

# Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

Ascension of the Lord - 16th May 2021

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## Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation (Mk 16:15).



Today's feast of *The Ascension of the Lord* is our liturgical celebration of when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter and begins a run of four Sundays in a row where we celebrate special feasts.

In the gospel accounts of **The Ascension** Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. During his ministry on earth, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers. We pray for the opportunity to proclaim the Good News to as many people as possible.



### A Prayer for Ascension to Pentecost

Following in the footsteps of Mary and the disciples, we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for ourselves and for our Church:

Come Holy Spirit, come and speak through a new generation of men and women as you spoke through the prophets of old. Grant us new prophets who will announce God's truth, love, mercy and justice.

Come Holy Spirit who descended on Mary as she conceived the Son of God in her womb. Descend on us and form us into the image of Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit who filled the unborn John the Baptist with joy in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. Fill all the baptised with the joy of our calling and a new desire to witness in the world.

Come Holy Spirit, who descended on Mary and the apostles at the first Pentecost, enlivening the Church in its infancy. Descend on us anew, filling us with new life. Pour out your gifts and miracles upon us as you once did in the Upper Room. Free us from fear and fill us with a holy courage as you did for the infant Church so that your Church may proclaim the Good News to the men and women of today to the ends of the Earth. Amen

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY May 16<sup>th</sup>

Pope Francis has chosen "Come and See" — Communicating by Encountering People as They Are" as the theme for World Communications Day 2021, explaining that "Come and See" is the invitation Jesus gave to his first disciples and the invitation they gave to others as faith in Jesus spread. "The Good News of the Gospel spread throughout the world as a result of person-to-person, heart-to-heart encounters with men and women who accepted the invitation to 'come and see,' and were struck by the surplus of humanity that shone through the gaze, the speech and the gestures of those who bore witness to Jesus Christ," the pope said. Catholics using the media, professionally or personally, must do so in a way that spreads faith in a loving God and attracts people to Christ, he said, adding that he was convinced St. Paul, "that great communicator," would "certainly have made use of email and social messaging" to share the Gospel.



**REMEMBERING OUR  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Month's Mind Masses:**

Mary Young, Clonaghadoo, mass today Sunday May 16th at 9.00am. in St. Mary's Church, Clonaghadoo, Frances Feely, Ashgrove, mass here on Tuesday May 18th at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Masses:**

Josie Fennelly, nee Delaney Graigue, Patrick Shortall, Emmet Terrace, mass here on Thursday May 20th at 7.30pm.

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

Timothy McEvoy, Portlaoise & Clonaheen,  
Paddy, Kathleen & Grace McGarr & Andrew McGarr Halliday,  
Richard Colbert, Harbour Court,  
Lill & Patsy Kelly, Davin Park,  
Eileen Blanc, Emmet Street,  
Bridget Josephine Dunne, Graigue,  
Nancy Dunne, Emmet Terrace,  
Bernie Reddin, Garoon,  
Philomena Gillane nee Gordon,  
Nonie, Michael & Martin Gordon,  
Caltra, Galway,  
Mary Flanagan, Derrylamougue,

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 22nd & 23rd May:*

Bridget Parkinson, Connolly Street,  
Barry McEvoy, Kilcavan,

*Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

**READERS**

**Ministers of the Word  
Sat/Sun 22nd & 23rd May**

**7.30pm: Pdraig O'Toole  
11.00am: Vincent McEvoy**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
Sat/Sun 22nd & 23rd May**

**7.30pm: Claire Dempsey &  
Bernadette O'Toole**

**11am: Helen Doran & Antoinette  
Makim**

**Eucharistic Ministers List  
available on the Notice Boards  
in the Church or call to the  
Parish Office.**

**MOUNTMELICK  
PARISH**

**Sat/Sun 8th & 9th May  
Envelopes: €1455**

**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  
Belle Spain Connolly,  
Ashgrove,  
Bobby Delaney,  
Kyletelisha,**

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



**Congratulations**

**Dylan McInerney &  
Martina Tuohy** who married in St. Joseph's

Church on Tuesday May 11th  
**May the Lord keep them  
forever in fidelity and love.**

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

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH  
LOTTO**

**Wednesday May 12th  
Jackpot Numbers: 11:13:16:29:  
No Jackpot winner:  
Next weeks Jackpot is: €15,000  
9 Match '3' - €112**

**Winner  
J C**

**Promoter  
Catherine Malone**

**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!**

**ALONE**

Manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the 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.

**THANK YOU**

Ger O'Mahony would like thank all who sent get well cards, mass bouquets, it was very much appreciated.

**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.

**ROCKK GAA & ROCK N.S.**

Jackpot No's: 1:12:23:25:  
5 x €20 winners: Niamh O'Mara,  
Emma St. John, Sean Bergin,  
Elaine Delaney, Michael & Alicia.  
NW J/Pot: €7,800.

**Juvenile Football**

Our juvenile football training continues on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from Little Rockets up to U11's. New members welcome.

