



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

Baptism of The Lord ***Sunday January 7th, 2024***



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Today's feast of the **Baptism of Our Lord** can be understood seen as a second manifestation of Christ, as the heavens are opened before the whole world. In our First Reading, from Isaiah, we hear how God's word will bear fruit in us. The one we see being baptised in the Gospel is the Word and, by carrying out God's will perfectly, all creation is restored. The baptism of Jesus marked the end of his quiet years in

Nazareth and the start of his public ministry. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In a similar way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christian faithful. The invitation before us then today is to deepen our trust in God, to nurture our faith in the Spirit and to strengthen our joy in Jesus through whose birth and baptism we are made into God's people.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

In 2023 we were delighted to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with 70 families in the parish. For all who were Baptised we pray: "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.

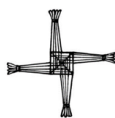
If you have a baby for Baptism, please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.



GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion

Next Saturday evening (13th) at the 7.30pm mass in the Parish Church and/or next Sunday morning (14th) at the 9.00am mass in Clonaghadoo we look forward to welcoming the girls and boys from 2nd class and their parents/guardians. 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.



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.

There will also be a special celebration of 'Evening Prayer' in Carlow Cathedral on St. Brigid's Day at 7.30pm. All are welcome as we honour our Primary Patron Saint.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Patrick P. Dunne, Davitt Road, mass on Tuesday January 9th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Masses: Mary Lavin, Lord Edward Street, Kevin Dempsey, Kirwan Park, Moira Mullen, The Rock, mass on Thursday January 11th at 7.30pm.

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

William Horan, Strahard, Donal & Terence Horohan, Clonsaughey, Michelle Oxley, Lord Edward Street, Mary Deegan, Pattisons Est., Fr. Con Phelan, Strahard Road, Kathleen Thompson, Wolfetone Street, Joe Blanc, Pattisons Est., Essie Forde, Acragar, Kevin Mullen, The Rock, Charlie & Johnny Cahill, Paul Goodwin, St. Joseph's Tce., Richard Coss, Emmet Tce., Elizabeth Horan, Ballyfin, Mary & Jack Whelan, Sarsfield Street, Dessie Conroy, Harbour Court, Nicholas Brennan, Harbour Street, Mary Maher, (1st Anniversary) Portlaoise & Eyne, Martin & Mary Delaney & Josie Fennelly, Graigue, Timmy, Jack, Michael, Tom & Jack Snr. Lawlor, Chapel Street, John & Kathleen Cassidy, Pattisons Est., Liam, Michael & John Conroy, Derryguile,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday January 13th & 14th: John Bunny Bracken, Portnahinch,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Dec 30th & 31st.

Envelopes: €1,620

Baskets: €1,025

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 13th & 14th

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Jan 13th & 14th

7.30pm: Bernadette O'Toole & Sebastian Kopijka

11.00am: Mona Conroy & Ellen Coss

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 3rd.

Jackpot Numbers: 3:19:20:27:

No Jackpot winner:

22 Matched '3' - €46 each.

Next Lotto Jackpot is: €14,000

Winner

Ashling McGuirk

Imelda Burke

Promoter

Darren O'Reilly

Emmet Stores

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.

REMEMBERING IMELDA KEENAN

This weekend we hold Imelda and all her family in our prayers. May God's favour rest on them, to comfort and support them. Amen.

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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 SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Admission for Junior Infants, The Rock National School September 2024. Please contact the school on 057 8624490 or therockns20@gmail.com for admission forms.

THANK YOU

Meals on Wheels would like to thank all who supported and donated prizes for the Table Quiz in December.

It was very much appreciated.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "The Great Escaper" on Wednesday January 10th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

2024 PARISH CALENDAR



The 2024 Parish Calendar will be available this weekend to pick up at the back of the churches.