

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

Christ King of the Universe Sunday November 26th, 2023

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**Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
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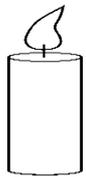
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CHRIST THE KING.

The scripture texts of this solemnity, on the last Sunday of the Church year, sum up what we have been reading, listening to, and pondering all year. We have watched as Jesus taught, healed, freed, consoled, and reached out to all. From birth to death, and in his glorified life, he was the visible presence of the God's reign of love on earth. The Responsorial Psalm tells us that God, Shepherd and King, has such authority that we can safely feast, even within sight of our enemies. With him, we shall never be in want.

The First Reading, from the prophet Ezekiel, also contains the theme of shepherd. Though judge, the shepherd is one who serves. Jesus picks up this theme in the Gospel, but now he is found not only in the one who serves the poor, but also in the poor themselves. Both readings reveal a divine bias, if we can say such a thing – against those who would exploit, and for those who are exploited. Today we pray that, at all times, we will act with care and compassion to those in need. May we do all we can to promote peace in our hearts, our families, our communities and our world. May 'Christ the King' live in me and in my words & actions this coming week. Amen.



November Annual Remembrance Mass

Our Annual Remembrance Mass for all who have died in the past twelve months **will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday (28th)**. 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). May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Sunday Dec 3rd ADVENT

Advent, a time for pause, reflection, and preparation for the gift of God's love coming to us through the infant Jesus. During Advent there are three prevalent themes we see as we wait patiently for the coming of Christ. We long for the Messiah, are urged to be alert for Jesus' Second Coming, and meditate on Christ's presence in our lives now. A prayerful journey with the Holy Family and the Church throughout Advent will lead to gifts of gratitude and joy when we enter the Christmas Season. Ready?

The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin are seeking to recruit a SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT

to work in our Diocesan Offices based in Bishop's House in Carlow Town.

The secretarial assistant will support the Bishop and other staff in Bishop's House through a variety of tasks related to administration, organisation and communication. The contract for the successful candidate will be : part-time, 20 hours per week over 5 days; 1 year initially, subject to renewal. This post is based in Carlow Town. Applications must take the form of a letter of application along with a Curriculum Vitae and should be emailed to aisling@kandle.ie or posted to Aisling Brennan, Bishop's House, Old Dublin Road, Carlow, R93 F6D5.

Shortlisting will apply. Closing date: Fri Dec 8th.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: Patrick Deffew, Twomey Park, mass on Thursday November 30th at 7.30pm.

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

Michael Dunne, Patrick Street, Brigid Scully, Patrick Street, Bill & Josephine Redmond, Davitt Road, Bernard & Maureen Rochford, Emmet Street, Kathleen Westman, Connolly Street, Nancy Westman, Wolfetone Court, Edward Murphy, Chapel Street, Donal Fitzpatrick, Eddie Keogh, Borness, Ollie Payne, Pattison Estate, Mary Brennan, Harbour Street, Martin Gordon, Galway, Mary & Liam Carroll, Emmet Street, Tom Moran, Canada, Terry, Mena, Margaret & Colm Mullen, Emmet Street, Bill & Edith Lawlor, Canal House, Harbour Street, Sheila Dowling, Kilmainham, Mary Tierney, Davitt Road, Michael & Frances Doyle, Pond Lane.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday December 2nd & 3rd: Michael Lawlor, Pattison Estate, Gus McGlynn, Bay Road, Noelle Geoghegan, Lord Edward Street.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Nov 18th & 19th.

Envelopes: €875 - Baskets: €785

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 Dec 2nd & 3rd

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh

11.00am: Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Dec 2nd & 3rd

7.30pm: Bernadette Clear & Anna Reddin

11.00am: Antoinette Makim & Michael Gormley

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday November 22nd.

Jackpot Numbers: 8:19:27:28:

No Jackpot winner:

14 Matched '3' - €72 each.

Next weeks Lotto Jackpot is: €

Winner

Joanne Hourigan

Phyllis Dunne

Promoter

Marian Phelan

McElwee's

Friday December 1st .

First Friday.

Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



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...

Billy Delaney, Derryguile,
Caitlín Walsh, Ashgrove.

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.



MISSION ALIVE

The annual table quiz will take place next Friday December 1st in the Druid Lounge at 9.30pm. Table of 4 is €20. Hope to see all our supporters there.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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MONSTER BINGO

**The Arts Centre, Mountmellick
this Sunday evening 26th November at
8.00pm**

BALCONY CINEMA

There will be no movie next week in the Balcony Cinema as we are hosting the Mountmellick CS "High School The Musical" event on Wednesday 29th November and Thursday 30th November.

Bag2School Clothes Collection Fundraiser for The Rock N.S. Friday, 1st Dec @ 9am. Clothes can be dropped in black bags to the front door of The Rock N.S. any time on Thursday, 30th Nov or before 9am on Friday, 1st Dec. We accept all women's, men's and children's clothing, paired footwear, hats, handbags, belts, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. No duvets, pillows, carpet or cushions please. Thanks for your support .

Laois/Offaly Retired Nurses & Staff

Will hold their annual Christmas Dinner in the Killeshin Hotel on Wednesday Dec 6th at 2.30pm. Please contact Charlotte on 087 2068974.

Mountmellick ICA guild are hosting a Craft Fair this Sunday November 26th from 12pm - 4pm in the ICA Hall. Eircode: R32 KV60 Free entry, Local crafts, Handmade gifts. Raffle on the day. All welcome.