



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



**4th Sunday of Advent
18th December, 2022**

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Christmas Carol Service: Sunday Dec 18th 7.00pm

Christmas Penitential Service: Wednesday Dec 21st 7.30pm



Christmas Eve, Dec 24th:

11.00am – 1.00pm **CONFESSIONS** in St. Joseph's Parish Church.

6.00pm - **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE**

MASSES: 9.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Church.

9.00pm in Clonaghadoo.

Christmas Day, Dec 25th:

MASSES: 9.00am and 11.00am in St. Joseph's Parish Church.
10.30am in St. Mary's, Clonaghadoo.



Christmas Week usual mass times Mon-Fri.

Sat Dec 31st: Vigil 7.30pm, St. Joseph's Parish Church.

Sun Jan 1st: 10.30am, St. Mary's, Clonaghadoo.

11.00am, St. Joseph's Parish Church



Arriving at the climax of Advent, today's readings show God asking for our love and our trust. They also demonstrate God's faithfulness to us, sending Jesus to save us. Isaiah is sent to comfort King Ahaz, who has turned away from God. Isaiah sees through the false humility of Ahaz, but still gives him a sign: a maiden will give birth to a son, Emmanuel – 'God-is-with-us'. This same prophesy is echoed in the Gospel. Joseph also faces a difficult situation, but God speaks through an angel in Joseph's dreams, reassuring him that his son is a gift of the Holy Spirit destined to be the Saviour. Joseph follows the angel's command, placing his whole trust in God. As we continue our Christmas preparations and wait in expectant hope for the Lord's coming, let's pray for the grace that, like Joseph, we might listen with the ear of faith, and respond obediently to the Lord's call. As Advent draws to a close, we pray that Christ will truly come into our hearts. Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection. Amen.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Eddie Dunne, Davitt Road, Mass on Tuesday December 20th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Dinah Dunne, Pattisons Estate, mass on Thursday December 22nd at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:
Jim Furlong, Emmet Street, Mai O'Riordan, Davitt Road, John Ging, Brittas, P.J. Mitchell, Pearse Street, Maura Flanagan, Patrick Street, Maureen Phillips, Patrick Street, Patrick & Annie Fitzgerald, Manor Lane, Tom & Avril Fitzgerald, Kathleen Conroy, Chapel Street, Patsy Walsh, Irishtown, Elizabeth Dowling, The Hollow, Vena McEvoy, Patrick Street, Peg Williams, Parnell Street, Margaret & Andrew O'Neill, Rita & Joseph Murphy, Joseph O'Rourke, Snr., Derryguile, Henry & Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Irishtown, Joseph & Johanna Deffew, Harbour Street, Jack Hunt, Emmet Tce., Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons, Denis & Kathleen Dollard, Mountrath, Deceased members of the Whelan Family, Connolly Street, Mick & Alice Lennon, Armagh, Jack Hickey, Chapel Street, Martin Deegan, Hill 60, William Carroll, Manor Grove, Kitty Kelly, Irishtown, Tim & Bridie Keenan, Harbour Street, Martin, Kathleen, Hugh & Martin Jnr. Hibbitts, Acragar, Thomas Scott, Acragar, James Scott, Acragar, Pat Moore, Pond Lane, John & Mary Molloy, Catherine Delaney, Salthouse Lane,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH Collections

Saturday/Sunday 10th & 11th December
Envelopes: €670
Baskets: €890

**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

CHEQUES CHEQUES

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

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday December 14th
Jackpot Numbers: 1:7:25:27:
No Jackpot winner:
14 Matched '3' - €72 each.
Next weeks Jackpot is: €15,000



Winner
Rose O'Reilly

Promoter:
E. Comerford

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...

Gia & Calum Conroy, Grange Hall.

"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."



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.

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The Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul wish to say a big thank you to all who so generously contributed to our Christmas Collection.

Be assured that it will be distributed to the most needy in our community.

We wish each of you God's Blessing this Christmas and throughout 2023. Stay well. Stay Safe.

Mission Alive

Thanks to all who supported the quiz and to businesses who donated gifts & vouchers for quiz on Dec. 2nd in the Druid. Thanks also to those who donated to our fund recently. During Dec. a total of €1807 was raised for the Orphan Project in Lusaka. Thanks to our committee members who helped on the night, to M. Linehan the quizmaster & his assistant T. Monaghan.