



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday January 29th, 2023**

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How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

The
Word
of God

Today's readings tell us what we need to follow Christ and become more like him. Getting our priorities right in God's eyes may not be easy, nor is it always the way of the world, but it will bring happiness in God's kingdom. At the beginning of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, which focus on the qualities he expects his disciples to have.

They are not 'rules' like the commandments, more a road map for discipleship, laying out the way to follow him. Jesus is calling us to learn what it really means to be 'glad and rejoice' – in him alone. The Beatitudes are a restatement of the values mentioned in the 1st reading. The Lord will protect those living honest and just lives: people of integrity and humility. This week, we may pray to recognise all the blessings the Lord has given us, so that we might walk more closely with Jesus in his work, just as he walks with us in our lives.

Feast of St. Brigid, Wednesday Feb. 1st

Prayer to St Brigid

Brigid, you were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

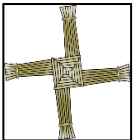
You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled or anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all that God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Muire na nGael guí orainn go léir. Amen.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: Feb 2nd 2023

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. **Here in Mountmellick we pray for the**

Presentation Sisters and all those we know who are consecrated to God. May God's grace continue to strengthen their commitment to the Lord as they serve us daily with open hearts and willing spirits.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Thursday Feb 2nd. Blessing of Candles:

Candles for use in the home and church will be blessed at the 7.30pm mass on Thursday next. If you have candles for blessing, they should be left into the Parish Office beforehand. Thank you.



Feast St. Blaise: Friday Feb 3rd. Blessing of Throats.

The traditional 'blessing of throats' associated with the Feast of St. Blaise will take place after the 10.00am mass on Friday in the Parish Church and after the 8.00pm mass in Clonaghadoo.



REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Ronan Culleton, Cloonagh, mass on Tuesday January 31st at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary: Lar O'Rourke, O'Moore Street, Jack Kelly, Portnahinch, mass on Tuesday February 2nd at 7.30pm. John Dunne, Davitt Road, mass next Saturday/Sunday 4th & 5th February.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Con & Mary Jo Garty, Graigue, Bridget Moss, Derrycloney, Stephen Lynch, O'Connell Square, Michael Dowling, Garoon, Michael Fitzpatrick, Cloncannon, Kathleen & Dixie O'Neill, Harbour Street, Ann & Michael Ryan, Bay Road, Denis O'Rourke, Acragar, Norah Fitzpatrick & Brigid Hatchell, Mary Kinch, St. Joseph's Tce., Margaret Keegan, Wolfetone Street, Kathleen Weston, St. Joseph's Tce., Ted Carbury & Loughlin Moran, Emmet Street, Bernard Dunne, Garrymore, Larry Dowling, Acragar, Beatrice Cushen, O'Moore Street,
For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday January 4th & 5th: Donal Keenan, Manor Road, John Strong, Borness, Lil Kelly, Davin Park,
Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections

Saturday/Sunday 21st & 22nd Jan
Envelopes: €1,495
Baskets: €685

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".

Ministers of the Word Saturday/Sunday Feb 4th & 5th

7.30pm: Padraig O'Toole
11.00am: Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday Feb 4th & 5th

7.30pm: Bernadette O'Toole & Carol McAuley
11.00am: Bernie Reddin & Antoinette Makim



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...

**Cory Hartnett, Ballacollig,
Billy Rochford, Derrycloney,**

"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."

Friday February 3rd . First Friday.



Masses: 10am Parish Church &
8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

MOUNTMELICK COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS

'Rake the Ashes' -

Sat. Feb 4th, 8.15pm

Featuring: Niamh Morris, Uilleann
Piper

Enjoy this Bank Holiday Weekend
Concert of Music and Song.

Tickets: €20 available in local shops
(Turley's, Steven's Bargain Central,
O'Gorman's, Ger Dunne's Gala, Supervalu,
Moloney's Bar.
The Druid). Doors open: 7.30pm

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MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 25th
Jackpot Numbers: 9:12:19:27: No Jackpot winner.
21 Matched '3' - €48 each.
The next Lotto Jackpot is: €12,000

Winner

Breda Comerford
Mary Dunne

Promoter:

Eamonn Comerford
Anne Weston

THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "**The Banshees of Inisheerin**", on Wednesday,
February 1st at 8.00pm.
Adm: €5, all welcome.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 2:3:28:29:
€50 - Patsy Thompson.
€25 x 2 - Barry & Shelly, Noel Conroy.
N/W Jackpot Pot: €10,000

Ben's Barber's

Patrick Street, Mountmellick (beside Moloney's)
Now open - Tuesday to Thursday 10am - 6pm,
Friday 9am - 7pm and Saturday 7am - 3pm.

