

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday October 1st, 2023



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An extract from the Bishop Nulty's Pastoral Message on the 'Synod on Synodality' commencing this week in Rome.

I am very conscious we are entering a very historic time in our Church with the Synod on Synodality commencing in Rome this weekend. It will run throughout the month of October, with the second part happening in October 2024. Synodality is very much a new language for our Church which in the past delivered decrees and promulgations *top down* so to speak, this process is very much seen as a *bottom-up* approach. It leaves some uncomfortable, because some people prefer simply being told what has to be done and doing it.

Indeed, the history of the Church would suggest that Synods can cause often fractious debate between those who see themselves as traditionalists and those who might feel they were progressives. This is a Synod on Ecclesiology, on how the Church, how our diocese, how our parishes operate. We must become a listening Church. We must accompany people on their faith journey. We must walk with one another, keeping in step, not too quick and equally not too slow. This new way of doing things suggests the journey of synodality is as important as any final deliberations and decisions.

440 people will gather in Rome and that number will include lay women and men, religious as well as Bishops, all with voting rights. Attending from Ireland are Bishop Brendan Leahy (Limerick) and Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J. (Raphoe). Also attending, by invitation of Pope Francis, are Fr. Eamonn Conway (Tuam Archdiocese) and Sr. Patricia Murray IBVM. It will be a very different gathering. It's a sacred time, where delegates and those they represent, all of us, are walking on holy ground. Pope Francis desires that we at home are as much a part of the synod as those participating in the Pope Paul VI Auditorium in Rome.

During the month of October, I invite you to pray for all that is happening in our Church at the moment. And I accept for some it can be a little unsettling. But Pope Francis reassures us "*without prayer there will be no Synod*". I invite the intention of the synodal process to be part of our prayer at daily Mass and on each Sunday across the diocese, in our homes, in our schools and in our religious communities. That prayer might be no more or less than reciting the '*Prayer for the Synod*'. It might be offering an intention in our Prayers of Intercession or indeed dedicating the synodality process to our period of adoration.

May the Holy Spirit guide our Church which we all love and all of us who make up the Church, as together we walk on sacred ground, the sacred ground that is the synodal journey and may St. Brigid, St. Conleth and St. Lasarian guide our feet on the road ahead.

Bishop Denis
27 September 2023

The full text of Bishop Nulty's pastoral message, our diocesan contribution (synthesis) to the world wide conversation held in preparation for this assembly and a working document or 'Instrumentum Laboris' that guides the process in Rome can be found on the Kildare and Leighlin website www.kandle.ie

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Sr. Elizabeth Starcken, Presentation Sisters, Bridge Street, mass on Tuesday October 3rd at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Masses: Patrick Sonny Conroy, Mountmellick & Waterford, Kitty Lynch, Emmet Street, mass on Thursday October 5th at 7.30pm. Maureen O'Donnell, Ashgrove, mass next weekend 7th & 8th October.

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

Brendan Conroy, Davin Park & Mullingar, John O'Sullivan, St. Joseph's Tce., Billy O'Sullivan, Lord Edward Street, Patrick & Elizabeth Lynch, Emmet Street, Mary O'Riordan, Lord Edward Street, Sean Dowling, Twomey Park, Padraig McCabe, Derryguile, Joseph O'Rourke Jr., O'Moore Street, May Hibbitts, Harbour Street, Thomas Culleton, Emmet Street, Seamus Lynch, Straboe, Maureen Delaney, Manor Lane, Daniel Barco, Stackley,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday October 7th & 8th: Jack Hayes, Strahard, Paddy O'Brien, Cappanlug and his parents Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien, Thomas McGlynn, Twomey Park,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday September 23rd & 24th.

Envelopes: €840

Baskets: €800

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".



Friday October 6th .

First Friday.

Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



The October Stations 2023

Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to the 'October Stations'. These contributions go towards the salaries of the priests, and we are very grateful for each one. Station Contribution Envelopes can be left in the usual church boxes or in the post-box at the office door anytime during the month. In appreciation of your kindness masses will be offered for you throughout October.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.

OCTOBER

WORLD MISSION MONTH

Mission Sunday October 22nd 2023



JOHN PAUL II Prayer Group

Leading Adoration & Prayer on Thursday evening after mass (8.00pm - 8.30pm) in

St. Joseph's Church - **all welcome.**

Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Silent Adoration.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday Oct 7th & 8th

7.30pm: Ann Conroy

11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Oct 7th & 8th

7.30pm: Anna Reddin & Sebastian Kopijka

11.00am: Bernie Reddin & Ellen Coss

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...

Chloe Cleary, Brisbane,

Billy & Lachlan Dunne, Derryguile,

Clodagh Quigley, Derrydavy,

Jessica Bracken, Silverwood.

OCTOBER ROSARY

Praying of the Rosary every Sunday evening for the month of October at 7.00pm in St. Joseph Church.

Starting this Sunday evening Oct 1st.

All welcome.

The Rosary will be recited in Castlebrack Cemetery every Sunday evening at 7.00pm for the month of October.

All welcome.



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MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday September 27th.

Jackpot Numbers: 2:23:26:32:

No Jackpot winner.

6 Matched '3' - €167 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €20,000

Winner

Annette Dempsey

Promoter

Annette Dempsey