

## Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday October 8th, 2023



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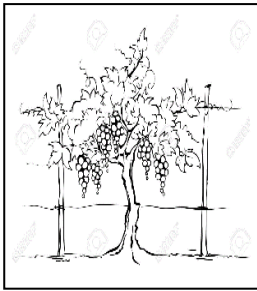


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**Opening Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

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**The Church is the Vineyard of the Lord.** The image of the people of God as a vineyard is familiar in the Scriptures. We can rejoice in seeing the Church as the vineyard of the Lord. In Isaiah's 'Song of the Vineyard', God has made the people of Israel his vineyard (*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*). He lovingly cares for it, but sadly the people fail to respond. The vineyard appears in the Gospel too, but here the tenants are reproached. Not only are they not profitable, but they murder the owner's son. In contrast we are to pursue all that is good and pure and produce the fruit worthy of the Lord. This week, may we be full of thanksgiving for all that we have received, and always turn to the Lord in prayer.



### HISTORIC 'SYNOD' HAS BEGUN – WE PRAY...

Lord, help us to enlarge the space of the tent, so that those who are on the margins of our societies or on the margins of the Church may be listened to and valued. While we walk together, we want to join in prayer. There is not Synod without a true encounter with You! You, Lord, invite us to welcome in our hearts those left by the roadside, to an inner conversion to welcome those whom you have invited. May we leave no one behind on this synodal journey, may no one be excluded, but be part, brother, sister, friends. Amen.

**October and World Mission Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>)** is our time to show our appreciation for the work of overseas missionaries. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses: mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. You can help right now. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more, go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie)



**Harvest Thanksgiving Prayer:** God of all, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving we give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. **Amen.**

### HOLY HOUR – ADORATION AND PRAYER



7.30pm Clonaghadoo – Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>.) A time of quiet, reflection, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Encounter the 'presence', 'mercy' and 'communion' of God.  
"Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest" (*Mt 11:28*).

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**1st anniversary:** Colm Heslin, Maganey, Kildare, mass here on Thursday October 12th at 7.30pm.

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

John Joe Gorman, Lower Forest, Joan Bland, Portlaoise, Lar Geoghegan, Bay Road, Liam Kinch, St. Joseph's Terrae, Bridie Conroy, Chapel Street, Bridie Birrane nee Dunne, Graigue & Bradford, Maureen Tierney, Portlaoise, Sr. Vincent Pilkington, Pakistan, Mattie Culleton, Derrycloney.

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday October 14th & 15th:** Beth Bennett, O'Moores Forest, Margaret Redmond, Davitt Road.

*Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Sept 30th & Oct 1st.

Envelopes: €1,325

Baskets: €695

**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".



### St. Joseph's 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.

### 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...

**Jack Whelan, Irishtown,  
Kai Conroy, Oak Manor,**

"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."

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

will show " The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry " on Wednesday, October 11th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit (or two).

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &  
Director of Safeguarding

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@ 057 8624390.



### 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.*

### Ministers of the Word

**Saturday/Sunday Oct 14th & 15th**

**7.30pm:** Carol McAuley

**11.00am:** Ann Storey

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Saturday/Sunday Oct 14th & 15th**

**7.30pm:** Oliver Ging & Bernadette Clear

**11.00am:** Therese Wall & Michael Gormley

### OCTOBER ROSARY

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

All welcome.



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

All welcome.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday October 4th.

Jackpot Numbers: 7:16:22:29:

Jackpot winner: Joseph O'Connor, Newbridge  
17 Matched '3' - €59 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €10,000

#### Winner

Paddy O'Connor

Tom & Amanda Conroy

John & Jackie Allen

#### Promoter

Mary Thompson

Catherine Malone

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### "BINGO BINGO BINGO"

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

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