

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

**2nd Sunday of Easter -
Sunday April 16th, 2023**

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The
Word
of
God

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.

Today, with Thomas, we hail Christ as our *Lord and God*. We, too, ask to be filled with the joy and peace of the disciples in seeing the risen Lord. The 1st reading tells how effectively the lives of the first Christians are encouraged and transformed by their Spirit-filled faith. Their devout, generous sense of community is an inspiration to all who meet them. The Gospel recounts the events of the first Sunday after Easter Day. Thomas is absent when the risen Lord appears to the other frightened disciples, offering them the resurrection gift of the Spirit of peace. But a week later, Jesus seeks out the doubting Thomas personally: an encounter that enables Thomas to proclaim Jesus as 'My Lord and my God!'. Today, we pray for a deepening personal relationship with the risen Lord that can change our lives ... and for an openness that inspires us to take our active, living faith into our world.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances but look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and come to their rescue" (St. Faustina's, "Prayer to be Merciful"). *Mass and Devotions in honour of 'Divine Mercy Sunday' from 2.45pm this Sunday (16th), St. Joseph's Church. The relic of St. Faustina will be available at this mass only for veneration. All welcome.*



Really Grateful: Many thanks to all who have helped with the preparations and celebrations of our recent 'Holy Week' special liturgies – Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Musicians & Choirs, Flower Arrangers, Cleaners, and Carol, Annette, John, Paul and Annette in Clonaghadoo; we are truly grateful and blessed to have your kindness, talent and generosity to help make all our ceremonies so prayerful and meaningful. Thanks also to the Graigue Cemetery Committee, their friends and helpers and the Musicians and Singers from Mountmellick Men's Shed for everything that made our Easter Dawn Mass very special. Thank you one and all.

A New Serenity Prayer

Fr. J. Martin S.J. & Terre Roche

At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.

It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people, who, as you'll no
doubt remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in
the room, that no one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers.
Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you. Amen.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:
Mary Bergin, Emmet Tce., Seamus Gorman, Graigue, Frances Feely, Ashgrove, Sean Comerford, Davin Park, Dominic Dowling, Derrycloney, Fintan & Teresa Lawlor, Parnell Street, Eddie Flanagan, Patrick Street, Michael & Harry Dempsey, Emmet Street, Brenda Lawlor, Chapel Street, James Dempsey, Emmet Tce., Micéal Culliton, Grange Lodge, Philomena & Christopher Dunne, O'Moore Street,
For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday April 22nd & 23rd: William, Elizabeth & Edith Deffew, O'Moore Street, John & Eileen Deffew, Emmet Street,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 8th & 9th April

Envelopes: €1,295

Baskets: €1,135

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 April 22nd & 23rd

7.30pm: Carol McAuley

11.00am: Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday April 22nd & 23rd

7.30pm: Bernadette Clear &

Elizabeth Moore

11.00am: Bernie Reddin &

Sheelagh Coyle

LOURDES 2023 - 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 "A man called Otto"
on Wednesday, April 19th at 8.00pm.
Adm: €5, all welcome.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

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CEMETERY MASSES 2023

Castlebrack Cemetery - Sunday May 28th at 7.00pm

Clonaghadoo Cemetery - Sunday July 2nd at 12.30pm. (there will be no 9.00am mass that morning).

**St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar -
Sunday July 23rd at 2.00pm.**

Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 7th - 7.30pm.

Please share the time and dates with family and friends who might wish to attend.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 12th

Jackpot Numbers: 3:11:29:32:

No Jackpot winner.

16 Matched '3' - €63 each.

The next Lotto Jackpot is: €17,000

Winner

Mary & Fiona Donoher

Promoter:

Frances Hibbitts

THANK YOU

The organisers of Daffodil Day in Mountmellick would like to extend their sincere thanks to those who volunteered, contributed fresh daffodils and donated before and on Friday March 24th. Special thanks to Pat & Mary Culleton and Denis Daly for their invaluable support.

The amount collected was an amazing €10,100.

TABLE QUIZ

The Parents Council of Scoil Phádraig Naofa will hold a Table Quiz in Turley's on Friday April 21st at 9.00pm.

Table of 4 - €40. Quiz Master: Paddy Buggy.

Mountmellick Macra presents a night of fun and laughter.

Two one act plays. '22 Hardcastle Court' and 'The Six Marys'. Friday April 28th, 8.30pm in Mountmellick Macra Hall, Patrick Street. Tickets €15 available on the door.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

Calling All Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. The [National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock](#) will take place on Sunday 23rd April, all are welcome. For bus enquiries from Ballylinan, Stradbally, Portlaoise area - phone Margaret 087/9793005.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 14:18:20:22: €50 winner - Marc Turner

€25 x 2 winners - Ann Conroy, John Turner.

N/W Jackpot Pot: €10,000.