

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



**3rd Sunday of Advent
- 12th December, 2021**

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Opening Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
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10.30am to 1.00pm
3.00pm to 4.30pm.**

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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....

Mollai Griffey, Dublin

"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."

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



The Lord is very near: Rejoice!

This Third Sunday of Advent is often called 'Gaudete Sunday' from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin: 'Gaudete!' – that is, 'Rejoice!' It is as though, like small children, we can barely wait to celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas, the coming of Christ Jesus into our world. Indeed, we rejoice now because he is already here in the midst of us. We see that God exults in us, his people, renewing us by his love. In the Gospel (Lk 3:10-18), the people come to John the Baptist to ask him, 'What must we do?' to prepare for the coming of the Christ. The answer is not the same for everyone, but all are asked to share with those who have less than themselves.

A Blessing Prayer by the Family Crib:

God of all people, from the very beginning of creation you have shown us your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless our family and all who will look upon this crib in the coming days; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and lift our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us, our Emmanuel and the Saviour of all. Amen.

Christmas Mass Times: Plan Now!

Christmas Eve, Dec 24th: 7.00pm, 9.00pm and 11.00pm in the Parish Church & 9.00pm in Clonaghadoo. *There will be no Children's Mass on Christmas Eve.*

Christmas Day, Dec 25th: 8.00am, 10.00am and 12 mid-day in the Parish Church & 10.00am in Clonaghadoo.

St. Stephen's Day, Sunday Dec 26th: 10.00am and 12 mid-day in the Parish Church & 10.00am in Clonaghadoo.

Masks. Distance. Hands. Be Covid Safe!

Advent Prayer Time

A Time of Prayer & Reflection
"COME LORD JESUS, LORD OF LOVE"
8.00pm – 8.45pm Parish Church
Wednesday Dec 15th & 22nd

All Welcome

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Bill Lawlor, Canal House, The Harbour, mass here on Tuesday December 14th at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Maureen Phillips, Patrick Street, Baby James Duff, Lord Edward Street, Kay Dunne nee Bracken, Peter & Kathleen Bracken, Garoon, Sheila Finlay, Acragar, Michael, Margaret, Jim, John Joe & Michael Jnr. Whelan, Connolly Street, Frank Lawlor, Wolfetone Court & Aughans, Peter Corcoran, Clonmoylan, Kathleen & Tommy Ward, Acragar, John & Margaret Reddin, Manor Road, Paddy Delaney, Patrick Street, William (Bill) Lalor, Lord Edward Street, Patrick & Kathleen Cleary, Davin Park, P. J. Hibbitts, St. Joseph's Tce., Des Byrne, Irishtown, Clement Lynch, Straboe, Eddie Bracken, Garryhinch Cross, Bridget & William Keane, Thomas & William Flanagan,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 18th & 19th December: Meryl McNabb, Emmet Street, Mary Dempsey, Kirwan Park, Michael & Frances Payne, Station Road, Tony Payne, Station Road, Patrick & Annie Fitzgerald, Manor Lane, Tom & Avril Fitzgerald, Jack Hickey, Emmet Street,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH Collections

Sat/Sun 4th & 5th December
Envelopes: €1,045
Baskets: €765

THANK YOU

Thank You.

Sr. Nuala Glynn, FMM, who spoke at our masses last weekend, wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown her and the support given her on her visit. A total contribution of €2,725 was donated to the work of her order. Mile buíochas.



Congratulations
to **Aisling Horan and**
Damian Blanc who
married in St. Joseph's
Church on Saturday Dec 4th.

**May the Lord keep them forever
in fidelity and love.**

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Pope Benedict 16th - 'It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open the door to hope.'

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sat/Sun 18th & 19th December

7.30pm: *Bernadette O'Toole & Sebastian Kopijka*
11.00am: *Noreen Savage & Ellen Coss*

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**Ministers of the Word**  
Sat/Sun 18th & 19th December  
7.30pm: *Padraig O'Toole*  
11.00am: *Sheelagh Coyle*

### PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday December 8th  
Jackpot Numbers: 9:13:15:24. - No Jackpot Winner.  
Next weeks Jackpot is: €13,000.  
23 Match '3' - €44

#### Winner

P. J. Conlon  
Betty Byrne  
Liz Carty  
Phil Rigney  
Pat Hunt

#### Promoter:

Frances Hibbitts  
Eleanor Duff  
Hair Studio  
Fergal Lawlor  
Catherine Malone

### 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: 2:7:22:25:  
€50 - Michael Conlon.  
€25 x 2 - Turlough O'Brien,  
Niamh & Jack Gorman.  
N/W J/Pot: €10,000

#### THANK YOU

A sincere THANK YOU for your contributions & to the Businesses for all your support for this year's CONCERN FAST.

The online link continues  
<https://fast.concern.net/>

### THE BALCONY CINEMA *Showing "Contraband"*

Wednesday December 15th @  
8pm. Tickets €5pp. Pre-  
booking will be essential and  
masks must be worn at all times.  
To book - phone or text  
089 4247448.

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

**Jackpot No's: 3:11:18:23:**  
5 x €20 winners: Bernadette  
Ryan, Cathail Holohan, Niamh  
Allen, Leslie Furlong, Shannon  
Crowley. NW J/Pot: €10,000.

#### Pick Of The Crop

Eamonn Comerford, O'Moore St.  
Christmas Wreaths, Christmas  
Arrangements, Fruit Hampers,  
Gift Vouchers.  
(Orders now being taken.)