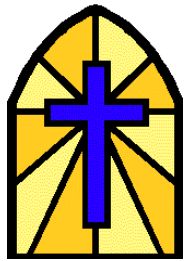




Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



**4th Sunday of Easter -
Sunday April 30th, 2023**

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VOCATIONS SUNDAY

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2023/2024 "Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood"
"Taking the Risk for Christ"

"Looking over the parishes where our vocations were nourished, taking the group of men in active ministry and those who are retired, it's interesting to see that our 79 Kildare & Leighlin priests come from just 40 parishes. There are 16 parishes that have no native son serving in the diocese. The parishes with the most vocations to the diocesan priesthood are Carlow Cathedral and Tullow, followed closely by Borris and then Edenderry. The Co. Carlow end of the diocese has had the largest number of diocesan vocations with 36 priests from parishes within the county.

We are blessed with men born in other parts of the country who are part of our diocesan family. We are further enriched by thirteen men from abroad who minister here and of course the Religious Orders, especially our friends in Kiltegan, who so generously give of their gifts, having served out on the missions.

As in our Synodal discussions and reflections across the diocese we honestly ask where and how is the Holy Spirit leading us? Is Ireland now a Mission territory as some suggest? It is. The fact is we will always need priests.

However, before we can cultivate vocations, we must evangelise. There are still vocations here. There are still young men who generously give of themselves to the Lord, perhaps they need a little encouragement to take that risk for Christ". *Bishop D. Nulty, April 25th*

Kildare & Leighlin Vocations Director: Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP.

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The
Word
of
God

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD" Jn 10:11

In today's 'Good Shepherd Sunday' gospel, Jesus is comparing and contrasting himself with those religious leaders who lack any real commitment or sense of responsibility to the ones in their care. The sheep do not recognise such leaders, but they do know, and are ready to follow, the Good Shepherd who alone enters by the gate. Jesus is warning his listeners to be discerning about those they listen to and those they follow. Today is also known as Vocations Sunday. So perhaps this week, we could ponder the following questions: On what am I spending my energies? Who do I listen to and follow? How am I giving witness to my faith? What contribution am I making to the building up of truth, love, justice and tolerance? How, and from where, do I hear the Good Shepherd in my daily life? Let's pray for the grace to trust the gift of the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us, that we might have faith in the One who has called and is calling us. Amen.

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.

SYNOD - PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER (Lk5:4)

***YOUR PARISH - YOUR VOICE -
EVERY VOICE COUNTS***

What is the call of the Holy Spirit to us for these times, how is God calling us to be 'Church' in the third millennium? Your observations/comments/ideas/suggestions are welcome at

stjosephs1878@gmail.com

***YOUR PARISH, YOUR VOICE,
EVERY VOICE COUNTS.***

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Joan Morris, Debbicott, mass on Tuesday May 2nd at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: George Webster, Chapel Street, Mass on Thursday May 4th at 7.30pm.

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

Ellen Dunne, The Harbour, Pat Moss, Esker Gate, Oliver J. Flanagan, Irishtown, Kathleen Hickey, Emmet Street, Michael Dunne, Connolly Street, Tommy & Vera Mullin, Geashill, Michael O'Connell, Castlebrack, Thomas Lee, Chapel Street, Margaret Chambers, Emmet Tce., Jenny McGlynn, Twomey Tce., Matthew Farrell, Lord Edward Street, Esther Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Dollard, Mountrath, Margaret Fitzgibbon, The Rock, Pat Delaney, Upper Forest, Denis & Phyllis Conroy, Kilcavan,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday May 6th & 7th: Bernie Bracken, Portnahinch, Mícheál Cullen, Mountmellick & Stradbally, Peter Delaney, Four Roads,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 22nd & 23rd April

Envelopes: €965

Baskets: €805

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 May 6th & 7th

7.30pm: Fiona Walsh

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday May 6th & 7th

7.30pm: Anna Reddin & Oliver Ging

11.00am: Noreen Savage &
Ellen Coss



CELEBRATING BAPTISM

If you have a baby for Baptism, please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.

Welcome to our newly baptised...

**Finley O'Flaherty, Sydney,
Colton Smith Kelly, Cullenbeg,
Harper Delaney, Kirwan Park,**

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding

Telephone: 085 8021633.

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Local Enquiries. Parish Office
@ 057 8624390.



First Friday - Friday May 5th .

Masses: 10am Parish Church &
8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

LOURDES 2023 - PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

2nd August, 2023 for 7 nights.

€995 per person sharing.

Deposits now requested.

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

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock.

There will be a short two-night pilgrimage to Knock from Sept 12th to 14th next. Hotel €192 pp sharing, €252 single room (cost of transport to follow). Pilgrimage will leave Mountmellick on the morning of Tuesday Sept 12th and return on the afternoon of Thursday Sept 14th. Contact: Eleanor @ 087 7670915 or Parish Office @ 057 8624390.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 26th. Jackpot Numbers: 1:8:12:22:

Jackpot winner. Maggie & Enda, Rhode

24 Matched '3' - €42 each. Lotto Jackpot is: €10,000

Winner

Anne Smith

Josie & Ollie Conroy

A L C Hinch

Grainne Culliton

Promoter

May Lynch

Mary Donoher

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Carol Lindley

GRAIGUE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Would like to thank all who attended and supported the Easter Dawn Mass. Thanks to Fr. Mícheál and all who took part and helped. Much appreciated.

MOUNTMELICK MONSTER BINGO

This evening Sunday April 30th at 8.00pm in Mountmellick Community Arts Centre. €5000 in prizes.

MOUNTMELICK TIDY TOWNS

Important meeting will take place on Tuesday May 2nd at 8.00pm in the Community Arts Centre. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated to hear your views on our town for 2023 and onwards.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 1:7:9:10: €50 winner - Ann Melia

€25 x 2 winners - Marian Dollard, John Turner.

N/W Jackpot Pot: €10,000.