

## Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday September 17th, 2023



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## Kildare & Leighlin Diocese at the Ploughing Championships Block 2: Row 20: Stand 326

**‘Ploughing a Prayerful Path’ & asking ‘Who is Your Favourite Saint?’** Visitors to Stand 326 at the National Ploughing Championships will be asked to name their favourite saint, invited to help re-create St. Brigid’s Cloak and they will also see the traditional St. Brigid’s crosses being made. The very popular packets of blessed salt will be available once again. The salt can then be spread on gardens and farms – a traditional practice in many areas of the country. Those who would like a few moments away from the hustle of the crowds can join a meditation session or a period of quiet reflection in a special Prayer Space, pin their intentions on the Prayer Wall or enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, a biscuit and a chat. There will also be live music with some well-known singers and groups dropping in to share their talent. The votes for Ireland’s favourite saint will be counted and the result revealed on day three.



**The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger, rich in mercy.**

The readings for this Sunday remind us again of God’s boundless love and compassion. God’s unconditional love for us, and the sacrifice of Jesus’s death, mean there is no limit to the mercy we receive; nor can there be to the compassion and forgiveness we show to others. The Gospel parable of the merciful king and his unforgiving servant reiterates the key message that we must love and forgive others because of the love and compassion God has shown us, in spite of the depth of our sins. This week, perhaps we can pray for those who are unable to forgive. We think of those who remain trapped in the cycles of bitterness and division, which in so many parts of the world, lead to violence and war.

## EMER DUNNE - Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Culture night** is a national moment, celebrating culture, creativity and the arts and promoting the belief that our rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people’s lives, today and every day. On Friday next, **Emer Dunne, “Folk Threads”** (Irish, Scottish and American folk songs) with musicians Eamonn Moran and Michael Harrison in The Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick Community Arts Centre at 8.00pm. Admission Free. To register interest contact 086 3758602 or scan QR code.



## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Pat O'Toole, Davin Park, Richard Dunne, Nyra, Marian Keane nee McRedmond, Harbour Street & Kerry, Michael O'Neill, Pattisons Estate & London, Annette O'Neill, Twomey Park, Liam A. Scott, Ellen & Thomas Lynch, Portlaoise, Sr. Assunta Kirwan, Mary & Joseph Conroy, Emmet Street,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend**  
**Saturday/Sunday September 23rd & 24th:** Michael & Louie Holland, O'Moore Street, Thomas Dempsey, Clonterry, Christina & Anthony Reddin, Harbour Street, Helen Utter, Thomas Dowling, Killeen, Thomas Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's Terrace, Vincent Deffew, Twomey Park,

*Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday September 9th & 10th.

Envelopes: €1,080

Baskets: €720

#### 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".



### Congratulations

To Gráinne Dunne & Darragh Mitchell,  
who married in  
St. Joseph's Church, on Friday September 15th.  
May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.

### ST. PIO FEAST DAY MASS

A special mass to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the death of St. Pio takes place in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry, on Friday September 22nd at 7.30pm. The Chief Celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty. After mass, St. Pio's glove will be available for all who wish to be blessed. Everyone welcome.

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday September 23rd & 24th

7.30pm: Michael Feely

11.00am: Ann Storey

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday September 23rd & 24th

7.30pm: Carol McAuley & Sr. Ann Walsh

11.00am: Ellen Coss & Mona Conroy

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday September 13th.

Jackpot Numbers: 2:11:15:22:

No Jackpot winner. 21 Matched '3' - €48 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €20,000

#### Winner

Jimmy Walsh

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Margaret Culliton

#### Promoter

John Turner

Mary Thompson

Eamonn Comerford

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show " Ryans' Daughter " on Wednesday, September 20th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit (or two).

### 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...

#### **Will Gaffney, Dublin**

"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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### MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 10:19:22:29:

€50 winner: Liz Feighery.

€25 x 2 winners - Cathal O'Neill, Lauren Kearney.

N/W Jackpot Pot: €10,000.

### MOUNTMELICK 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? Every Monday from 7.30pm to 9pm in the MDA, Starting Monday September 18th. Contact: Margaret @ 087 4185688 or Terry @ 086 0609896.

### "BINGO BINGO BINGO"

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

