

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday January 14th, 2024**

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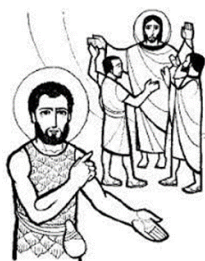
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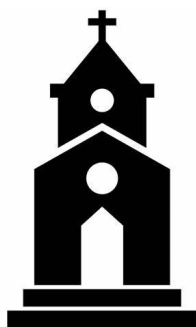
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Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 4.30pm.**

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**"COME AND SEE"** In today's First Reading we hear the Lord's dramatic call of Samuel, and how Samuel fails to hear and discern it properly at first. The young Samuel might well have grown up praying with words like those in today's Psalm – *"You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I"*. We can easily imagine him, in the Temple, offering a prayer of commitment to follow the Lord's will. The Gospel continues the story of Jesus's Baptism. John the Baptist, having recognised Jesus as the Lamb of God, points two of his own followers to Jesus. These scripture texts depict for us stories of call and response. During the coming week, let's ponder God's call in our own lives, and reflect both on the level of our attentiveness and on the depth of our response.

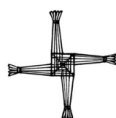


**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Jan 18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**

The chosen theme for this year's Church Unity Week is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27). The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best-known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis.

Communities in our context may be less vulnerable to acts of mass violence than in

Burkina Faso, but there are still many living with the memory and/or the threat of serious violence, centred on issues of identity and belonging. There are also groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence. We pray: **God of love, who writes love in our hearts, instil in us the courage to look beyond ourselves and see the neighbour in those different from ourselves and to be the unexpected neighbour, that we may truly follow Jesus Christ our brother and our friend, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.**



**Brigid 1500** - On Thursday, 1st February, there will be a special Ecumenical Service at 11.00 a.m. in St. Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare, entitled, "Celebrating St. Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving." This Service will be dedicated to commemorating the Feast Day of St. Brigid and the 1500th anniversary of her death. The co-leaders of the service are

Bishop Denis Nulty, and the Most Rev Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Joyce, Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street in the heart of London, will deliver the sermon.

**Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid.**

February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Masses:** Sr. Marie Walsh, Presentation Sisters, Bridge Street, mass on Tuesday January 16th at 7.30pm. Kevin Martin, Emmet Street, who will be prayed for at all masses this weekend.

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

Leo White, Chapel Street, Eamonn Conroy, Dangan, Carmel Flynn, Derrycloney, Joseph & Jane Delaney, Manor Lane, Owen Lawlor, Cloncosney, Joseph & Roseann Fitzpatrick, Emmet Tce., Maura Horan, Strahard, Tom & Bredeen Scott, Strahard, Dan Williams, Patrick Street, Mary Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's Tce., Bill & Kitty Coffey, Harbour Street, Elizabeth Milmo, St. Joseph's Tce., Liam Conroy, Rosenallis, Henry & Mary Jane Allen, Eyne, Kathleen & Joseph McNamara, Kathleen & Thomas Hall, Elizabeth & Colin Reynolds, Ted Carbery & Loughlin Moran, Emmet Street, Teresa Ciss O'Sullivan, St. Joseph's Tce., James Gormley, Parnell Street, Bill Weston, St. Joseph's Tce., Jack Bacon, Connolly Street, James, Elizabeth & Josephine Fitzpatrick, Graigue, Michael & Margaret Conlon, Derryguile, Elizabeth Johnson, formerly Lord Edward Street,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday January 20th & 21st:** Andrew & Andrew Jr., O'Reilly, Connolly Street, Ann Nancy Dunne, Chapel Street, Michael Haverty, Irishtown, Rose Dempsey, O'Moore Street,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Jan 6th & 7th.

Envelopes: €1,495

Baskets: €880

**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 Jan 20th & 21st**

**7.30pm:** Michael Feely

**11.00am:** Mona Conroy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Saturday/Sunday Jan 20th & 21st**

**7.30pm:** Carol McAuley & Sr. Ann Walsh

**11.00am:** Noreen Savage & Bernie Reddin

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

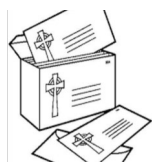
Wednesday January 10th.

Jackpot Numbers: 8:10:20:22: No Jackpot winner:  
11 Matched '3' - €91 each. Next weeks Jackpot is: €15,000  
**No Mountmellick Winners**

### 2024 Envelopes

Please take your 2024 box of envelopes as you leave after mass.

Many thanks to all who generously and regularly return their weekly envelopes.



For the next few weeks, as you return your envelope contributions, please write your name on the front of the

### LOURDES 2024 - LOURDES 2024 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

30th July, 2024 for 7 nights.

€995 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing

For information, bookings and details contact Eleanor @ 087 7670915.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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### 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.

### THE ROCK NS ENROLMENT

Admission for Junior Infants, September 2024.

Please contact the school on 057 8624490 or email [therockns20@gmail.com](mailto:therockns20@gmail.com) for admission forms.

### CLONAGHADOO NS ENROLMENT

Admission for Junior Infants, September 2024.

Please call to the school or phone 057 8628757/email [clonaghadoons2020@gmail.com](mailto:clonaghadoons2020@gmail.com) for admission forms.

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### MISSION ALIVE

The Mission Alive committee wishes to thank all who attended table quiz in Dec. and all who gave donations to Fr. Noel Dunphy and committee members. **The joint treasurers have this week sent €3,000 to the Orphan Project in Lusaka in Zambia.**

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### MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 2:8:9:29: - No Jackpot Winner

€50 winner: John Griffin. €25 x 2 winners - Aidan

Challoner, Tommy Flanagan. N/W Jackpot Pot: €2,600.

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### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "The Miracle Club" on Wednesday January 17th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5., includes a cuppa and a biscuit.