

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday January 21st, 2024

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Catholic Schools Week 2024 - Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th Jan.

This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Service'. Christian service puts faith into action. Jesus served every person regardless of creed, background, faith, social status or age. He didn't just talk about His faith; He lived it. Each person, at every age, is called to become Christ for another by serving every person with a humble heart and with a generous spirit.

In Catholic Schools Week we want to welcome and acknowledge the people in our parish community who have been appointed to be members of the Boards of Management of our parish primary schools for the next four years – Scoil Phádraig Naofa, Scoil Iósaif Naofa, Clonaghadoo NS and the Rock NS. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2024 is Catholic Schools: Communities of Service. There is no greater witness of service to our Catholic schools than the eight members of the boards of management who give of their time, energy, expertise and wisdom with such generosity of spirit. We thank them for agreeing to take on this responsibility. May their leadership help our school communities continue to be places where we always seek to do the very best for each child in our care, where knowledge is sought and respected and faith is nurtured and challenged!



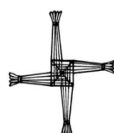
Honouring the WORD OF GOD: Pope Francis reminds us: "Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our mind and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us". In today's 1st

Reading, Jonah takes the word of God to the people in Nineveh. They hear it, are inspired to change their evil ways, and God shows them mercy. The Gospel speaks of the opening of the hearts and minds of the first apostles as they leave behind everything they know in order to follow Jesus. Maybe this week, we can give ourselves the gift of a little extra time with the Bible - the Word of God. Lord, open my mind and heart, so I can see more clearly where my path with you lies.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Jan 18th/25th

A Prayer for Church Unity Week: 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 week, 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. All welcome.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month Mind Masses: Nancy Connolly, Ashgrove, Michael O'Neill, Emmet Terrace, Laurence Payne, Killeen, mass on Tuesday January 23rd at 7.30pm.

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

Peter Conran, Harbour Street, Pat Conroy, Dangans, Clare Murphy, Chapel Street, Mary & Michael McCormack, Hill 60, Tom Gorman, Station House, Tom Curham, Killeen, Jake Connolly, Connolly Street, Thomas Moran, Portlaoise, Bridget (Bridie) Doyle, Mountmellick, Teresa Angela Lynch, Chapel Street, Paddy Conroy, O'Moore Street, Kathleen Holohan, St. Joseph's Tce., John & Brigid Feely, Norah Fitzpatrick, Strahard, Sarah & Kathleen O'Loughlin, Aishling & Ann Marie Murphy, Elizabeth O'Loughlin,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday January 27th & 28th: Eoin Dooley, Brittas, Ann Nancy Dunne, Chapel Street, Tony Smith & Bronte Smith, Twomey Park, Joseph Davis, Harbour Street,

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Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Jan 13th & 14th.

Envelopes: €1,430

Baskets: €975

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 Jan 27th & 28th

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh

11.00am: Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Jan 27th & 28th

7.30pm: Gillian Colgan & Ger Rochford

11.00am: Paddy Buggy & Michael Gormley

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 17th.

Jackpot Numbers: 9:17:18:27:

No Jackpot winner:

18 Matched '3' - €56 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €16,000

Winner

Marian O'Mara

Carmel Melia

Promoter

Eleanor Duff

Ber Murray

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 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 for admission forms.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 9:12:17:29: No Jackpot Winner
€50 winner: Aidan Challoner €25 x 2 winners - Joe Bermingham, Gay Fitzgibbon. N/W Jackpot Pot: €2,700.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "The Old Oak" on Wednesday January 24th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

"BINGO BINGO

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

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 envelope.

Míle buíochas.



LOURDES 2024 - LOURDES 2024 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

30th July, 2024 for 7 nights.

€995 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing

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