

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Easter - 11th April, 2021

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COVID 19

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

Heart & Soul

Believers united, heart and soul!

This Sunday, like the first believers, we are praying for unity of heart and soul. With our fellow Christians, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Lord of Life! The Gospel reading (Jn 20:19-31) combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and his chat with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. The disciples receive through Jesus the gift of the Holy Spirit and are given their mission. A week later, the Lord appears again to the previously absent Thomas, eliciting his magnificent confession: 'My Lord and my God!' Thomas gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia.

Divine Mercy Sunday

"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances but look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and come to their rescue" (Diary, No. 163). This is an excerpt from St. Faustina's "Prayer to be Merciful." This special devotion calls on us to pray for God's continued mercy and act mercifully toward one another, sharing resources and gifts and asking for and granting forgiveness to one another. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

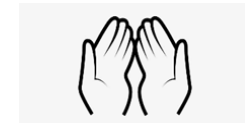


BACK TO SCHOOL

Every good wish to all in our school communities who fully return to school on Monday. For some this day has been a long time coming. Stay safe, be safe and enjoy.



Saint Bernadette Soubirous - Feast Day April 16th



Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. In February 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. The 'Lady', Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. In the vision on March 25, she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Millions of people have visited Lourdes to pray at the grotto where Bernadette saw Mary. They go to open their hearts to God, as Mary and Bernadette had. Bernadette died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 1933. St. Bernadette, pray for us.

**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

1st Anniversary Mass:

Sheila Lynn, Harbour Street, mass on
Thursday April 15th at 7.30pm

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

Jim Drumm, Emmet Street,
Mai O'Toole, Davin Park,
Bridie Conroy, O'Moore Street & the
Dunne Family,

Thomas O'Neill, Emmet Tce.,
Anne Buggy, Acragar,
Georgie Leech, Rynn, Rosenallis,
Mícheál Culliton, Grange Lodge,
Fintan & Teresa Lawlor, Parnell St.
Daniel Culleton, Hill 60,

Brenda Lawlor, Chapel Lane,
Eileen McGarvey nee Lawlor,
Laurence Delaney, Salt House Lane,
*For those whose anniversaries occur
at this time and for whom Mass will be
offered next weekend 17th & 18th
April:*

Mary Bergin, Emmet Tce.,
Harry & Michael Dempsey, Emmet
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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WORK OF ART

This is the first Easter message
that I would offer you: it is always
possible to begin anew, because
there is a new life that God can
awaken in us in spite of all our
failures. From the rubble of our
hearts, God can create a work of
art. (Pope Francis)

**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 April 12th 10am.

Tues 13th 7.30pm.

Weds 14th 10am.

Thurs 15th 7.30pm.

Fri 16th 10am.

Sat April 17th 7.30pm Vigil.

Sun April 18th 11.00am.

**MOUNTMELLICK
PARISH**

Sat/Sun 3rd & 4th April
Envelopes: €2,185

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".

**MOUNTMELLICK PARISH
LOTTO**

Wednesday April 7th

Jackpot Numbers: 5:8:25:28:

Jackpot winner:

Fiona Hayden, Newbridge

Next weeks Jackpot is: €10,000
7 Match '3' - €143

Winner

Bill Lawlor

Promoter

Marian Phelan

Please support our weekly parish
lotto. Tickets on Sale in the
parish office, from promoters and
in the local shops. Thank you for
your support. Good luck!

READERS

Ministers of the Word
Sat/Sun 17th & 18th April

7.30pm: Fiona Walsh

11.00am: Vincent McEvoy

Readers list for April & May is
available on notice board in the
church or call to parish office.

Easter Prayer

Lord of all life,
You are our hope and our joy,
our source of true happiness.
We have journeyed to Easter
and in the most difficult of trials
we have renewed our baptism
and proclaimed your
resurrection.

We embrace with gladness the
new life to which you call each
one of us.

Bless us, our families and all the
world, with your constant
presence and protection.
May we give you thanks every
day and share the good
news of our faith with all we
meet.

And may the light of our Easter
faith guide our footsteps in your
ways love, peace and truth.

Through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

In Easter joy we proclaim,
Christ is risen! Alleluia,
alleluia!

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.

**Kildare & Leighlin
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