

## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday November 12th, 2023**

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

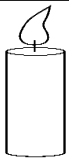
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**O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you like a dry weary land without water.**

Running throughout the readings this Sunday are themes of longing, seeking, and purposeful attentiveness. We are encouraged to remain alert to the presence of the Lord, who comes to us in every moment, and to be ready to welcome his second coming. In the Gospel (Mt 25:1-13) Jesus uses a cautionary yet humorous parable to stress the importance of remaining prepared and hopeful for the coming of the Lord into our lives. We are all invited to the banquet of the Lord, and yet we can become complacent about the abundant richness that our faith can bring. God is here with us now, but sometimes we may not be ready or do not have the light to see his presence amongst us. This week, let us pray for a spirit of hopeful, joyful longing for the Lord, so that we may be fully ready to greet him when he comes into our life. We also continue to pray for peace and justice across our suffering world.



### **November Cemetery Prayers and Annual Remembrance Mass**

**St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar:** You are invited to our Cemetery Prayers and Rosary on this day week, Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm. in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar. All welcome.

### **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS Tuesday Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**

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



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### **GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion**

Next Saturday evening (18<sup>th</sup>) in the Parish Church and/or next Sunday morning (19<sup>th</sup>) in Clonaghadoo we look forward to welcoming the girls and boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> class and their parents/guardians to our masses. The journey to next May and First Holy Communion Day has begun and with the children and their families joining us at mass we all get the chance to walk with them and support them in their preparations.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

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

Marie Comerford, Twomey Park, John Furlong, Clonaghadoo, Daragh Conroy, Briar Lane, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Ashgrove & Ballyfin, Tony Nugent, Sarsfield Street, Kevin Wall, Derryguile, Donal & Betty Johnson, Lord Edward Street, Mary Duffy, Twomey Park, Patrick & Eamon Conroy, Moneyquid, John Joseph Lawlor, Harbour Street, Terence, Timothy & Peter Dunne, Lord Edward Street, Ellen Comerford, Manor Lane, Daniel Hourigan, Cloncannon, Maura, Jim, Ger & Marie McEvoy, Clonaheen, Elizabeth Hickey, Emmet Street, Marie Bacon, Connolly Street, Madge Byrne, Dublin, Rose Fogarty nee Lalor, St. Joseph's Tce., Charlie Dunne, Garrymore, Martin Conleth Delaney, Four Roads, John Meehan, Garoon,

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday November 18th & 19th:* Arsenne Utter, Mary Delaney, Derryguile, Jack Deegan, Borness, Kathleen Cussen, Derryguile,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Nov 4th & 5th.

Envelopes: € 1,045

Baskets: €990

#### 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 Nov 18th & 19th

7.30pm: Pdraig O'Toole

11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle

#### Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday Nov 18th & 19th

7.30pm: Claire Dempsey & Bernadette O'Toole

11.00am: Bernie Reddin & Michael Gormley

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday November 8th.

Jackpot Numbers: 4:7:20:26:

No Jackpot winner:

22 Matched '3' - €46 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €15,000

#### Winner

Tom Cullen

Lorna O'Reilly

Pascal Hanrahan

Jack Nallen

#### Promoter

Pam & Kay

Nora's

Frances Hibbitts

Carol Lindley

### 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...

Laycianna McInerney, Portlaoise,  
Parish Dardis, St. Joseph's Terrace,

### 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.



### MOUNTMELICK MACRA

Present a Three Act Comedy by Jimmy Keary "Mammy's Boy" Thursday 23rd, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th November at 8.15pm in Mountmellick Macra Hall. Tickets purchased on the door.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &  
Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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Local Enquiries. Parish Office @ 057 8624390.

CONCERN Christmas FAST & collection will take place in SuperValu on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November *also by donating online at <https://fundraise.concern.net/alice-c>*

Your support will be very much appreciated.

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#### MISSION ALIVE

The annual table quiz is on Friday December 1st in the Druid Lounge at 9 30pm. Hope to see all our supporters there.

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#### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "The English Patient" on Wednesday November 15th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

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#### Clonaslee Thanksgiving Concert

Clonaslee Parish present Dana, Philomena Begley and Special Guests for a special night of Music and Song. In aid of the Parish Church Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. Tickets will go on line shortly or Contact Dolores for Tickets 087 414 8093 or Local Businesses in Clonaslee

### MONSTER BINGO

The Arts Centre, Mountmellick  
Sunday 26th November at 8.00pm  
€5,000 in prize money.