



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 8th, 2023

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'This is my Son, the Beloved'

As Christmastide draws to a close, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the start of Jesus's adult ministry. The First Reading from Isaiah tells of the qualities of justice and compassion that God's chosen one will bring to the earth. He will come to us as a servant leader endowed with the spirit of God. The Gospel (Mt 3 13-17) shows how Jesus is baptised by his cousin John in the Jordan. With humility, Jesus shows us the path to truth by entering into the waters of baptism. The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus as God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved Son. There is a dynamic relationship of eternal, creative, self-giving love. As Christians baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are called to follow Jesus by spreading the Good News to all people. As we pray this week, let us joyfully remember our baptismal promises so that we may follow Jesus more closely.



BAPTISMS: In 2022 69 children were baptised in our parish. Today we pray God's continued care and blessing for them, their parents and families - "By God's gift, through water and the holy Spirit, we are reborn into everlasting life. In his goodness, may God continue to pour out his blessings on these daughters and sons of his. May he make them always, wherever they may be, faithful members of his holy people".



Best wishes to all our school communities who have begun their new term. Pope Francis' prayer intention for January is that "educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all".



Pope Emeritus Benedict RIP. Pope Francis paid tribute to his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, who died early Dec. 31 and was laid to rest on Thursday saying "With emotion we remember him as such a noble, such a gentle person and we feel so much gratitude in our hearts: gratitude to God for having given him to the church and to the world; gratitude to him, for all the good he accomplished, particularly for his witness of faith and prayer, especially in these last years of his retired life".

Box of Envelopes Supporting Our Parish



Your box of Parish Envelopes is available this weekend at the back of both churches. Over the next few weeks (4/5) as you return your contributions please write your name on the front of the envelope – thus helping us keep correct records. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please encourage others, maybe at home or in work, to pick up a box too and join in.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Eoin Coss, Grove Park, mass on Tuesday January 10th at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:
Kathleen Thompson, Wolfetone Street, Terence & Donal Horohan, Clonsaughey, Fr. Con Phelan, Strahard, Michelle Oxley, Lord Edward St., Mary Deegan, Twomey Tce., Paul Goodwin, St. Joseph's Tce., Martin & Mary Delaney & Josie Fennelly, Graigue, Noel Lynch, Chapel Street, Joseph Blanc, Pattison's Est., Breideen & Tom Scott, Strahard, Dan Williams, Patrick Street, Nicholas Brennan, Harbour Street, Essie Forde, Acragar, Des Conroy, Harbour Court, Richard Coss, Emmet Tce., Owen Lawlor, Cloncosney, Michael & Ellen Murphy, Chapel Street, Edward & Bridget Murphy, Emmet Street, Denis Quinn, Harbour Street, Johnny & Charlie Cahill, James Gormley, Parnell Street,
For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday January 14th & 15th: Maura Horan, Strahard, John Bunny Bracken, Portnahinch, Rose Dempsey, O'Moore Street, Patrick Conroy, O'Moore Street, Eamon Conroy, Dangans,
Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH Collections

Saturday/Sunday 31st Dec & 1st Jan
Envelopes: €700
Baskets: €1,260

**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 January 4th
Jackpot Numbers: 2:5:6:10:
No Jackpot winner.
25 Matched '3' - €40 each.
The next Lotto Jackpot is: €17,000

Winner

Florence Fennelly
JFKCA Clan
Marie Quinn

Promoter:

Frances Hibbitts
Michael Burke
Annie Kelly

Ministers of the Word
Saturday/Sunday Jan 14th & 15th
7.30pm: Bernadette Clear
11.00am: Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist
Saturday/Sunday Jan 14th & 15th
7.30pm: Claire Dempsey & Anna Reddin
11.00am: Bernie Reddin & Michael Gormley

ENROLEMNT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2023
from Thursday January 5th
to closing date, Thursday January 26th 2023.
Please call to the school office, phone or email the following:

St. Joseph's Girls National School
Davitt Road, Mountmellick. Phone: 057 8624540
Email: admin@stjosephsgns.ie

Scoil Phádraig Naofa B.N.S.
Davitt Road, Mounntmellick. Phone: 057 8624760
email secretary@spnbsn.ie

The Rock National School
The Rock, Mountmellick. Phone: 057 8624490
email therockns20@gmail.com

THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "**Emily**", on Wednesday, January 11th at 8.00pm.
€5, all welcome.



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.

NEW YEAR / NEW DAY

Look to this day; yesterday is already a dream & tomorrow is only a vision. But today well-lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

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