

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday July 23rd, 2023

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The Spirit Comes to Help Us in Our Weakness

God's mercy and compassion are the themes running through today's readings. The 1st reading offers a description of God's divine nature. The author emphasises God's universal care and patience as signs of strength: characteristics that stand at odds with worldly values. The Gospel shares three parables about growth, each seen from a different perspective. The first tells of the wheat and the weeds. It challenges us to recognise that sometimes we must learn to live with situations we don't like, because the effort to remove or change them would do more harm than good. This is a shrewd picture of the patience and compassion needed to live with the ambiguities and complexities of human life. We pray this week for a spirit of self-compassion in our frailty and limitations. We ask for the grace of deep humility and freedom to give of our best, and also to have faith in the God of surprises.

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 this 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.

The Blessing of Long Life

God of mercy,

Who has given the gift of long life to Your children,
grant them Your blessing;

let them feel the sweetness and strength of Your presence:

Turning back to the past let them rejoice in Your mercy
and looking to the future let them persevere in the hope that does not die.

Praise and glory to You for ever and ever.



CEMETERY MASSES 2023

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar
this Sunday July 23rd at 2.00pm.



Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 7th - 7.30pm.

Prayer to Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, Grandparents of Jesus

Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, you were ever faithful to God, trusting in Him in your lives and while you prayed for a child. Your patience and perseverance in prayer are an example to me. I ask that you pray for me, that I may be ever faithful and trusting in God. May I always keep my focus on Him and trust in His timing in my life. May my love for God and my faith in Him never waiver, no matter what happens in my life. May I appreciate the faith of others (like you two) and be inspired to a deeper faith. May my life of faith in God be richly blessed. May I know, love, and serve God with all of my heart. Saints Anne and Joachim, thank you for your example of faith. Thank you for your wonderful daughter, our spiritual mother Mary. Thank you for the love of God and the faith you inspire in me. Grandparents of Jesus, pray for me. Amen. (Feastday: Weds July 26th)

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Patrick Lawlor, Pattison's Estate, mass on Tuesday July 25th at 7.30pm.

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

Teresa O'Mahony, Emmet Road, Brigid & Francis Byrne, Lord Edward Street, Tom Forde, Acragar, Ambrose Hanson, Ashgrove, Kathleen Christie, Connolly Street, Michael McCormack, Hill 60, Ben Connolly, Connolly Street, Paddy Feery, Ashgrove, Ellen Lee, Chapel Street, Lil Quigley, Emmet Tee., Patrick, Mary & Edward Dunne, Davitt Road, Mary (nee Dunne) & Eamonn Kelly, Brian Burke, Harbour Street, William Fitzpatrick, Strahard, Patrick Sexton, Town Parks, Sadie Delaney, Derrycloney, Johnny Martin, Emmet Street,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday July 29th & 30th: Sean Delaney, Garoon, Joseph Dalton, Lought, Kathleen Smyth nee Lawlor, Kirwan Park & Aughans,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday July 15th & 16th.

Envelopes: €910

Baskets: €975

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 July 29th & 30th

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday July 29th & 30th

7.30pm: Bernadette Clear &

Patricia Moloney

11.00am: Noreen Savage & Mona Conroy

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...

Cillian Conran, Harbour Street,

"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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Local Enquiries. Parish Office @ 057 8624390.

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 July 19th.

Jackpot Numbers: 7:18:21:25:

No Jackpot winner:

14 Matched '3' - €72 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €12,000

Winner

Aileen O'Neill

Aine Doyle

Andy Dunne

Stasia Flynn

Promoter

Breda's Gift Shop

Anne Weston

Frances Hibbitts

Rena McEvoy

THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "Race" on Wednesday, July 26th at 8.00pm.

Adm: €5.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch's annual sale will take place next Sunday July 30th from 10.30am to 5.00pm in the Owenass Hall. The hall will be open from 11.30am to 3.00pm next 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.

Wanted: Person required for cleaning 2 - 4 hours per week in the Kilcavan area. Contact: 087 9860265.

Mission Alive

In spite of the very wet day our loyal supporters came along with confectionery and raffle prizes. Thanks to all for your generosity at the cake sale and coffee morning held on July 14th. Thanks again to Fr. Dunphy for the use of his house. The committee also thanks those who gave very generous donations, some anonymously, on the day. The total amount received on day was €4,235. This will be forwarded to Orphan Project in Lusaka in Zambia.

WANTED - Cottage or small house convenient to Mountmellick. Cash buyer (no engineer report needed). Contact: 087 2592634.