

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday August 20th, 2023



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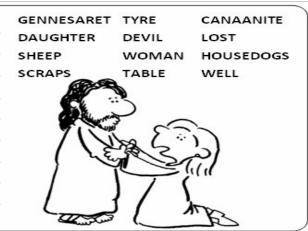


"My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples".

God's love, mercy and salvation are for everyone. Although the Israelites were known as God's chosen people, the story of their beginning, their time in exile, slavery and rejection is also a story of God's love for the whole of humanity. The prophet Isaiah (1st Reading) exhorts us to act with justice and integrity. He foresees a

time when anyone who loves and follows the way of the Lord will be part of the salvation covenant. The Gospel (Mt15: 21-28) presents an uncharacteristically abrupt Jesus initially rejecting the pleas of a desperate Canaanite woman. And yet it is this woman's determined faith and sense of humour that challenges Jesus to step beyond the boundaries of his initial mission, thus revealing the truth that his salvation and healing is for all people – no exceptions. We pray that we will be able to recognise and have the courage to respond to faith expressed in surprising places. We ask too that we will each play our part in revealing God's love to the world.

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Treasure Ireland.....

A new video series launched recently by the Irish Dominican Order is an ambitious project that will take the friars to every county in Ireland, filming roughly ten videos in each county, highlighting the many and varied stories that make up the history of Irish Christianity. The series is currently focussed on the counties which overlap with the territory of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin: Laois, Kildare, Carlow, and (soon!) Kilkenny. Some of the sites visited include Timahoe, the Rock of Dunamase, and the Brownshill

Dolmen. The story of Jesuit photographer, Fr Frank Browne, is told in a video recorded in Emo Court, and that of pioneering scientist, Fr Nicholas Callan, in a video from Maynooth.

The stories of the great saints of these counties feature prominently: there are videos on St. Brigid, St. Mochua, St. Moling, St. Fergal of Aghaboe, and the Dominican martyr, Blessed Peter O'Higgins. There'll soon be added to that list the stories of two great bishops of Kildare and Leighlin: Daniel Delany (d. 1814) and James Doyle (d. 1834), also known as J.K.L. ('James of Kildare and Leighlin').

All of these stories are told in a way designed to interest believers and non-believers alike, showing, bit by bit, that the Gospel is woven inseparably into the fabric of Irish history.

The videos can be viewed on https://www.youtube.com/ irishdominicans

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: David Goode, Acragar, mass on Tuesday August 22nd at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Lina O'Sullivan, Stradbally, mass on Sunday August 27th at 9am in Clonaghadoo.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Michael Phelan, Strahard, Betty Kearney, Harbour Street, Rose & Paddy O'Sullivan, Roskeen, Stephen Byrne, Emmet Street, Ann Hickey, Emmet Street, PJ & Teresa Dunne, St. Brigid's Place, Mary O'Reilly, Connolly Street, Stephen & Carlow Westman, Irishtown, Paddy Feery, Pattison Estate, William Magee, Davin Park, Eileen Dunne, Lord Edward Street, Timothy Byrne, Lord Edward Street, Brendan Duggan, Briar Lane, Carol Duggan, Debbicott, Sean (John) Ryan, Acragar,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ Sunday August 26th & 27th: Baby George Bentley, The Rock, David Conroy, Derrycloney, Martin Geoghegan, Lord Edward Street.

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday August 12th & 13th. Envelopes: €1,140

Baskets: €605

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 August 26th & 27th

7.30pm: Ann Conroy **11.00am:** Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday August 26th & 27th

7.30pm: Patricia Moloney & Sr. Ann Walsh 11.00am: Antoinette Makim & 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...

Pia Schuldt, 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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Congratulations

to Hazel Murphy & Gary Colton who married in St. Joseph's Church, on Friday August 18th.

Congratulations to Gráinne McEvoy & Darren Fitzpatrick who married in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday August 19th.

May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.

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 €30 per person). 4 places left 2 twin rooms. Contact: Eleanor @ 087 7670915 or Parish Office @

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday August 16th. Jackpot Numbers: 3:12:17:30:

No Jackpot winner: 15 Matched '3' - €67 each.

WinnerPromoterTheresa ThompsonMary ThompsonMary MurphyDowling'sRay MurphyMyra MurphyDorothy & Dan LuttrellCarol Lindley

THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "Doubt" on Wednesday, August 23rd at 8.00pm. Adm: €5.

MOUNTMELLICK BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Lessons: Looking for a new challenge? Keep the brain alert and spend some quality time in good company? Then Bridge is the answer. You don't have to be a card player Mountmellick Bridge Club are organising lessons for September. Interested? Contact: Margaret @ 087 4185688 or Terry @ 086 0609896.

MOUNTMELLICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 5:10:20:30: €50 winner: Breda Grehan €25 x 2 winners - Suzanne Payne, Niall McEvoy.

N/W Jackpot Pot: €10,000.

BINGO

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

