

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter - 2nd May 2021

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COVID 19

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



'I am the vine, you are the branches.'

Our readings today remind us that when, like St Paul, 'we believe in the name of Jesus Christ', we accept the intimate relationship to which God invites us. We become branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ. The Gospel (Jn 15: 1-8) shows the amazing intimacy that Jesus offers through the wonderful image of the vine and branches. Having Jesus, the true vine, live within our hearts, we as his disciples, the branches, will bear fruit; cut off from Jesus, we can do nothing at all. Jesus reveals his Father as the vinedresser, tending to us with love, and sometimes pruning us so that we can produce more plentiful fruit. During this week, ponder on the relationship God longs to have with you, and the fruit God enables you to bear.

May the Month of Mary

May is the month when we Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world. This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pray in May



Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. Rosary will be recited live from Knock Shrine on Monday, May 10th at 5pm Irish time. It will be streamed live on the Knock Shrine website, Knock Shrine Facebook page and the Vatican News channel.

Queen of the May



Bring flowers of the fairest, bring flowers of the rarest, from garden and woodland and hillside and vale. Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale. O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May. O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

1st Anniversary Masses:

Mícheál (Michael) Cullen,
Mountmellick & Stradbally,
Sr. Madeleine Maher, Presentation
Sisters, Bridge Street,
Mass on Thursday May 6th at
7.30pm.

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

Kathleen Hickey, Emmet Street,
Margaret Fitzgibbon, The Rock,
Michael & Margaret Conlon,
Derryguile,
Kathleen Stapleton,
Seamus Marron, Lord Edward Street,
Thomas Lee, Chapel Street,
Elizabeth Byrne, Sandymount,
John & Bridie Green, Connolly
Street,

*For those whose anniversaries occur
at this time and for whom Mass will be
offered next weekend 8th & 9th May:*

Colm Mullen, Emmet Street,
Frances Davis, Harbour Street,
Noel Storey, Derryguile,

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

READERS

**Ministers of the Word
Sat/Sun 8th & 9th May**



7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Ann Storey

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
LOTTO**

Wednesday April 28th

Jackpot Numbers:

No Jackpot winner:

**Next weeks Jackpot is: €13,000
2 Match '3' - €500**

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!**

**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 May 3rd 10am.

Tues 4th 7.30pm.

Weds 5th 10am.

Thurs 6th 7.30pm.

Fri 7th 10am.

Sat May 8th 7.30pm Vigil.

Sun May 9th 11.00am.

**MOUNTMELICK
PARISH**

**Sat/Sun 24th & 25th April
Envelopes: €615**

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

**Polly Minihan,
Silverwood,
Patrick McDonagh,
Irishtown,**

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

Opening Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thursday &
Friday

10.30am to 1.00pm

3.00pm to 4.30pm.

**Kildare & Leighlin
SAFEGUARDING**

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The Board of Directors of
Mountmellick Credit Union
would like to thank all our
Members who attended our recent
Virtual AGM. We acknowledge
the extra effort it requires and that
some Members who normally
attend could not join us. We look
forward to resuming the physical
meeting format in the near future.
We would also like to thank and
compliment webmill, the MDA
digital hub for the use of their
fabulous technological centre that
allowed us to have the AGM. It is
an amazing asset for Mountmellick
and surrounds, thank you to the
Manager Mr Patrick Buggy and all
involved in the providing of this
amenity. We wish everyone well,
stay safe and thank you.

ALONE manage 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.
The support line is open seven
days a week, 8am - 8pm, by
calling 0818 222 024.

