

## Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



**2nd Sunday of Advent  
- 5th December, 2021**

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### MICHAEL ENGLISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

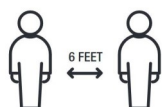
Due to ongoing Covid circumstances we regret to announce that our Michael English Christmas Concert is now postponed. Refunds for all tickets purchased are available from our Parish Office (Mon-Fri 10.30am/ 1.00pm and 3.00pm/4.30pm). We look forward to hosting Michael and his band at a later date.

### Covid 19

With the recent announcement about capacity restrictions and the advice to keep protective measures in place, those protocols etc we have in our churches will remain for now - wear face coverings, sanitise hands, socially distance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Covid 19 [#Hold](#) Firm



**ADVENT REFLECTION** Today's readings call for a 'baptism of repentance' in the words of John, the Baptist, 'And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade at the command of God'. There is mention of 'peace through integrity' and 'our bondage as streams in dry land'. 'A voice cries in the wilderness'. Can we open the door to Christ this Advent? May we walk humbly on earth. May we take care of the poor. Help us to know and to trust in you. You hold the key to the door. Open our minds to knowing you. Open our hearts to your care. Knowing your presence in everything. Finding you everywhere. Open our eyes to seeing you. Beauty and splendour on earth. Active and present in all our lives. Bringing Christ's mission to birth. May we answer the call of John, the Baptist, the call of the earth, and the coming of Christ, to open the door of our heart this Advent.



### An Advent Character & an invitation for us to walk in faith: St Joseph.

The year of St Joseph draws to a close on December 8th. If you haven't had a chance to ponder his story perhaps now is a good time!

As an Advent character, his was a supporting role in the truest sense of the word, and yet his choices mattered so much! Joseph's story can remind each of us that our willingness to take the journey of faith affects everything. It tells us that walking in faith will require something of us, perhaps more than we thought we were capable of. But it also tells us that if we say yes to God and trust in God's path for us, like Joseph, we, too, can find our place in the greatest story ever told. We, too, can experience God-with-us. Walking in faith, we, like Joseph, can recognize the coming of the Divine into our hearts and call his name Jesus. *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

### Advent Prayer Time

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

8.00pm – 8.45pm

Parish Church

Wednesday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**All Welcome**



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Wednesday we celebrate this feast day of Mary. We remember that from the first moment of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, Mary was preserved free from Original Sin. She was full of grace.

**Masses Parish Church: 11.00am and 7.30pm.**

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month Mind Masses:** Patrick Markey Coss, Twomey Park, Maureen Rochford, Emmet Street, mass here on Tuesday December 7th at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Mass:** Maura Flanagan, Patrick Street, mass here on Thursday December 9th at 7.30pm.

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

Dan & Cora Barrett, Wolfetone Street, James & Lena Dunne, Wolfetone Street, Patrick Carroll, Wolfetone Street, Bernard & Margaret O'Rourke & Family, Newmills, Elizabeth Dunne, Connolly Street, Julia McNeill, Davin Park, Margaret (Peggy) & Edward (Ned) Droney, Ashgrove & Acragar, William Maguire, Limerick, Vera & Simon O'Mara, Hill 60, Sarah O'Neill, Emmet Street, Edward & Esther Blanche, Wolfetone Street, Joe Blanche, Portlaoise & Derryguile, Luke McRedmond, Harbour Street, Philip Leech, Rynn, Rosenallis, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Cloncannon, Pat O'Neill, Harbour Court, Kathleen Gormley, Parnell Street, Ellen Corcoran, Clonmoylan.

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 11th & 12th December:* Bernard Rochford, Emmet Street, Conor Davis, Emmet Street, Christopher & Robert Parkinson, Connolly Street,

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

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH Collections

Sat/Sun 27th & 28th November

Envelopes: €975

Baskets: €770

**THANK YOU**

**Visiting Speaker** This weekend, Sr. Nuala Glynn, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, will speak at all our masses about the mission and work of her order. The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary is an international congregation of women religious present in many countries throughout the world. A door collection will be taken up to support the work of the Sisters after mass.

### 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....

**Sam Gaffney, Smithfield,  
Brody Brennan, Clonaslee,**

"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**

Designated Liaison Person & Director of Safeguarding

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057 8624390.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Sat/Sun 11th & 12th December**

**7.30pm:** Bernadette Clear & Ger O'Mahony  
**11.00am:** Therese Wall & Paddy Buggy

### Ministers of the Word

**Sat/Sun 11th & 12th December**

**7.30pm:** Sr. Ann Walsh

**11.00am:** Ann Storey

### PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday December 1st

Jackpot Numbers: 1:18:24:27:

**No Jackpot Winner:**

Next weeks Jackpot is: €12,000

15 Match '3' - €67

### **Winner**

Cathal & Anne Banaghan  
Mary Thompson

### **Promoter:**

Catherine Malone  
Mary Thompson

### **Ideal Christmas Gift**

**Give a 'gift subscription' to  
Mountmellick Parish Lotto  
as a Christmas gift for 1  
year, 6 months or 3 months.  
Gift Cards available in the  
Parish Office.**

### **MOUNTMELICK GAA**

Jackpot No's: 2:3:20:29:

€50 - Liam O'Connor

€25 x 2 - Ellie O'Connell, John  
Moloney Snr.

N/W J/Pot: €10,000

**P.A.T.H.** Clonaghadoo  
PATH Support Group will  
accept donations of practical  
and non-perishable items for  
their work with homeless  
people. Contact: Annette 085  
1018988, Ann 085 8427064,  
Dolores 087 6255735 Thank  
you

### **THE BALCONY CINEMA**

***Showing "Amazing Grace"***

Wednesday December 8th @ 8pm.  
Tickets €5pp. Pre-booking will be  
essential and masks must be worn at  
all times. To book - 089 4247448.

### **Pop-Up Christmas Wreath Shop**

Open in Acragar, Mountmellick  
from Fri Dec 3rd to 12th Dec. Open  
every day from 12 noon to 7.30pm.

### **K. W. Home Improvements**

Phone: 083 3692759

Email: [kevwhite851@gmail.com](mailto:kevwhite851@gmail.com)  
Tiling, Painting, Block Laying,  
Plastering, Patio's, Timber Fencing,  
Concert Panel Fencing, etc.

### **ROCK GAA & ROCK N.S. LOTTO**

**Jackpot No's: 6:8:17:27:**

5 x €20 winners: Ray Dunne, Elaine  
Delaney, Richard Jestin, Bernadette  
Dowling, Liam Finlay.  
NW J/Pot: €10,000.