

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

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COVID 19

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



'They too will listen to my voice ...' Today we are invited to deepen our awareness of God's protective, caring love that surrounds us, holds us and sustains us. This love was made incarnate in Jesus the Good Shepherd. In the Gospel reading, the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is used to draw out the depth of the love that God has for all people. Jesus lays down his life for us so that we might truly live. By describing himself in this way, Jesus is describing the close, intimate relationship we are each called to have with the living Lord. Although we are many, we are one flock, with one Shepherd who knows each one of us personally. Jesus trusts that we will listen to his voice. As we pray this week, let us ask for the grace to truly listen with open and accepting hearts to the needs of our community, and to the needs of the earth. May we, too, may become loving shepherds to each other, and to the environment.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, please contact our local Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Ruairí O'Domhnaill at ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Prayer to Know One's Vocation



Lord, my God, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfil my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen. (USCCB)

St. Catherine of Siena On Thursday next (29th) the church celebrates [St. Catherine of Siena](#) as an international political figure, a feminist hero, and a doctor of the church. Catherine, a member of the Dominican Third Order followed the life pattern of the Dominicans as a layperson. She often visited hospitals and homes where the poor and sick were found. She brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy and to fourteenth-century Europe. She was proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.



**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:

Ellen & Sid Dunne, The Harbour,
Matthew Corcoran, Clonmoylan,
Oliver J. Flanagan, Irishtown,
Dympna Kelly nee Ward, formerly
Acragar,
Anthony Conroy, Derryguile,
Margaret Chambers, Emmet Tce.,
Thomas & Kathleen Hibbitts, Pond
Lane,
Mary Williams, Parnell Street,
Esther Fitzpatrick, Clontarf,
Bridie Healion, formerly O'Moore St.
Nicholas & Mary Anne Dunne,
Michael O'Connell, Castlebrack,
Michael Dunne, Connolly Street,
Matthew Farrell, Lord Edward St.
Patrick & Josephine McCabe, Tuam,
Pat Delaney, Upper Forest,
Tommy & Vera Mullin's,
Clonaghadoo,
*For those whose anniversaries occur
at this time and for whom Mass will be
offered next weekend 1st & 2nd May:*

Mick Byrne, Derryguile,
Bernard & Susan Dalton, Nyra,
Jenny McGlynn, Twomey Tce.,
Sharon Tabb, England,
Andre Utter,
Bernie Bracken, Portnahinch,

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

International Parental Alienation
Awareness Day.

This day highlights a particular form of domestic abuse that takes place when one parent tries to distance his or her children, without reason or justification, from the other parent when a marriage or relationship ends. Such a denial of the rights of children to have a loving relationship with both parents has long-lasting and damaging consequences for a child. For more information about the issue log on to www.alienated.ie.

**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 26th 10am.
Tues 27th 7.30pm.
Weds 28th 10am.
Thurs 29th 7.30pm.
Fri 30th 10am.
Sat May 1st 7.30pm Vigil.
Sun May 2nd 11.00am.

**MOUNTMELICK
PARISH
Sat/Sun 17th & 18th April
Envelopes: €880**

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

**Emily Dunne,
Connolly Street,
James Malone,
Tullamore,**

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 1st & 2nd May**

**7.30pm: Michael Feely
11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle**

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
LOTTO**

**Wednesday April 21st
Jackpot Numbers: 8:16:18:19:
No Jackpot winner:
Next weeks Jackpot is: €11,000
9 Match '3' - €112**

**Winner Promoter
No Mountmellick Winner**

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!

**Kildare & Leighlin
SAFEGUARDING**

**Designated Liaison Person:
Telephone: 085 8021633.
Email: dlp@kandle.ie**

**Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Telephone: 086 1710643
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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.

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.