



**Mountmellick  
Parish Newsletter**



**1st Sunday of Lent  
Sunday February 26th, 2023**

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**“Turkey and Syria Humanitarian Relief Fund”.**

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed to last weekend’s ‘special collection’ for the ‘Turkey & Syria Humanitarian Relief Fund’. A total of €5,800 will be forward from our parish. A further €1,520 was collected by the ‘Senior Golfers’ of Portarlinton GC and will, on their behalf, be donated to the relief fund. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.



**FIRST CONFESSION.** Our First Confession ceremonies will take place during the coming week as follows: Mon Feb 27th Scoil Íosaif; Tuesday Feb 28th The Rock NS; Wednesday March 1st Clonaghadoo NS; Thursday March 2nd Scoil Phádraig. The ceremonies will begin at 6.00pm. In congratulating the children, we also thank their parents/guardians and teachers for the all their help and guidance in preparation for this special occasion.



**LENT 2023**

This Lent we hear about the Mahat family – Ambiyo, Mahat and their eight children – who have had to leave their home and village in Somalia in search of food at an internally displaced persons’ camp. Trócaire is supporting families like the Mahats through lifesaving food baskets, medical care and education for the children. You can support this vital work. Trócaire boxes are available at the back of our two churches.

**GIVING SUNDAY March 19<sup>th</sup>  
2015-2025 Debt Campaign**

Our annual ‘Giving Sunday’ special fundraiser will take place on Sun. March 19<sup>th</sup>. Because of Covid ‘Giving Sunday’ had to be curtailed for two years. Nevertheless, many managed to contribute during those years and for that we offer our sincere thanks. Special envelopes for your contribution will be distributed in the next few weeks. As your means will allow you are asked to make a special donation towards our 2015-2025 Debt Campaign. Plenty of help is needed with the distribution of envelopes in your area and/or among your family or work colleagues. To facilitate this, we will hold a meeting in the Church on **Thursday week March 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm** for everyone willing to help out. Many thanks.

**During Lent.....For Lent.....For You?**

**HOLY HOUR** of prayer, music, reflection and adoration each Monday evening of Lent beginning on Monday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, Parish Church. All welcome.

**TUESDAY Morning Mass:** Beginning on Tuesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and continuing then on each Tuesday morning of Lent there will be a 7.30am mass in our Parish Church.

**Station of the Cross for Lent:** All are welcome each Sunday evening during Lent at 7.00pm to the Parish Church for a praying of The Stations of the Cross. **After the 10am mass on the Fridays of Lent** there will be a short praying of the stations for those who are available to join in.



## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Mass:** Mary McInerney, Kirwan Park, Mass on Tuesday February 28th at 7.30pm.

**For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:**

Pat Conroy, O'Moore Street, Patricia Lynch, Chapel Street, Nora Baker, O'Moore Street, Jack & Ellen Delaney, Garoon, Sid Dunne, The Harbour, Nora McEvoy, Emo, Sheila Conroy, Davin Park, Mary Deegan, Derryguile, Paddy Dunne, St. Joseph Terrace, Anna Bergin, Graigue, The Conroy Family, Graigue, The Walsh Family, Graigue, James Lynch, Straboe, James Brennan, Dan Kavanagh, The Commons, Joe Maher, Harbour Street, Pat Hartnett, Acragar, Elizabeth Meehan, Garoon, Margaret Foyle, Clonerry, Gerry, Ann & John Corcoran, Graigue, Jim Murphy, Irishtown,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 4th & 5th:** Eoin Gorman, Derrycloney, Kathleen & Andrew Turley, The Harbour, Jim McGlynn, Bay Road, John, Evelyn & John Jnr Dillon, Emmet Street,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections

Saturday/Sunday 18th & 19th Feb

Envelopes: €1,385

Baskets: €5,800 (Turkey & Syria Collection)

**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".

### Friday March 3rd . First Friday.

**Masses:** 10am Parish Church  
& 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



### MISSION ALIVE

The annual Mission Alive church gate collection is on Sat/Sun March 4th & 5th in Mountmellick and Clonaghadoo. Please support this collection for African Orphan Project in Lusaka in Zambia. Donations can be made to Fr. Dunphy in Sarsfield Street.

### LOURDES 2023 LOURDES 2023 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.  
2nd August, 2023 for 7 nights.

More details to follow.

For information, bookings and details contact Eleanor @ 087 7670915.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING Designated Liaison Person & Director of Safeguarding

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## Lenten Stations

Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to our 'Lenten Stations'. The Lent 'Station' contributions can be handed in at the church, using our usual boxes, our post-box or the Parish Office. Please use the envelope from your parish box or an envelope clearly marked 'Lenten Station' to make your contribution.

The Lenten Station contributions go towards the salary of the priests and we appreciate your kindness.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.*

### Ministers of the Word Saturday/Sunday Mar 4th & 5th

**7.30pm:** Fiona Walsh

**11.00am:** Bernie Reddin

### Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday Mar 4th & 5th

**7.30pm:** Sr. Ann Walsh & Gillian Colgan

**11.00am:** Noreen Savage & Antoinette Makim

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 22nd

Jackpot Numbers: 1:8:9:23:

Jackpot winner: Lorna Flanagan, Clonbullogue

19 Matched '3' - €53 each.

The next Lotto Jackpot is: €10,000

#### Winner

Kevin Bennett

Phil & Veronica Raynor

Martin & Aisling Delaney

#### Promoter:

Myra Murphy

Veronica Guihan

Carol Lindley



### MOUNTMELLLICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

**3rd to 10th March.**

*Tickets available on line.*

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "The Reader" on Wednesday, March 1st at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, all welcome.

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### K. W. Home Improvements

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