

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday January 28th, 2024**

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

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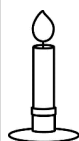


### **Brigid 1500 Service to be Celebrated by Churches Together**

On Thursday next, 1st February 2024, churches across Kildare and beyond will come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare entitled, 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving'. This service is dedicated to commemorating the 1500th anniversary of St Brigid's death and will take place on her Feast Day, Lá Fhéile Bríde. It promises an uplifting experience through music, prayer, and worship. Livestreaming of the service will be available worldwide. The co-leaders of this thanksgiving service are the Most Rev Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and the Most Rev. Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Rev. Canon Dr. Alison Joyce, the Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, in the heart of London, will deliver the sermon. The service will also feature the leaders of the three local churches in Kildare town, Dean Isobel Jackson (St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare), Fr. Andy Leahy, PP, (St Brigid's Parish Church) and Fr. T.C. Antony (Carmelite Church). St. Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare marks the ancient hilltop site where St. Brigid founded her double monastery, for men and for women, in the year 480 AD. At the end of the service, a Pause for Peace will be observed in the cathedral at 12 noon. It will be introduced by Sr. Rita Minehan from the Brigidine Sisters. Aligning with a broader initiative whereby the people of Kildare are extending a global invitation, urging individuals worldwide to pause for a minute's silence at midday (local time) on St Brigid's Day.

### **Carlow Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid, 7.30pm, Feb 1st.**

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 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.**



### **Christians Together - Mountmellick**

**"GO AND DO LIKEWISE"**

A Service of Prayer and Worship in the Methodist Church, Mountmellick, on Sunday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

All welcome.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY, CHURCH OF IRELAND COMMUNITY, IRISH REFORMED CHURCH COMMUNITY, METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY, RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS COMMUNITY.**

We will gather to celebrate our unity in Christ, in prayer and in fellowship. As varied Church Communities, all neighbours and friends, our oneness in Christ serves as a common foundation we all share.

### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Friday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Blessing of Candles:**

Candles for use in the home and church will be blessed at the 10.00am mass on Friday next. If you have candles for blessing, they should be left into the Parish Office beforehand. Thank you.

### **Feast St. Blaise: Saturday February 3rd. Blessing of Throats.**

The traditional 'blessing of throats' associated with the Feast of St. Blaise will take place during 7.30pm mass next Saturday evening.



## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month Mind Masses:** Marie Fennelly, Ashgrove, mass on Tuesday January 30th at 7.30pm.

***For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:***  
Bernard Dunne, Garrymore, Mary-Jo & Con Garty, Upper Forest, Michael Dowling, Garoon, Kathleen & Dixie O'Neill, Harbour Street, Stephen Lynch, O'Connell Square, Jack Kelly, Portnahinch, Mary Tierney, Davitt Road, Michael Fitzpatrick, Cloncannon, Larry Dowling, Acragar, Fintan Gorman, Hill 60, Michael Farrell, Davin Park, Thomas Lalor, St. Joseph's Tce., Denis O'Rourke, Acragar, Alice McCann, Borness.

***For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday February 3rd & 4th:*** John Strong, Borness,

***Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.***

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Jan 20th & 21st.

Envelopes: €954

Baskets: €655

**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 February 3rd & 4th

**7.30pm:** Bernadette Clear

**11.00am:** Bernie Reddin

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday February 3rd & 4th

**7.30pm:** Claire Dempsey & Anna Reddin

**11.00am:** Ellen Coss & Noreen Savage

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 24th.

Jackpot Numbers: 2:20:25:29: No Jackpot winner:  
19 Matched '3' - €53 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €17,000

#### Winner

Stephen & Robert Hibbitts

Rose Stephens

Stephen & Frances Hibbitts

#### Promoter

Frances Hibbitts

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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.

### MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 3:6:10:18: No Jackpot Winner  
€50 winner: M. Linehan. €25 x 2 winners - Danny Duffy,  
Albie Minihan. N/W Jackpot Pot: €2,800  
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### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "**Book Club - The Next Chapter**" on Wednesday  
January 31st at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a  
biscuit.

#### \*\*\*\*\* "BINGO BINGO

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre  
this Sunday evening at **8.00pm. Check!!**  
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### MOUNTMELICK MEN'S SHED

The above will hold their AGM on Monday January 29th in  
the Men's Shed at 8.00pm. Membership for the year €10.  
New members are welcome. For all enquiries contact: Tom  
Gorry 087 6177727 or Joseph Kelly 086 0760853.  
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### MOUNTMELICK CAMERA CLUB

Membership for 2024 is open to accept new members, if you are  
interested in photography, over 18 and wish to join please join us  
at our next meeting on 31st January at 8 pm in the MDA, Irishtown  
or follow us on Facebook at Mountmellick Club for updates.



### 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...**

**Edith & Wren Coss, The Rock**

"O Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom  
God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at  
my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen."

**Friday Feb 2nd - First Friday.**

**Masses:** 10am Parish Church &  
8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



### 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 &

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