Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

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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.

Welcome to our newly baptised....

Jayden Brophy. Harbour Street,

"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 Covid 19

Wear A Mask Sanitise Your Hands Thank you for your cooperation.

- R.S.V.P. — Risk, Symptoms, Venue, People.



Happy are those who trust in the Lord.

The theme of our mass readings this weekend can be summarised in two words: Happiness and Trust. Looking for happiness has always been at the core of people's preoccupations. In the 1st reading, Jeremiah

tells his audience that they need to make a clear choice: they either trust only in people, or only in God. With striking images from nature, Jeremiah contrasts dry, wild wastelands with a luxurious tree growing by the waterside. The responsorial psalm uses similar imagery to make the same point: trusting in the Lord will bring happiness. St. Luke's 'Beatitudes' (Gospel) include warnings for those who have made the wrong choices: 'Alas for you ...' So our prayer this week may well centre around the choices we have made, do make, and will make, as we try to find happiness - not just for ourselves, but also for those around us or for the world at large. We can perhaps also ask the Lord for greater trust in him.

A Listening Lent across - Kildare and Leighlin

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about $\int_{\mathcal{A}} Synod$ the reality of being part of the People of God right now. **2021** He wants us to have a conversation about how we are journeying together and with God in our local parishes. He wants us to dream dreams together about our future.

And he wants everyone's voice to count. During Lent 2022 there will be many opportunities for people to take part in our listening phase of the synod. In the coming weeks look out for details of parish based listening sessions as well as the online survey and a dedicated email address where anyone is welcome to make their own submission. Why not make attending one of these listening sessions in person part of your Lenten journey this year? www.kandle.ie/synod/ will continue to be updated as we get closer to Lent. Communion. Participation. Mission.



But who was Saint Valentine? Flowers, chocolates, red hearts and romance seem to sum up Saint Valentine's Day and yet all of these were very distant from the life of the Roman priest who gives this feast day its name. Valentine was a priest who lived in the time of the great persecutor Claudius II. Claudius issued an edict

prohibiting the marriage of young people, on the basis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married ones, who might fear for their wives or families if they died in battle. Saint Valentine seemed to operate in a very permissive society and people of faith did their very best to encourage the Church's vision for marriage and relationships. In presenting that vision Valentine secretly married young couples. He was eventually caught, imprisoned, and tortured. The story is told that he cured the daughter of one of the judges assigned to his case. The young girl was blind. The judge became a believer as a result. Valentine was sentenced to execution, all because of his promotion of Christian marriage in the year 269AD. And the last message Saint Valentine wrote before facing his executioner was a note to this young girl signed off "from your Valentine". And so, today's commercial business has been born out of that note and out of this man, we know as Saint Valentine.



CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS Family, Parish, School. **CONFIRMATION 2022**

<u>Mar 5th</u>, The Rock at 11am, 5th Class and at 2.00pm, 6th Class. <u>Mar 12th</u>, Scoil Phádraig at 11.00am and Scoil Iósaif at 2.00pm. Mar 26th, Clonaghadoo at 11.00am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

May 14th, Scoil Phádraig at11.00am and Scoil Iósaif at 2.00pm. May 21st, The Rock NS at 11.00am and Clonaghadoo NS at 11.00am.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: Kitty Dowling, Lord Edward Street, Mass here on Thursday February 17th at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Sr. Rosemary Dunne, Graigue, Fr. Charlie Flanagan, Lord Edward Street, Molly & Jack Brophy, Davin Park, Paddy & Maisie Gorman, Derryguile, P. Kearney, Harbour Street, Sheila Whelan, Kirwan Park, Grainne Drummond, Pond Lane, Cora & Dan Barrett, Wolfetone Street, Michael Coss, Harbour Court, Richard & Patrick Colbert, Harbour Court, George Monagher, Kilmainham, Mai Sherlock, Kilmainham, Jimmy & Timmy Conroy, Lord Edward Street, Annie & Edward Payne, Emmet Street, Daniel Dunne, Catholes, Ballyfin, John Christie, Connolly Street, Sean & Ellen Delaney, Esker Gate, Anne Josephine Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce., Kit Guilfoyle, Emmet Tce., Rita Glynn, The Bay,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ Sunday 19th & 20th February: Eugene O'Reilly, Acragar,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

