

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday June 18th, 2023**

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Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 4.30pm.**

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**WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE:**

This week's liturgy reminds us of who we are, whose we are, what has been done for us, and then, how we might feel drawn to respond. For the people of Israel, relations with neighbouring tribes always offered tempting religious alternatives. The Exodus story was a constant reminder of their covenant with God, in which the whole nation was called to be made holy. St Matthew's gospel text portrays Jesus as the compassionate shepherd of his suffering people. Jesus is concerned not only with their spiritual and practical needs, but also about ensuring there are enough **'labourers'** on the ground to reach every 'lost sheep'. As I pray this week, I might ponder: are there tempting alternatives getting in the way of my own relationship with the Lord? What has God done for me .... is God doing for me ... will God do for me? How is my relationship with the Good Shepherd, to whom I belong? In what ways am I able to labour alongside Christ in today's world? "Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest" (Mt 10:38).

**For Personal Reflection.** Do I give myself freely without expecting rewards or recognition? Do I see myself as a disciple or as a 'volunteer'? Is my heart moved to compassion when I see people in need around me? What do I usually do? As Jesus calls and gifts us freely, the gifts we have received are likewise to be given freely. May our generous hearts and willing hands help out today with the Lord's harvest.



**PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:** As we come near to the end of the primary school year we want to thank the Principals, Staffs, Boards and Parents Associations of all our primary schools for their ongoing commitment to and support of the education and formation of all pupils. We wish the very best to our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils as they move on to secondary school and begin another special chapter in their journey. Here's hoping the summer will be refreshing and relaxing for all. **Enjoy!!**

**Father's Day Prayer:**

Fathers are wonderful people, too little understood,  
and we do not sing their praises as often as we should...  
But fathers are just wonderful, in a million different ways,  
and they merit loving compliments and accolade of praise.....  
For the only reason Dad aspires to fortune and success  
is to make the family proud of him and to bring them happiness....  
And like our heavenly Father, He's a guardian and a guide,  
Someone that we can count on, to be always on our side.

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY**



## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

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

Jim Kearns, Briar Lane, Richard Blanc, Emmet Street, Cherry Delea, Lord Edward Street, Jim Kinch, St. Joseph's Tce., Catherine Comerford, Manor Lane, Ann Darcy, Sarsfield Street, Eileen O'Connor, Coolagh, Liam & Carmel Hibbitts, New Road, Matthew Byrne, Wolfetone Street, Mary Farrell, Davin Park, Eamonn Conroy & Bridget Conroy, Moneyquid, Alice Feery, Pattison's Estate, James Chambers, Emmet Tce., John Reddin, Brittas, Marcella & Patrick Byrne, Wolfetone Street, Jackie Geoghegan, Clonaghadoo, Johnny & Anne Lynch, Portlaoise, William Buggy, The Commons, Thomas & Kathleen Hibbitts, Salthouse Lane, William Murphy, Emmet Street, Jack, Mary, Larry, Josie & Podge Callaghan, Clonaghadoo, Mary Callaghan, Twomey Park,

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday June 24th & 25th:* Dymrna Storey, Derryguile,

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

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday June 10th & 11th

Envelopes: €905

Baskets: €565

**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".

### 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.

### LOURDES 2023 - PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mounrath.

2nd August, 2023 for 7 nights.

€995 per person sharing. Final payments requested by June 28th. For information, bookings and details contact Eleanor @ 087 7670915.

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday June 24th & 25th

**7.30pm:** Bernadette Clear

**11.00am:** Bernie Reddin

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday June 24th & 25th

**7.30pm:** Patricia Moloney & Claire Dempsey

**11.00am:** Antoinette Makim & Sheelagh Coyle

### CEMETERY MASSES 2023

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.



### 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...

**Caelan Keenan, Sarsfield Street,  
Cora Feely, Tullamore,**

"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

Designated Liaison Person &

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### BINGO

this Sunday evening, begins at  
**8.00pm. Check!!**



### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "The Pursuit of Happiness" on Wednesday, June 21st at 8.00pm. Adm: €5.