

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Easter - 18th April, 2021

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COVID 19

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

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

In the midst of the joy and exuberance of Easter, this Sunday's readings allow us to consider our sinfulness, our doubts and our weakness. This is not to weigh us down, but to bring us peace and encourage us to live the new life won for us.

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is gentle with those responsible for the death of the 'Prince of life'. They must now turn back to God. Jesus appears to his doubting disciples in the Gospel (Lk24: 35-48). Having shared a meal with them, he now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word (readings) and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist similarly commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.



A National Synod for Ireland's Catholic Church.

The Irish Catholic Bishops announced at their Winter 2020 meeting a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland, leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Before embarking on an initial two-year phase of consultation, bishops are inviting submissions between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021 to reflect on what methods/models would be best to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For

example: focus groups, parish hall meetings, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences. Submissions, of not more than 300 words, can be made via the Bishops Conference webpage:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions/>

Pope Francis has decided the next world Synod of Bishops at the Vatican, which will take place in October 2022, will have the theme: **"For a synodal church: Communion, participation and mission."** The basic idea in the pope's teaching is that the grace of baptism makes one part of the body of the church and, therefore, responsible for its life and mission.

The goal of synodality is to find the best ways for every baptized person to fulfil the church's mission of proclaiming God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ to the world.

**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Month's Mind Masses:

**Maureen Goode, Patrick Street,
Raphael Scott, Ballyfin, mass on
Tuesday April 20th at 7.30pm.**

1st Anniversary Mass:

**John Deffew, Emmet Street, mass on
Thursday April 22nd at 7.30pm.**

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

**James & Mary Scott, Chapel St.,
James Wall, Manor Road,
Daniel O'Riordan, Lord Edward St.,
Jim Carroll, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Elizabeth O'Rourke, Derryguile,
Sr. Catherine O'Rourke,
Sean Comerford, Davin Park,
Mary Bergin, Emmet Tce.,
Seamus Gorman, Graigue,
Jack Delaney, Clonad,
Elizabeth Delaney, Manor Lane,
Philomena Dunne, O'Moore Street,
Joe Molloy,**

**Thomas Lawlor, Harbour Street,
Anthony O'Neill, Twomey Park,
For those whose anniversaries occur
at this time and for whom Mass will be
offered next weekend 24th & 25th
April:**

**Edith Deffew, O'Moore Street,
Francis Utter,
Gregory Murray, Graigue,
Anastasia Mulhall, Emmet Tce.,
Edwards, Kate & Elizabeth Payne,
Emmet Street,**

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



**Here's a text if
you've only got a
minute.**

**"God raised Jesus
from the dead, and to
that fact we are
witnesses".**

**(Acts 3:15, today's 1st
Reading)**

**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 19th 10am.

Tues 20th 7.30pm.

Weds 21st 10am.

Thurs 22nd 7.30pm.

Fri 23rd 10am.

Sat April 24th 7.30pm Vigil.

Sun April 25th 11.00am.

**MOUNTMELICK
PARISH
Sat/Sun 10th & 11th April
Envelopes: €1,310**

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".

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

**Tori Carter,
St. Joseph's Tce.,
Ellie Rose Burke,
Portlaoise,**

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

READERS

**Ministers of the Word
Sat/Sun 24th & 25th April**

7.30pm: Carol McAuley

11.00am: Mona Conroy

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

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
LOTTO**

**Wednesday April 14th
Jackpot Numbers: 14:16:24:25:
No Jackpot winner:
Next weeks Jackpot is: €11,000
6 Match '3' - €167**

Winner

Jennie Colbert

Promoter

May Lynch

**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!**

Parish Office

Opening Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
10.30am to 1.00pm
3.00pm to 4.30pm.

**Kildare & Leighlin
SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Liaison Person:
Telephone: 085 8021633.
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Telephone: 086 1710643
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Local Enquiries.
Parish Office @ 057 8624390.

**Reality, Africa and
Messenger 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.