

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



**1st Sunday of Advent
- 28th November, 2021**

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ADVENT Reflection: Let us begin our advent with a sense of hope. Our hope is in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Saviour, Our God, the one who is Love itself. So let us begin this journey by preparing our hearts to meet Jesus in a truer, deeper way; not just for Christmas: Let us prepare ourselves to meet the Lord face-to-face; let us prepare for eternity. This world is fleeting. In these times especially, we are reminded far too much of sickness and death around us. As Christians we do not need to fear, remember the Lord's promises: "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). Let us believe in the mercy and goodness of our God who forgives us when we stray. Let us use this time of Advent to humble ourselves before our loving Father. Let us not be afraid to bring our guilt and shame, our wrongdoing from the past to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we no longer need to carry these burdens on our back, these poisons in our hearts, or get caught up in the shame of old. With God's forgiveness we may move forward with a sense of freedom, liberation, peace and hope in our hearts. Time is a precious gift, let us use it wisely to prepare ourselves to meet LOVE itself.
(Michelle Ward, Diocesan Pastoral Council).



POSTPONED POSTPONED: MICHAEL ENGLISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Due to ongoing Covid circumstances we regret to announce that our Michael English Christmas Concert is now postponed. Refunds for all tickets purchased are available from our Parish Office (Mon-Fri 10.30am/1.00pm and 3.00pm/4.30pm). We look forward to hosting Michael and his band at a later date.



Maranatha - Come, Lord Jesus'. At our Advent wreath we place a petition box of HOPE. This Advent we open up to Jesus all those areas of our lives where we need to let in hope, placing before Him our anxieties and worries, our cares and concerns...those places in our homes and hearts in need of the gift of hope that comes from Jesus alone. In the coming week you are invited to add your petitions of hope for yourself, your family, our community, and our world into the box of **HOPE**.

Covid 19

While there may be some easing in capacity restrictions for places of worship it is expected that "protective measures remain in place" (Dept of Taoiseach, Thurs Oct 21st). Mindful of same, the protocols etc we have in place for our churches/ceremonies remain for now - wear face coverings, sanitise hands, socially distance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Covid 19 [#Hold](https://www.gov.ie/en/covid-19/) Firm

Advent Prayer Time

A Time of Prayer & Reflection
"COME LORD JESUS, LORD OF HOPE"

8.00pm – 8.45pm

Parish Church

Wednesday Dec 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

All Welcome



November Remembrance Mass

**Remembering all who have died in the
last twelve month's next Tuesday
November 30th at 7.30pm in
St. Joseph's Church.**

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED ANNIVERSARIES

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:
Christopher & Sarah Hartnett, Connolly Street, James Sherlock, Kilmainham, Bill & Josephine Redmond, Davitt Road, Joe Brophy, St. Joseph's Terrace, Daniel Lynch, Harbour Court, Damien Crossan, O'Moore's Forest, Sheila Dowling, Kilmainham, Mary Duffy, Twomey Park, Donal Fitzpatrick, Clontarf, Mary Quigley, Catherine Quigley, Mary Tait, George Muir, Patrick & May Murphy, O'Connell Square, Patrick & Margaret Carroll, Derrycloney.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 4th & 5th December: Eileen Horohan, Clonsaughey, Daniel O'Mahony, Emmet Road, Gussie McGlynn, Bay Road.

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH Collections

Sat/Sun 20th & 21st October
Envelopes: €1,045
Baskets: €945

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who, this week, have returned their Weekly Envelopes.

CHEQUES CHEQUES

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to
"Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account".

DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website, www.mountmellickparish.ie

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

If you have a baby for Baptism, please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.

Please note that during current restrictions a total of 6 people (incl. the priest) should attend at Baptism ceremonies.

Welcome to our newly baptised....
Rose Reddin, Cloneyhurke,
Fia Jarvis, Walthamstow,

"O Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."

Kildare & Leighlin **SAFEGUARDING**
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First Friday December 3rd

Masses: 10.00am St. Joseph's Parish Church and
8.00pm in St. Mary's Clonaghadoo.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat/Sun 4th & 5th December

7.30pm: Gillian Colgan & Anna Reddin
11am: Antoinette Makim & Helen Doran

Ministers of the Word

Sat/Sun 4th & 5th December

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh
11.00am: Mona Conroy

PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday November 24th

Jackpot Numbers: 4:8:9:28:

No Jackpot Winner:

Next weeks Jackpot is: €11,000

22 Match '3' - €46

Winner

No Mountmellick Winner

Promoter:

THE BALCONY CINEMA Showing "Tolkien"

Wednesday December 1st @
8pm. Tickets €5pp.

Pre-booking will be essential and
masks must be worn at all times.

To book call or text 089
4247448.

ROCK GAA & ROCK N.S. LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 3:13:14:18:

5 x €20 winners: Rory St. John,
The Wall Kids, Pippa Conlon,
Sally Flynn, Dan Allen.

NW J/Pot: €10,000.

MOUNTMELICK GAA

Jackpot No's: 6:13:14:22:

€50 - Richie McLoughlin
€25 x 2 - Claire Doody, James
Donohoe.

N/W J/Pot: €10,000.

MISSION ALIVE

The Mission Alive group has had to cancel the church gate collection, the coffee morning and the annual table quiz. So the group is asking supporters and new friends to make a donation to the funds for Orphan Project in Zambia. Donations can be given to Fr. Noel Dunphy.

Thank you.

THANK YOU

I, Paddy Clear, Garoon would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent mass bouquets and offered help during my recent illness. A special word of thanks to the wonderful neighbours in Garoon.