

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday November 5th, 2023

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The greatest one among you must be your servant.

We are called today to honour God in humility, sincerity and truth. In the First Reading, the prophet Malachi doesn't mince his words. His message is hard-hitting: the priests are reproached for their spiritual negligence and failure to instruct the people properly, as well as for their half-hearted service of God. Religious leaders are also criticised in the Gospel. Jesus castigates their hypocrisy: they are more concerned with drawing attention to themselves and exploiting their social position, rather than committing themselves to the message they preach. This type of self-aggrandisement and pride is the exact opposite of what the followers of Jesus should aspire to. Jesus himself is our role model: he teaches us that the route to leadership is through service of God in all things. To follow Christ is to serve him humbly; and humility, together with complete trust in God, is the theme of today's Psalm.

November Cemetery Prayers and Rosary

Clonaghadoo Cemetery There will be Rosary in Clonaghadoo Cemetery after 9.00am mass this Sunday (5th) to pray for the Holy Souls.

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar You are invited to our Cemetery Prayers and Rosary on this day two weeks, **Sunday Nov. 19th** at 3.00pm. in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar.



NOVEMBER REFLECTION

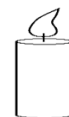
We seem to give them back to you God - Fr Bede Jarrett O.P.

We seem to give them back to you God, who gave them to us. Yet as you do not lose them in the giving, so we do not lose them by their return. Not as the world gives, do you give, O lover of souls. What you give, you do not take away. For what is yours is ours if we are yours. And life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only an horizon, and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sights.

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly: draw us closer to yourself that we may know ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with you. And while you do prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place, that where you are, we may also be for evermore. Amen

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

Tuesday Nov 28th



All parishioners who have died since last Nov will be especially remembered in our Annual Remembrance Mass on Tuesday, Nov 28th at 7.30pm. Family members will be invited to attend and light a commemorative candle as we name and pray for their faithful departed.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Dolores Lawlor, St. Joseph's Terrace, Joe Smyth, Kirwan Park, mass on Tuesday November 7th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Masses: Pat Horan, Manor Road, Pascal Coss, formerly Drinagh, mass on Thursday November 9th at 7.30pm.

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

William Culleton, Garoon, Ann Delaney, Garoon, Breda Moss, Derrycloney, Desmond O'Riordan, Parnell Street, Nancy Sexton, Town Parks, Barney & Esther Flood, George & Elizabeth Sheehy, George McKeon, Vincent, Ellen & Niall Reddin, Lanesborough & Manor Road, Annie, Denis & Eamon Delaney, Derryguile, James Scully, Derryguile, Patrick (Markey) Coss, Twomey Park, James, Catherine & William Troy, Garoon, Annie Glennon, Pattisons Estate, Ann Moloney, Irishtown, Catherine McCabe, Tuam,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday November 11th & 12th: Joe Horan, The Harbour, Patrick Dempsey, Clonterry, Elizabeth & Edward Dempsey, St. Joseph's Terrace,

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Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Oct 28th & 29th.

Envelopes: €590

Baskets: €1,165

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 Nov 11th & 12th

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Nov 11th & 12th

7.30pm: Anna Reddin & Sebastian Kopijka

11.00am: Ellen Coss & Paddy Buggy

REMEMBRANCE TREE

During November we remember our faithful departed. Place the names of your deceased loved ones on our remembrance tree and as a community we unite in honouring and thanking God for them. May the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



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.

HOLY HOUR – ADORATION AND PRAYER



8.00pm Clonaghadoo – Wednesday (8th.) 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).*

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...

Cara O'Brien, Grove Park,

Millie Whelan, Harbour Street,

Laos/Offaly Retired Nurses & Staff

Annual Mass for deceased members of the above will be held in St. Vincent's Community Nursing Unit, Irishtown, Mountmellick on Wednesday November 8th at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served after mass.

1st Holy Communion 2024

Parents/Guardians of children receiving their First Holy Communion next May (2024) are invited to the Parish Church this Wednesday, November 8th, at 7.00pm for a short meeting about this year's 'preparation programme'. There is no need for the children to attend this meeting.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday November 5th.

Jackpot Numbers: 2:3:16:31:

No Jackpot winner:

12 Matched '3' - €84 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €14,000.

Winner

The Old Veteran

Promoter

Frances Hibbitts

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "Allelujah" on Wednesday November 8th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.