

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



***4th Sunday of Advent
19th December, 2021***

HAPPY CHRISTMAS - THANK YOU

As we continue towards Christmas we would like to wish you a happy Christmas and thank you for your support and kindness throughout the year. We look forward to brighter and healthier times, praying the God of all to keep us safe and well. The birth in Bethlehem changed the world forever. God wasn't distant, strange, or other worldly anymore. Angels sang, shepherds see a new star, wise ones from the East come to gift and adore. That silent, holy night, away in a manger, God's love was shared, a gift never since equalled in value or meaning. May Christmas for you and your family be safe, sacred and happy. Nollaig shona daoibh go léir.

*Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy,
Fr. MacNamara*

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



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!**

Mary & Elizabeth: The Visitation.



Think about these two women. Both received a special message from God. No doubt neither felt equal to what was being asked of them. Mary was a young unmarried girl. Elizabeth was past the age of childbearing. Mary and Elizabeth, through their deep trust in our loving God and their openness to the power of the Spirit, bear living witness to the words of Jesus 'for God everything is possible'. The meeting of Mary and Elizabeth speaks of new life and joy and promises of future blessings. In this encounter, the younger and older woman meet and embrace in a life enhancing way, each bringing out the best in the other. Mary and Elizabeth recognized the power of God at work in each of them. Mary was mother, nurturer, handmaid of the Lord. We are called to be like her. Mary is strength and gentleness. As she is, so we can be. Amen.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Daragh Lee, Grange Hall, Noelle Kelly, Emmet Street, mass here on Tuesday December 21st at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:
John Ging, Brittas, Mai O'Riordan, Davitt Road, P. J. Mitchell, Pearse Street, Michael & Ellen Murphy, Chapel Street, Kathleen Conroy, Chapel Street, William Carroll, Manor Grove, Bridie & Chris Fitzpatrick, Connolly Street, Martin Deegan, Hill 60, Joseph O'Rourke Snr., Derryguile, Kitty Kelly, Irishtown, Elizabeth Dowling, The Hollow, Margaret & Andrew O'Neill, Connolly Street, Rita & Joseph Murphy, Emo, The Phelan Family, Davitt Road, Jim Furlong, Emmet Street, Mary Ruschitzko, Irishtown, Martin, Kathleen, Hugh & Martin Hibbitts, Acragar, Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons, Jack Hunt, emmet Terrace, Tim & Bridie Keenan, Harbour Street, Mary Callaghan, Twomey Terrace, Jack & Mary Callaghan, Garrymore, Elizabeth & Henry O'Sullivan,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Sunday 26th December: Patsy Walsh, Irishtown, Noel Lynch, Chapel Street, Joseph Fitzgibbon, Irishtown,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH Collections

Sat/Sun 11th & 12th December
Envelopes: €1,810
Baskets: €805

THANK YOU

DONATE ONLINE

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

CHEQUES CHEQUES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sunday 26th December

10.00am: Mona Conroy & Ger Rochford
12 noon: Anna Reddin & Ger O'Mahony

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**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sunday 26th December**  
**10.00am: Pascal Hanrahan**  
**12 noon: Carol McAuley**

### PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday December 15th  
Jackpot Numbers: - 6:7:9:29: NO Jackpot Winner.  
Next weeks Jackpot is: €14,000  
18 Match '3' - €56

**Winner**  
James Walsh

**Promoter:**  
Judy Furlong

**Next Wednesday December 22nd is the final draw of 2021.**  
**First draw of 2022 will take place on Wednesday January 5th.**

### 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....

**Tiernan McEvoy, Kirwan Park,**  
**Marci & Alex Lee, Bay Road,**

"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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### 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.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday  
20th Dec - 23rd Dec  
10.30am to 1.00pm and 3pm to 4.30pm. Re-opens after Christmas on Thursday December 30th at 10.30am.

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

**Showing "The Christmas Candle"** Wednesday December 22nd @ 8pm. Tickets €5pp. Pre-booking will be essential and masks must be worn at all times. To book - phone or text 089 4247448.

### MOUNTMELICK GAA

Jackpot No's: 2:13:21:27:  
€50 - Margaret Farrell.  
€25 x 2 - Oisín Challoner, Maria Colbert.  
N/W J/Pot: €10,000.

**Merry Christmas**