



LISTEN. The Word of God is proclaimed throughout the whole of creation. All of our readings this Sunday are filled with images drawn from nature. In the gospel piece Jesus shares the parable of the sower casting seeds upon the land to teach us to cherish the Word of God. The parable reminds us of the many things that can distract and prevent us from fulfilling all that we are

called to be. When we learn to truly listen, the Word of God is an abundant source of growth. It provides rich fruit for the benefit of all. In this coming week, we might want to look around us and notice the different ways in which creation speaks to us of the love of God. We pray for the courage and grace to sow, nurture, grow and harvest the Word of God wherever we may be.

CEMETERY MASSES 2023 St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar <u>Next Sunday July 23rd at 2.00pm</u>.



World Day for Grandparents & Elderly, "His Mercy is from Age to Age". 'The National Grandparents Pilgrimage' celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place in Knock next Sunday (July 23rd) The pilgrimage will be led by our own Bishop Nulty. The anointing of the sick is at 2.30pm with Mass at 3pm. All are welcome.

Laois Relay for Life & Irish Cancer Society, from 1.00pm, Sat 29th, EMO COURT. 'Relay For Life' is a <u>24-hour</u> celebration of solidarity and helps to raise awareness of the services provided by the Irish Cancer Society locally and nationally. On Saturday 29th, at 9pm there will a 'Ceremony of Light' when thousands of candles are lit each bag dedicated to a specific person. Further details from Frances, Laois Relay for Life, at 087-9161924 or at <u>www.facebook.com/RelayForLifeLaois</u>

Retracing the footsteps of St. Brigid and St. Conleth. An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty takes place on Saturday 29th July. The walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh at 12noon and concludes with a prayer service in St Brigid's Church, Kildare at 4.00pm. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to join. To register for the walk please contact Áras Bhride, Kildare on 045-521352 or email kildareparish@gmail.com

10th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Denis Nulty

On Friday 4th August Bishop Nulty will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. People, Religious and Clergy are invited to participate in the <u>7pm Mass on</u> <u>Sunday 6th August</u> in Carlow Cathedral to mark this occasion and to acknowledge Bishop Denis' dedicated service to the diocese since coming to us in 2013. Céad mile fáilte.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Pat Kearns, Briar Lane, mass on Tuesday July 18th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Mary Sanderson, Kilcavan, mass on Sunday July 23rd in Clonaghadoo Church at 9.00am.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Patsy Murphy, Garoon, Damien Weston, Clonaghadoo, J. & Mary Maher, Vincent Colgan, Manor Road, Catherine Doyle, Lord Edward Street, Ellen, William, Ben, Peter, Andy, Mary & Eileen, Conroy, Graigue, Florence Flanagan, Patrick Street, Padraig Scully, Lord Edward Street, Mandy Hamill, Silverbrook, Frank, Rose & Teresa Watchorne, Manor Road, Margaret Corcoran, Clonmoylan, Jim Hourigan, Harbour Street, Margaret Scully, St. Joseph's Tce.,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ Sunday July 22nd & 23rd: Liam Murray, Willow Grove, Martin Lawlor, Pond Lane,

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH

Collections - Collections Saturday/Sunday July 8th & 9th. Envelopes: €1,500 Baskets: €775

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 <u>Saturday/Sunday July 22nd & 23rd</u> 7.30pm: Carol McAuley 11.00am: Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday July 22nd & 23rd

7.30pm: Oliver Ging & Sr. Ann Walsh 11.00am: Antoinette Makim & Ellen Coss

Lourdes 2023 Lourdes tickets will be available for collection after mass in the Parish Church next Saturday/Sunday 22nd & 23rd July.



MOUNTMELLICK PIPE BAND. Many thanks to the Officers and Members of Mountmellick Pipe Band for

their recent generous donation to the Parish. We salute the special place the band has had over many years in our town and beyond. Go maire an ceol go deo.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person & Director of Safeguarding Telephone: 085 8021633. Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie Deputy DLP: Telephone: 086 1710643 Local Enquiries. Parish Office @ 057 8624390.



Congratulations

To Denise Quinn & Sylvester Sexton who married

St. Joseph's Church, on Friday July 14th.

May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday July 12th. Jackpot Numbers:5:10:14:28: No Jackpot winner:

21 Matched '3' - €48 each. Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €11,000

<u>Winner</u> The 3 E's Promoter Eleanor Duff

Thank you

Graigue Cemetery Committee would like to thank St. Peter's Pipe Bank for their generous donation to Graigue Cemetery, very much appreciated.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "Lakelands " on Wednesday, July 19th at 8.00pm. Adm: ϵ 5.

Athletics: Young sports people (11 - 14 year olds both boys and girls) needed to represent the Mountmellick area in a 2000m race, next autumn. Please contact John at 085-174 2251 for details.

Struggling to Hear or do people seem to be mumbling nowadays? Why not visit Justin Kavanagh's Invisible Hearing Audiology Clinic, Acragar, Mountmellick. Book you FREE Hearing Consultation by phoning or texting us on 087 3885288. You have nothing to lose getting your hearing checked by a professional Audiologist free of charge.

Lost: A single strand of pearls lost in the parish church or the surrounding church grounds 2 weeks ago. If found please contact: 087 2209374.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch's annual sale will take place on Sunday July 30th from 10.30am to 5.00pm in the Owenass Hall. The hall will be open from 11.30am to 3.00pm on Saturday (29th July) to take in items. We'll take anything from a needle to an anchor once its in good condition. Contact : Paddy Bracken 087 6606804, Bobby Delaney 086 0666488, Barbara Lalor 086 6629446. Thank you for your continued support of this project.