



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**



**4th Sunday of Lent -  
Sunday March 19th, 2023**

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The  
Word  
of God

**Lord I Believe.** Before we enter the darker days of Holy Week, we celebrate Laetare ('Rejoice!') Sunday. Today we are reminded of the joy of the presence of Jesus, the light of our world, and of the love of God shining through our lives. In the today's Gospel, the blind man's sight is restored, and he comes into the light. Not only is he physically able to see for the first time, but he also recognises Jesus as the Son of Man. In contrast, those around him remain in the darkness of un-belief, trapped by their unwillingness to see Jesus as he really is. This week, we pray for those who have yet to allow the light of Christ into their lives. We pray that we will carry Christ's light to others as we walk beside them, sharing their hardships and sorrows.

**Our Novena to St Joseph, honouring our patron and asking his protection and guidance in all our needs.  
March 11th - 19th.**

### **THE DAILY NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

Ever glorious St. Joseph, good and faithful servant, God was pleased to place God's own family in your care. We thank you for being such a wonderful example of humility and faith, of prayerfulness and courage, in your ordinary daily life. Through your intercession, may God grant us the blessing of continually living in God's presence and responding to God's love in our daily lives. When we have lived our days on earth, may God give us the great joy given to you - that of entering eternal life in the company of Jesus and Mary. Most loving St. Joseph, accept our prayers and obtain for us through your powerful intercession, the favours and graces we ask for in this Novena. Amen.

St. Joseph, gathered in prayer, we praise and thank God for your special role in God's plan of redemption. We greet you as Patron Saint of our community of faith here in Mountmellick and we entrust our families and our parish to your care and protection. Watch over us and intercede with Jesus and Mary for us.

St. Joseph, foster father, and friend of Jesus. Pray for us.

St. Joseph, loving husband of Mary. Pray for us.

St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family. Pray for us.

St. Joseph Patron and Protector of the Universal Church. Pray for us

### **2015/2025 DEBT CAMPAIGN**

As this year's 'Giving Sunday' donations begin to come in we offer sincere thanks for each one. Many thanks also to our volunteers who have distributed envelopes throughout the parish in the last while. Your support means that we continue to make progress in clearing our debt. Onwards and upwards!

*Míle buíochas, Micheál Murphy, Parish Priest.*

HAPPY  
Mother's  
Day

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Masses:** Peter Conroy, Emmet Terrace, Ben McEvoy, Wolfetone Court, mass on Tuesday March 21st at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Masses:** Pat Joyce, Birchgrove, Derrydavy, Ann O'Connor (nee Moss), Derrycloney & Portlaoise, mass on Thursday March 23rd at 7.30pm.

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

Mai Flanagan, Irishtown, Frank Sullivan, Davitt Road, Brendan & Lily Kelly, Kilcavan, John Young, John & Mary Molloy, Leslie Furlong, Lord Edward Street, Jimmy, Breda & Seamus Dunne & Baby Amy Flynn, Emmet Street, Christina Byrne, Wolfetone Street, Daniel Hickey, Emmet Street, Dolores Crofton, Harbour Street, John McDonald, Derryguile, Mea Farrell, Lord Edward Street, Paddy Connolly, Acragar, Bernard & Mary Anne Dunne, Garrymore, Kevin Fox, Cappalough, Margaret & Daniel Gorman, Derrycloney, Kit Hickey, Chapel Street, Paddy Kavanagh, Joseph Shiels, O'Connell Square, Michael & Bridie Dempsey, St. Joseph's Tce., Mary & Patrick Fennelly, O'Connell Square,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 25th & 26th:** Ellen, Joseph & Charlie Conroy, Chapel Street, Sean O'Reilly, Connolly Street,

**Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.**

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections

Saturday/Sunday 11th & 12th March

Envelopes: €945 - Baskets: €705

**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 March 25th & 26th

**7.30pm:** Carol McAuley

**11.00am:** Mona Conroy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday March 25th & 26th

**7.30pm:** Bernadette Clear & Anna Reddin

**11.00am:** Ellen Coss & Therese Wall

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday March 15th

Jackpot Numbers: 10:15:16:27:

No Jackpot winner. 10 Matched '3' - €100 each.

The next Lotto Jackpot is: €13,000

#### Winner

Dean & K Newsome

Alice Culliton

Denis O'Mara

#### Promoter:

Betty Conroy

Mary Donoher

Ber Murray

### LOURDES 2023 - PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

2nd August, 2023 for 7 nights.

€995 per person sharing

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

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "I Wanna Dance With Somebody "

on Wednesday, March 22nd at 8.00pm.

Adm: €5, all welcome.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday 20th & 21st March. Open on Wednesday at 10.30am.**

**Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING Designated Liaison Person & Director of**

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### LAOIS HERITAGE SOCIETY



Laois Heritage Society host a presentation by

Dr. Ciarán Reilly, (Dept of History, Maynooth University) called "New Perspectives on the Great Famine

in County Laois". The presentation will be held in the Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick Community Arts Centre, next Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8.00pm. Admission €3.

### P.A.T.H.

Clonaghadoo PATH Support Group will accept donations of practical and non-perishable items (underwear, socks and Easter Eggs would be great) for their work with homeless people across Dublin and the surrounding area. A basket, for donated items, is located inside the door of Clonaghadoo Church. Contact: Annette @ 085 1018988, Ann @ 085 8427064, Dolores @ 087 6255735.

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### MOUNTMELICK MENS SHED

Opening hours Monday & Thursday 8.00pm to 10.00pm, Tuesday & Friday 10.00am to 12.30pm. Woodwork classes on Wednesdays 10.00am to 12.30pm. New members are always welcome to join.

Contact: Tom @ 087 6177727 or Joe @ 086 0760859. We are currently looking for musicians and a drummer to join our group.