



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

**6th Sunday of Easter -
Sunday May 14th, 2023**

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Abortion: Changing the Narrative A Statement of the Catholic Bishops.

Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, “a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality”. Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the *Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018* will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement (which is available in the church and also on www.catholicbishops.ie).

A HELPER WHO STAYS WITH US FOREVER



The Church’s “Easter Season” (Eastertide) is nearly at an end. However, as the scripture readings for this week reassure us, we will not be left without comforting support. In the First Reading, we see how active the Apostles are in spreading the Good News. They are welcomed even in Samaria and the people receive the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel (Jn 14:15-21), Jesus reassures his friends. He will not leave them without support, as ‘orphans’, but will ask God to send them help after he has left. The Spirit of truth will be with them. In prayer this week, we may want to reflect on Jesus’s promises and draw strength from them, so that we can speak to others about our beliefs with greater confidence.

Kildare and Leighlin Retired Priests

Annual Diocesan Collection 26th/27th/28th May 2023

The annual collection for the support of our retired Kildare and Leighlin priests takes place next weekend. The collection helps provide important support in many different ways to priests who have given lifelong service to our diocese. Please give as your means allow to continue the support of our Retired Priests. A special envelope is provided in your box of envelopes, others will be available at the back of both churches. Thank you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from 2nd class in Scoil Phádraig and Clonaghadoo NS who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Next Saturday (20th) it will be the turn of the Scoil Iósaif and The Rock NS pupils. Their teachers Ms. Carey, Ms. Geoghegan, Ms. Slevin and Ms. Wheatley, have all done marvellous work with the children all throughout the school year and we thank them so much for that. Thanks too to the children’s parents and guardians for the encouragement and help they give.

Here’s hoping it will be a great day.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Kathleen Cassidy, Upper Forest, Philomena Farrell, Acragar, mass on Tuesday May 16th at 7.30pm.

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

Nancy O'Reilly, Connolly Street, Joseph Lynch, Straboe, Edward Dempsey, The Rock, Moira & Georgie Leech, Rynn, Rosenallis, Patrick, Kathleen & Grace McGarr, Gemma McDonnell, Andrew McGarr Halliday, Jim Blanc, Emmet Street, Thomas Donohoe, Michael McDonald, Ballyroan,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday May 20th & 21st: Bridget Parkinson, Connolly Street, John Joe Lawlor, Kilcavan & London, John Cooper, Pattisons Est.,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 6th & 7th May

Envelopes: €1,135

Baskets: €930

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 20th & 21st

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh

11.00am: Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday May 20th & 21st

7.30pm: Elizabeth Moore & Carol McAuley

11.00am: Therese Wall & Bernie Reddin



Congratulations

Louise McInerney and Jonathan Lawrence who married in St. Joseph's Church on Friday May 12th.

May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.

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 May 10th. Jackpot Numbers: 2:10:15:32:

No Jackpot winner. 14 Matched '3' - €72 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €12,000.

Winner

Essie Walsh

John Strong

John Phelan

Promoter

Judy Furlong

Hanlon's

Marion Phelan



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...

Finnley McRedmond, Drinagh,

Evie O'Connell, Willow Grove.

"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. Amen."

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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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



MAY ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm in the Parish Church each Sunday for the month of May. All welcome.

The Rosary will be recited in Castlebrack Cemetery at 7pm each Sunday for the month of May. All welcome.