,
Mary White, Patrick Street,
Thomas & Mai Geoghegan, Connolly Street,
Sean O'Reilly, Connolly Street,
Mary Rochford, Wolfetone Street,
Daniel Hickey, Emmet Street,
Julia Whelan, Salt House Lane,
Michael Quigley, Emmet Tce.,
Frank Delaney, Salt House Lane,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 27th & 28th March:

Michael Murray Jnr., Graigue,
Michael Reddin, Bridge 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.

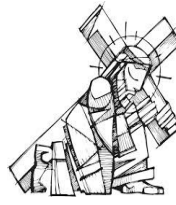
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Reminder of the words of Pope Francis in Lent 2020:

"The Catechism is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your Father, and tell him the truth... Promise him: 'Later I will confess, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to the grace of God."

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"

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

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Sat/Sun 13th & 14th March
Envelopes: €1,210

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".

READERS

Ministers of the Word
Sat/Sun 27th & 28th March

7.30pm: Carol McAuley
11.00am: Vincent McEvoy

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Tuesday March 16th

Jackpot Numbers: 6:17:20:22:

Jackpot winner.

Joan Walshe, Clonbullogue
Next weeks Jackpot is: €10,000
17 Match '3' - €59

Winner

Dinny Lynch

Michael Lawlor

Anthony Brennan

Nora Mahon

Lauren Kearney

Promoter

C. Lindley

D. Lawlor

J. Dunne

J. Turner

S. O'Mara

Knock Shrine

On Friday Pope Francis officially recognised Knock Shrine as an International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine.

Our Lady Of Knock Pray For Us.

Kildare & Leighlin

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person:

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Safeguarding Co-ordinator

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Local Enquiries.

Parish Office @ 057 8624390.

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.

