

# **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**2nd Sunday of Advent  
4th December, 2022**

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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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## **Ministers of the Word**

**Saturday/Sunday Dec 10th & 11th**

**7.30pm: Padraig O'Toole**

**11.00am: Mona Conroy**

## **Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Saturday/Sunday Dec 10th & 11th**

**7.30pm: Bernadette O'Toole &  
Sebastian Kopijka**

**11.00am: Ellen Coss &  
Antoinette Makim**



## **Monster Bingo.**

This Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm sharp a 'Monster Bingo', with €5,000 in prizes, will be held in the Arts Centre. We look forward to a great night. Spread the word!!! Check!!!

## **Covid 19 Covid 19**

The wearing of a mask is **ADVISED** and **ENCOURAGED** during all ceremonies in the Church. Hand sanitiser remains available for your use.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**CONTINUING OUR  
RECOVERY**



## **A Voice Cries in the Wilderness, 'Prepare A Way for the Lord'**

As we take another step into Advent, this week's Gospel text highlights John the Baptist at the River Jordan entreating people 'to repent and prepare a way' for the one who is to come. 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. He tells them that being a son or daughter of Abraham will not be enough to be sure of being saved. There is no room for complacency. People are to repent; to change their way of life. In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading we are introduced to one of the main themes of this period of the year: Peace. Isaiah paints a picture of the whole world, of people and animals living together in harmony, led by a King who has all the qualities to rule justly.



## **First Holy Communion 2023 Grow In Love**

We continue to welcome in a particular way those children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time next year. Our focus this month is on helping them learn how to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. May we all try our best to keep our focus on Jesus as the 'reason for the season' this Advent.



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

On Thursday next 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.**



## **Praying with the Pope in December**

### **Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



## **St. Vincent De Paul (SVP) Annual Christmas**

**Appeal.** Please, if you can, support the Annual St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal this weekend and help them help families in our community.

**St. Nicholas of Myra: Tuesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** Ever since he was a small child, Nicholas loved God and God's people so much that he would do anything for them. He was so grateful for the life God had given him that he just couldn't stop giving joy and hope to others—no matter how far he had to travel or how many roofs he had to climb! In Germany, he's Kriss Kringle. In France, he's Pere Noel. Others know him as Father Christmas or simply Santa Claus. At Christmastime we try to be just like him.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Masses:** Pat Horan, Manor Road, Dominic Cooper, Ashgrove, mass on Tuesday December 6th at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Masses:** Betty Doyle, Emmet Terrace, Betty Dowling, Irishtown, Noelle Geoghegan, Lord Edward Street and Michael McCann, Garoon, mass on Thursday December 8th at 7.30pm.

**For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Dan & Cora Barrett, Wolfetone Street, John & Margaret Reddin, Manor Road, William Maguire, Limerick, Damien Crossan, O'Moores Forest, Elizabeth Horohan, Clonsaughey, Margaret (Peggy) & Edward (Ned) Dronney, Acragar & Ashgrove, Elizabeth Dunne, Connolly Street, Teresa Gallagher, The Commons, Sarah O'Neill, Emmet Tce., Pat O'Neill, Harbour Court, Luke McRedmond, Harbour Street, Philip Leech, Rosenallis, Michael Kirwan, Harbour Street, Kathleen Gormley, Parnell Street, Gus McGlynn, Bay Road, Ellen Corcoran, Clonmoylan,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday December 10th & 11th:** Frank Lawlor, Aughans & Wolfetone Court, Conor Davis, Emmet Street, Patrick Carroll, Wolfetone Street, Edward & Esther Blanche, Wolfetone Street, Joe Blanche, formerly Derryguile,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH Collections

Saturday/Sunday 26th & 27th November

Envelopes: €1,625

Baskets: €825

**THANK YOU THANK YOU**

**DONATE ONLINE**

You can make your donation to support the parish via the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website, [www.mountmellickparish.ie](http://www.mountmellickparish.ie)

**CHEQUES CHEQUES**

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

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday November 30th

Jackpot Numbers: 20:22:27:31:

No Jackpot winner: 6 Matched '3' - €167 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €13,000

No Mountmellick Winner

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person & Director of Safeguarding

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Local Enquiries. Parish Office  
@ 057 8624390.

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on Dec 12th. This review is to assess the Safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016.

If you would like to know more about Safeguarding look at the Safeguarding section on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie).

If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult Safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.

### The Parish Office will be closed on Monday/ Tuesday December 5th/6th.

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### MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 2:3:21:25:

€50 - Liam McEvoy. €25 x 2 - Faye Challoner, Ann Ward.

N/W Jackpot Pot: €10,000.

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**The Thrift Shop, Parnell Street,** will hold a raffle this coming week all proceeds to Laois Palliative Care. Great Prizes.



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

### Revenue's Refund on your donations to the Parish.

Many thanks to those who have returned the CHY3 Refund Form. As a registered charity the Parish is eligible to claim a refund from Revenue on the donations made to the parish - collection at mass, weekly envelopes, Giving Sunday, collection for the support of the priests etc. The CHY3 Forms are available in the parish church.

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "Miracles from Heaven", on Wednesday December 7th at 8.00pm. €5, all welcome.

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CONCERN FAST: A sincere **THANK YOU** for your support & contributions for this year's CONCERN FAST. The amount collected at SuperValu is over €1,100. [The online link continues https://fundraise.concern.net/alice-culliton](https://fundraise.concern.net/alice-culliton)

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**HSE Retired Staff (All Grades):** Mass with refreshments afterwards in Portlaoise Parish Centre on Monday December 12th at 2pm. Phone Charlotte @ 087 2068974. All welcome.