

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday July 30th, 2023

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**Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
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“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field....”

This Sunday's readings weave around themes of wisdom, treasure and joy. When asked in a dream what he desires from God, Solomon chooses 'a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil.' God is pleased that Solomon does not seek riches or a long life, so gives him the gift of wisdom. In the Gospel (Mt 13:44-52) Jesus offers three images for God's kingdom: a treasure we find unexpectedly; a pearl for which we search diligently; a net that gathers us in. They illustrate the priceless value and importance of the kingdom to which all are invited. Jesus also reminds us to hold on to treasures both old and new as we seek God's kingdom. This week, we ponder God's gift of wisdom. We pray that it will guide us to the 'treasure': the delight of knowing and loving Jesus, and the riches this brings. We ask God's help to share that with those we encounter, however we can.

CEMETERY SUNDAY – THANKS

Míle buíochas to all who gathered on Sunday last for our annual cemetery mass in Acragar. Thankfully we avoided the rain and respectfully honoured all our deceased. Special thanks to the Cemetery Committee for the marvellous work they do in Acragar to keep the cemetery neat and tidy, it's a great credit to them. We will gather again during November, the month of the holy souls, for Rosary Sunday. For all our dead we pray: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

LOURDES PARISH PILGRIMAGE This year's Lourdes Pilgrimage leaves early on Wednesday next. May the care and compassion of Our Lady of Lourdes bless all our pilgrims as they bring their own and our intentions before Her. We wish the group a safe journey and a refreshing and prayerful visit.

🎵 *Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing, Who reign now with Christ, our redeemer and king. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

Dioceses of Kildare & Leighlin & Ossory - Vacancy

The Dioceses of 'Kildare & Leighlin' & 'Ossory' are jointly seeking to recruit a **DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF SAFEGUARDING** with responsibility for children and vulnerable adults. The contract is for 32 hours per week, Fixed Term for 3 years initially, subject to renewal. The successful applicant must possess a professional qualification in social work or other area related to Child Protection, with a minimum of 3 years employment post professional qualification.

Closing Date: Friday August 11th at 5.00pm.

Proposed Interview Date: Wednesday August 23rd, 2023.

Letters of Application etc to: Ms. A. Brennan, Bishop's House, Old Dublin Rd, Carlow, R93 F6D5.

Informal enquiries can be made to: Rev. Dr. Dermot Ryan; dermotryan@ossory.ie: Tel: 056/7721086.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: Jim Delaney, Derryguile, Darren Horan, Graigue, mass on Thursday August 3rd at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Harry & Annie Coss, Drinagh, Andy Dunne, Emmet Street, Tom Grehan, Harbour Street, Maureen Dunne, Patrick Street, P. J. Comerford, Pattison's Estate, P. J. Murray, Twomey Park, Maureen & Pat Carroll, Ickenham & Mountmellick, Gerry Allen, Eyne, Sean Horan, Irishtown, Michael Moloney, Patrick Street, Edward & Jane Lalor, Harbour Street, Maryann Reddin, Brittas, Mary Fennelly, Harbour Street,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday August 5th & 6th: Gabrielle & Peter Fitzgibbon, Irishtown, Thomas Bennett, O'Moores Forest, Frank & Eileen Grumley (mass on Friday August 4th at 8.00pm in Clonaghadoo),

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday July 22nd & 23rd.

Envelopes: €655

Baskets: €505

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".



Congratulations

To Ruth Hanrahan & Caolan MacMahon who married in St. Mary's Church, Clonaghadoo on Wednesday July 26th.

May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.



CEMETERY MASS

Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 7th - 7.30pm.

Friday August 4th . First Friday.

Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday August 5th & 6th

7.30pm: Bernadette Clear

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday August 5th & 6th

7.30pm: Oliver Ging & Claire Dempsey

11.00am: Michael Gormley & Paddy Buggy

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...

Lily Flanagan, Brockview,

"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."



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MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday July 26th.

Jackpot Numbers: 2:20:22:27:

No Jackpot winner:

9 Matched '3' - €112 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €13,000

Winner

Patrick & Marguerite Ging

Promoter

Parish Office

THANK YOU - LOURDES COMMITTEE

Church Gate Collection

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the Church Gate Collection in Mountmellick & Clonaghadoo amount collected was €1,121.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "**Wonder Boys**" on Wednesday, August 2nd at 8.00pm. Adm: €5.

THANK YOU

Ciss Geoghegan would like to thank all who send get well wishes, mass bouquets and cards after her recent operation. It was very much appreciated.

SEISIÚN CEOIL

Craobh Seán Ryan CCÉ are delighted to be hosting a music, song and dance seisiún on Friday August 4th at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Hall, Clonaghadoo (R35 EY830). All are welcome.