

## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**Easter Sunday -  
Sunday April 9th, 2023**

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**ALLELUIA**

**HAPPY EASTER**

**Happy Easter! Christ is risen! May the blessings of this special time bring hope, peace and new life to you and your family. As we celebrate the Easter season, we offer prayers of thanksgiving and bask in the joy of the Easter miracle. Alleluia! Blessings and Peace.**

*Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy, Fr. MacNamara*

### **An Easter Message Bishop Nulty**

The Collect for Easter Sunday acknowledges that God has “conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity”. It is a powerful recognition that the act of resurrection has opened for all of us a pathway to eternity. It is a recognition we will hear as the Collect is prayed on Easter Sunday morning.

There was that empty seat around the Last Supper table. There was the chilling silence of Good Friday and the shattering of that silence by a sparkling Paschal Fire on Holy Saturday. All leading to one moment – Resurrection. Opening up for us all a pathway to follow.

Pope Francis in his homily for Holy Saturday last year reminded us “the first proclamation of the resurrection was not a statement to be unpacked, but a sign to be contemplated”. The empty tomb is that sign, a tomb visited by Mary of Magdala, by Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. That empty tomb reminds us the grave could not hold Jesus. It reminds us of the promise of victory over death for all believers. The Risen Lord journeys with us. He gives us great hope no matter what we are going through.

At Easter as we gather in our churches and parishes, as we assemble for early dawn Masses, as we come together for lunch with family and friends, may we remember the One who has conquered death and unlocked that path for all of us into eternity.

I take this opportunity to thank the many who support the faith life in our parishes in so many ways. I thank the many who by their lives show us that pathway to eternity. I thank the many who believe and get strength from the knowledge that the Risen Lord can heal all wounds.

May your Easter be blessed, and your faith be nourished as you gather at the empty tomb and take that moment to believe again. Blessings on one and all,

✠Denis

**DIVINE MERCY** In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter (April 16th) would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska (1905-1938), who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ’s sorrowful passion.

*Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Mass and Devotions in honour of ‘Divine Mercy Sunday’ from 2.45pm next Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>), St. Joseph’s Church. The relic of St. Faustina will be available at this mass only for veneration. All welcome.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**1st Anniversary Mass:** Margaret Carroll, Wolfetone Street, Michael Mulhall, Wolfetone Court, mass on Thursday April 13th at 7.30pm.

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

Mai O'Toole, Davin Park, Jim Drumm, Emmet Street, Mary Young, Clonaghadoo, Sheila & John Lynn, Harbour Street, Danny Culleton, Hill 60, Judy Wall, Derryguile, Kevin Hibbits, Harbour Street, Ronnie O'Rourke, Hill 60, Jim & Josei Quigley, Derryguile, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Garrymore, Michael Bogan, Chapel Street, Thomas Tuohy, Portarlinton Road, Paddy Dunne, Emmet Street, Culleton Family, Derrycloney, Thomas O'Neill, Emmet Tce., Mick Lee, The Rock, Padraic Lalor, St. Joseph's Tce., Jim Carroll, St. Joseph's Tce., Avril & Michael Jnr Lawlor, Pattisons Est.,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday April 15th & 16th:** Francis Utter, Maureen & Tom Davis, St. Joseph's Tce., Noel Bentley, The Rock, Anne Buggy, Acragar, Jackie Doyle, Emmet Street,

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

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 1st & 2nd April

Envelopes: €925 - Baskets: €715

**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 April 15th & 16th

**7.30pm:** Ger Rochford

**11.00am:** Vincent McEvoy

### Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday April 15th & 16th

**7.30pm:** Anna Reddin & Claire Dempsey

**11.00am:** Therese Wall & Antoinette Makim

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 5th

Jackpot Numbers:3:5:12:16: No Jackpot winner.

24 Matched '3' - €42 each.

The next Lotto Jackpot is: €16,000



### 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...

**Lochlan Conroy, Lord Edward Street,  
Éanna Conlon, Emmet Street,  
Bella Burke, Wednesbury,**

"O Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

### 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.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person & Director of Safeguarding

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@ 057 8624390.

### Winner

Tom Donoher  
Kevin Dalton  
Niall Dunne  
Ann Blanche

### Promoter:

Mary Donoher  
C. Malone  
Joe Dunne  
Patti Mahon

### 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.

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "Agro"

on Wednesday, April 12th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, all welcome.

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### KILCAVAN G.A.A.

Kilcavan GAA have launched their new App which can be found on the apple app store or Goggle play store. The app is free of charge, open to everyone and will keep the community up to date with all the latest fixtures and news. It will also become the platform for all communications within the club. Many thanks to everyone who supported Kilcavan GAA in the purchase of the All County Draw tickets which are the main fund raiser for the year.