



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**



**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday February 12th, 2023**

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### **THEY ARE HAPPY WHO FOLLOW GOD'S LAW**

Today's readings are all concerned with the law and commandments of Moses. They reflect on the happiness which can be ours if we keep to the spirit of the law and not just its letter. In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading the author stresses that we are given absolute freedom to choose to keep the commandments or not. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus telling his disciples that he has come to complete the law, not to abolish it. He is the fulfilment of the law. Using a few everyday examples, he shows how we need to go beyond the letter of the commandments and truly understand what is behind them. This week, we might pray for all law makers, in the Church and in Government, that they always work for the greater good of all.



### **COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY AND SYRIA**

The collection at all masses in the parish next weekend will be for the support of the humanitarian relief effort in Turkey and Syria, your generous support will be most welcome. The donations received will be passed on to Trócaire who work through their partner development agency 'Caritas' in the affected regions. Thank you in anticipation and please keep in prayer all those whose families and lives have been devastated by Monday's earthquake.

**PRAYER:** Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness. Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair. Be with us now and always we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - FIRST CONFESSION**

We are delighted to welcome to mass this weekend those children who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time. Our focus this week is on the Sacrament of Reconciliation which the children will celebrate in two weeks time. This beautiful sacrament is one that everyone is invited to celebrate, particularly during the upcoming season of Lent. Pope Francis urges us to "Be courageous, and go to confession." He tells us "Jesus will be there and...he will receive you with so much love!"



### **St. Fintan of Clonenagh, Patron of Laois. Fri Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.**

St. Fintan I honour thee as mighty intercessor and come with confidence to thee. Help me in my needs (*mention your needs*) for relief of which I undertake to make this prayer. O glorious St. Fintan watch over us all and protect us from lightning and accidental death. We ask this through Christ our Lord. St. Fintan, Patron of Laois, pray for us.

### **TEMPERANCE.**



Sunday next, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday  
before Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
is designated

Day of Prayer for Temperance.

With LENT approaching how/where might  
TEMPERANCE (*moderation in action, thought,  
or feeling*) feature in your Lenten story this year?

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Masses:** Mary Lavin, Lord Edward Street, Moira Mullen, The Rock, and Kevin Dempsey, Kirwan Park, mass on Tuesday February 14th at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Mass:** Mary Duggan, Briar Lane, mass on Thursday February 16th at 7.30pm.

**For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Sheila Whelan, Kirwan Park, P. Kearney, Harbour Street, Daniel Dunne, Catholes, Ballyfin, John Christie, Connolly Street, Edward Comerford, Manor Lane, Lally Hourigan, Harbour Street, Grainne Drummond, Pond Lane, Bertie & Eileen White, Patrick Street, Kathleen & Peter Bracken, Garoon, James, Catherine, Joseph & Patrick (Sonny) Dunne, Wolfetone Street, Elizabeth & Fredrick Hill, New Road, Peter Allen, Eyne, Annie Josephine Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce., The Gorman Family, Derryguile, Jimmy & Timmy Conroy, Lord Edward St., Kit Guilfoyle, Emmet Tce., Ellen & Sean Delaney, Esker Gate, Austin Bentley, The Rock, Sr. Rosemary Dunne, Graigue, Mary Ann & Michael Dunphy, St. Joseph's Tce.,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday February 18th & 19th:** Michael Scott, Sarsfield Street, Eugene O'Reilly, Acragar, Michael Keegan, Garryhinch,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections

Saturday/Sunday 4th & 5th Feb

Envelopes: €1,297

Baskets: €725

#### 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".

### Ministers of the Word Saturday/Sunday Feb 18th & 19th

7.30pm: Michael Feely

11.00am: Ann Storey

### Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday Feb 18th & 19th

7.30pm: Gillian Colgan & Bernadette Clear

11.00am: Mona Conroy & Michael Gormley

### Aging with Grace

Mount St Anne's, Killenard are hosting an "Ageing Gracefully" day on Saturday 18th February from 10am. – 4.30pm. 'Ageing Gracefully' is a retreat day for people of any age committed to living their lives one day at a time, accepting themselves as they are and cultivating a light heart, a joyful spirit and a peaceful mind. The day is facilitated by Maria Garvey, is open to all and includes a 2-course dinner at €60 per person. Booking to Mt St Annes, 057-8626153 or email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)



### MOUNTMELLLICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 3rd to 10th March.

*Tickets available on line.*

Festival Launch in the Community Arts Centre on Friday February 17th at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The full programme for the Festival will be introduced.

Light refreshments available.

**A hearty congratulations to Yvonne, Hazel and all in 'Yvonne Florists', Emmett St, who were announced as Ireland's "Wedding Florist of the Year 2023" this week. Super award. Well done all.**

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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### MOUNTMELLLICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 8th

Jackpot Numbers: 2:15:22:26: No Jackpot winner.

9 Matched '3' - €112 each.

The next Lotto Jackpot is: €14,000

#### Winner

Sharon & Noelle Kearns

Jimmy Walsh

#### Promoter:

C. Lindley

Mary Thompson

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "The Illusionist" on Wednesday, February 15th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, all welcome.

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### MOUNTMELLLICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 2:5:13:24:

€50 - Ann Dunne. €25 x 2 - Cathal O'Neill, M. Bishop.

N/W Jackpot Pot: €10,000

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### K. W. Home Improvements

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Tiling, Painting, Block Laying, Plastering, Patio's, Timber Fencing, Concert Panel Fencing, etc.