



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

**The Ascension of the Lord -
Sunday May 21st, 2023**

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I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.

*The
Word
of God*

Forty days after the Easter, Jesus ascends to heaven. He ascends triumphant to sit at God's right hand. For the disciples, their time of formation with him is over. The 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the Ascension. Jesus promises to send his Holy Spirit to be with his disciples, to fill them with his power, so that they can witness to him 'to the ends of the earth.' Matthew's Gospel account of the Ascension focuses on Jesus's authority and his sending forth of the disciples to witness, baptise and teach. He who at his birth was named 'Emmanuel'—'God is with us' (Mt1:23) – will remain 'Emmanuel' for his missionary Church till the end of time. We pray today that those who are struggling to find peace, know God's presence in their heart.

Kildare and Leighlin Retired Priests

Annual Diocesan Collection next weekend.

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.



A Prayer at Exam Time.

Lord, as I face into exam time I turn once more to you, asking for your blessing and assistance. I ask you to give me peace of mind with a strong sense of work. May I give myself space and time to revise and prepare to sit my exams. Help me to keep focused on this task and not get too distracted by other aspects of my life. Keep me from getting into a panic and help me to do justice to all my work and preparations. On the days of my exams, keep me calm, help me to think clearly, and understand what I'm being asked, and so to recall the study and work that I have put in this past year. Above all, Lord, I ask that you will allow my efforts to bring about the life you have planned for me. May I be open to your vision of what you wish for me and may I accomplish this now and in my future life. Amen. (Fr. D. O'Loughlin)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from 2nd class in Scoil Íosaif and The Rock NS who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We are the body of Christ. Amen.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY May 21st

May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt. May the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, help us to listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides. May the Lord Jesus, the Word of truth and love, help us to speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another. Amen. (Pope Francis' Message for World Communication Day 2023)

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

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

Patsy Kelly Davin Park, The deceased members of the Kelly Family, Kathleen Byrne, Harbour Street, Anne Furlong, Emmet Street, Philomena Gillane nee Gordon, Nonie, Michael & Martin Gordon, Caltra, Josie Fennelly, Mary & Martin Delaney, Eileen Blanc, Emmet Street, Con Doyle, Lord Edward Street, Bride, Ange & Luke Ryan, Wolfetone Street, Bernie Conroy, Derryguile, Francis Ruschitzko, Irishtown, Joseph Conroy, Emmet Street,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday May 27th & 28th: Liam Lawlor, Kilcavan & Dublin, Mark McDonald, Pattisons Estate,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 13th & 14th May

Envelopes: €720

Baskets: €905

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 27th & 28th

7.30pm: Michael Feely

11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday May 27th & 28th

7.30pm: Ger Rochford & Claire Dempsey

11.00am: Antoinette Makim & Michael Gormley

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.



Clonaghadoo Cemetery Committee

The AGM of the above will take place next Wednesday May 24th at 8.00pm in St. Mary's Hall, Clonaghadoo. All very welcome.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding

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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.

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.

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.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday May 17th. Jackpot Numbers: 2:4:13:14:

No Jackpot winner. 19 Matched '3' - €53 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €13,000

Winner

Mary Lawlor Carroll

Roisin & April

Marie Morris

Promoter

Catherine Malone

Anne Weston

John Turner

THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "Nomadland" on Wednesday, May 24th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, all welcome.

Sensory Resources in Mountmellick Library: Your local library has a sensory room and a sensory toy resource collection. This service is for parents of children with additional needs and adults with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. Following registration with a supply letter the toys may be borrowed and the room can be booked for 30-minute sessions. For further details call 057 8644572 or call into Mountmellick Library and ask a member of staff.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 1:5:13:30:

€50 winner - Anita Dunne

€25 x 2 winners - Suzanne Payne, Mark Dalton.

N/W Jackpot Pot: €10,000.

Cleaner wanted for 2 hours every Wednesday.

Contact: 057 8679553.