

## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday September 10th, 2023**



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### **“You Must Love Your Neighbour As Yourself”**

The theme of listening runs through today’s readings. We are to listen to the Word of God, to our hearts, to one another, and to our community. We are challenged truly to love one another, speaking out where necessary. Just as Jesus became our brother and made himself responsible for us, he asks that we do the same.

God appoints Ezekiel as his sentry: a mouthpiece to sound a warning when danger appears. We, too, are to be on the look out, helping one another rather than simply looking on. The Gospel echoes this. Jesus tells us what to do when things go wrong in relationships within a community. We should try to work things out one-to-one, then invite those we can trust to advise, and finally ask the community, bringing back those who stray. Jesus asks us not to give up on people, even when they do not listen to us. As we embrace the beauty of God’s Kingdom, we pray for the grace to be good neighbours to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all that God has made.

### **Put Out Into Deep Water (Lk 5:4)**

**Kildare and Leighlin Diocese**  
**Building the Church of the Future**

“These are challenging times for the Church, not only in our diocese, but also right across the country. Most, if not all, dioceses are undergoing processes that call for parishes to work closely together and, in time, to share resources. We heard people express worry and anxiety about the future. Some were not in full agreement with the clustering of parishes. Others knew that change was coming and was inevitable and, even with the worries and anxieties that were expressed, they were willing to embrace the change. Indeed, we are at a point where change is not just coming; it is here. While 'how' we are as Church changes, what it means to 'be' Church does not - we are God's people on God's mission. Changed times, call for changes in how we go about that mission”.

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**Extract from the Report of May/June 2023 Listening Sessions held across our diocese.**

### **The Season of Creation - 1 Sept to 4 Oct**

**I See His Blood Upon The Rose**

I see his blood upon the rose  
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,  
His body gleams mid eternal snows,  
His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;  
The thunder and the singing of the birds  
Are but his voice-and carved by his power  
Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,  
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,  
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,  
His cross is every tree.

*(Joseph Mary Plunkett)*



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** James Gorman Jnr & Mary Ann Gorman Lower Forest, John Martin, Stephen Sheil, Patrick O'Connell, Sadie Scott, Ashgrove, Patrick & Ellen Dempsey, Emmet Terrace, Richard McCann, Borness, Lowry Murphy,  
**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday September 16th & 17th:** Martha Flanagan, Derrylamogue, Bill Geoghegan, Davitt Road.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday September 2nd & 3rd.

Envelopes: €970

Baskets: €700

#### 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".

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday September 16th & 17th

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Mona Conroy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday September 16th & 17th

7.30pm: Oliver Ging & Claire Dempsey

11.00am: Michael Gormley & Therese Wall

### 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...

**Ella Whelan, Emmet Terrace  
Tyler Brennan, Strahard**

"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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Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention September 2023

For people living on the margins.

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock.

Best wishes to the pilgrimage group going to Knock on Tuesday. Here's hoping their two-night pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Blessed Lady will be prayerful and rewarding for all. The bus will leave from St. Joseph's church at 10.30am on Tuesday. Further Details:  
Eleanor @ 087 7670915 **or** Parish Office @ 057 8624390.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday September 6th.

Jackpot Numbers: 06, 25, 26, 28

No Jackpot winner.

Matched '3' - €250 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €19,000

#### Winner

No Mountmellick Winners

#### Promoter

No Mountmellick Winners

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show "Fishers' Friends: One and All " on Wednesday, September 13th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit (or two).

## Adult Literacy for Life

Do you know in Ireland that almost 1 in 5 adults have difficulty with reading and writing? 1 in 4 have difficulty with maths and 1 in 2 have difficulty using digital devices? If you or an adult family member would like support, please contact your local ETB (Education and Training Board). This service is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. Contacts for services: **Laois Adult Learning Service:** 057 866 1338 **NALA** (National Adult Literacy Agency) free phone number: 1800 202 065.

### "BINGO BINGO BINGO"

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre  
this Sunday evening at **8.00pm.**

