

## ***Mountmellick Parish Newsletter***

***Easter Sunday - 4th April, 2021***

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## **COVID 19**

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



### **Easter Message 2021**

The card read “*This is the night in which Christ has destroyed death and from the dead He rises victorious! Happy Easter*”. The Easter card tradition is a much quieter one than what we all experience at Christmas. There isn’t as large a number of cards arriving at Easter and yet when we think about it, the celebration is even more profound than what we celebrate at Christmas.

We have just celebrated the Easter Triduum behind closed doors for the second year in succession. The most sacred season of the year once again without any physical congregation. This is very hard on people of faith. Once again I thank our priests and parish teams for their creativity and ingenuity in making great use of the webcam, Facebook live, parish radio etc. to live stream ceremonies into the homes of parishioners. By doing so, the kitchen table in your home has become an extension of the altar in your local church. I thank all of you who have been leading prayer in your homes this past while. The domestic Church has come into its own during this pandemic. While the virtual will remain with us whenever this pandemic passes, we all long for the gathering, we all wish to be back with one another. We can really understand and empathise with the need the disciples had for gathering two thousand years ago.

It’s interesting in the gospel, resurrection encounters take place not only behind closed doors, but in spite of them “*in the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were*” (Jn.20:19), and despite the closed doors Jesus walks among them. His message then and His message to us this Easter is no different “*Peace be with you*” (Jn.20:19). A tiny, invisible virus, thousands of times smaller than the head of a pin has tested our resilience, has torn apart our economies and has very much tweaked our priorities. Yet in all of this the Risen One walks among us, carrying us, comforting us, consoling us.

Just over a year ago Pope Francis spoke in a deserted St. Peter’s Square and reflected on the text from St. Mark about the storm at sea and how Jesus was asleep at the stern. His message in that rain swept square was and remains that Jesus is very much with us. The Risen One walks by our side. As we celebrate Easter once more in the midst of the suffering the world is enduring because of this pandemic may you experience the new life of resurrection, and from another Easter card I read:

*May the Lord bless you this Easter time;  
Bless you with faith, guard you in doubt;  
Bless you with hope, uplift you in despair;  
Bless you with love, keep you from fear;  
Bless you with peace, calm you in trouble;  
Bless you with mercy, help you to forgive;  
Bless you with joy, comfort you in sorrow;  
So your heart may rejoice in Him who is Risen.  
Amen.*

**Bishop Denis Nulty**  
**Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin**

**REMEMBERING OUR  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**1st Anniversary Mass:**

**Tom Touhy, Portarlinton Road,  
mass on Thursday April 8th at  
7.30pm.**

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

**Michael Dowling, Irishtown,  
James Gorman Snr., Lower Forest,  
Patrick Dunne, Emmet Street,  
Mick Lee, The Rock,  
Kevin Hibbitts, Harbour Street,  
Ronnie O'Rourke, Hill 60,  
Tommy Nolan, Emmet Street,  
John, Josie, Sean & Jim Moss,  
Harbour Street also Denis Kavanagh  
& Frank Carroll,  
Kitty Breen, O'Moore Street,  
James & Josephine Quigley,  
Derryguile,  
William Quigley,**

***For those whose anniversaries occur  
at this time and for whom Mass will be  
offered next weekend 10th & 11th  
April:***

**Maureen & Tom Davis, ?St. Joseph's  
Tce.,  
Michael Bogan, Chapel Street,  
Noel Bentley, The Rock,**

***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.....**

**Harry Byrne, Manor Cottages,  
Cian Deffew, Upper Forest.  
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**

**Parish Office**

**The Parish Office will be  
closed on Monday &  
Tuesday April 5th & 6th**

**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 5th 10am.**

**Tues 6th 7.30pm.**

**Weds 7th 10am.**

**Thurs 8th 7.30pm.**

**Fri 9th 10am.**

**Sat April 10th 7.30pm Vigil.**

**Sun April 11th 11.00am.**

**MOUNTMELICK  
PARISH**

**Sat/Sun 27th & 28th March  
Envelopes: €970**

**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".

**HAPPY EASTER**

**The Lord is Risen  
Alleluia**

Many thanks to all our volunteers,  
friends and staff who have helped  
in so many ways with our "behind  
closed doors" liturgies over the  
last while and especially this past  
week. We earnestly look forward  
to opening up our doors again and  
welcoming everyone back to both  
St. Josephs and Clonaghadoo.  
Have a blessed Easter.

**Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy,  
Fr. MacNamara.**

**READERS**

**Ministers of the Word  
Sat/Sun 10th & 11th April**

**7.30pm: Padraig O'Toole**

**11.00am: Bernie Reddin**

**Readers List for April & May is  
available in the Parish Office or  
see church notice board.**

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH  
LOTTO**

**Wednesday March 31st**

**Jackpot Numbers: 4:12:14:26:**

**No Jackpot winner:**

**Next weeks Jackpot is: €11,000**

**15 Match '3' - €67**

**Winner**

**Kathleen Burke**

**Promoter**

**Michael Burke**

**Kildare & Leighlin  
SAFEGUARDING**

**Designated Liaison Person:**

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**An Easter Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, now risen in  
glory, yet always with us in the  
Church, your body, draw us ever  
more deeply into your life with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit.

Remove the blindness that fails to  
see you amidst the daily routines  
and chores. Be always close to us,  
accompanying us, guiding us and  
opening our hearts to your  
presence in family and community,  
in neighbours, friends and  
stranger. Be our comfort when we  
are lonely and our strength in  
bearing the daily burdens;  
and when the day's work is done  
and we are weary, then rest awhile  
with us. When we hear your word  
in Scripture, may our hearts burn  
with longing and, through the  
Eucharist, may they always beat in  
loving harmony with yours until  
the day of resurrection when we  
are fully united with you, and God  
will be all in all.  
Amen