

1st Sunday of Lent
Sunday February 18th, 2024

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**Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
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THE GOOD NEWS OF THE COVENANT

We began our Lenten journey on Wednesday. This first Sunday of Lent now leads us immediately into Jesus's own journey into the desert in prayer, fasting, and to face temptation. In the 1st reading we are reminded of the journey of God's chosen people. Here God establishes a Covenant with Noah and all his descendants, and with the whole of creation. Never again will God destroy the earth with a flood. He leaves a bow in the sky to confirm this. The Gospel gives us a short account of Jesus being tempted in the desert. He emerges ready to proclaim his message: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand'. May we take heart from the scriptures as we begin our Lenten journey, ready to follow the Lord's ways, and eager to learn his paths.



PRAYING IN LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Sunday evening 7.00pm, St. Joseph's Church.

HOLY HOUR Monday 8pm. St. Joseph's Church.

A quiet hour of Adoration and Reflection.

Lenten Stations

Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to our 'Lenten Stations'. The Lent 'Station' contributions can be handed in at the church, using our usual boxes, our post-box or the Parish Office. Please use the envelope from your parish box or an envelope clearly marked 'Lenten Station' to make your contribution. The Lenten Station contributions go towards the salary of the priests and we appreciate your kindness. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.



FIRST CONFESSIONS WEEK

Mon 19th, St Joseph's Church, 6.00pm, Scoil Phádraig Naofa.

Tues 20th, St Joseph's Church, 6.00pm, Scoil Iósaif Naofa

Weds 21st, St Joseph's Church, 6.00pm, The Rock NS

Thurs 22nd, St. Mary's Clonaghadoo, 7.00pm, Clonaghadoo NS.

Familiarisation sessions for Introducing a Ritual for use when a priest is unexpectedly absent on a Sunday.

In response to parish requests, Bishop Nulty has asked the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation to prepare a text for use on a Sunday when a priest is absent in circumstances that are unplanned and/or unexpected. A session will be offered in three locations on the first three Tuesdays of March to introduce the material to parishes. The session will give the context for its use, the content, and practical implications. A session takes place for: K&L Deanery West in St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick, on Tuesday March 12th from 8:00 – 9:30 pm.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month Mind Mass: David McDonald, Derrydavy, mass on Tuesday February 20th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Masses: Peter Conroy, Emmet Terrace, Oliver Byrne, Newry, mass here on Thursday February 22nd at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:
Michael Carroll, Pattison Est., Ian Quigley, Salthouse Lane, Fr. Charlie Flanagan, Lord Edward St., Michael Scott, Sarsfield St., Edward Comerford, Manor Lane, Peter Pe Dunne, Straboe, Paddy & Madge Delaney, Kitty Dowling, Lord Edward St., Margaret Peggy Byrne, Lord Edward St., Elizabeth Meehan, Garoon, Bertie & Eileen White, Patrick St., Patrick McEvoy, Patrick St., Eugene O'Reilly, Acragar, Annie Loughlin, Connolly St., Maggie O'Reilly, Pattison Est., Lally Hourigan, Harbour St., Mary Duggan, Briar Lane, Peter Allen, Eyne, Kathleen Buggy, The Commons,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday February 24th & 25th: Abraham Storey, Derryguile,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Feb 10th & 11th

Envelopes: €1,045

Baskets: €850

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".

"Giving Sunday" March 24th Make a once off special donation to our Parish Debt Campaign -via the Donate button on our website, by cheque or in the special 'Giving Sunday' envelopes that will be available. Details to follow. Thank you.

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...

Kyle James O'Brien, Kirwan Park,

"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."

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.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday February 24th & 25th

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh

11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday February 24th & 25th

7.30pm: Gillian Colgan & Bernadette Clear

11.00am: Therese Wall & Bernie Reddin

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.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 14th.

Jackpot Numbers: 4:17:24:25:

No Jackpot winner:

14 Matched '3' - €72 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €11,000

Winner

Catherine Luttrell

Donal Hunt

Promoter

Dowling's Butchers

Cathrine Malone

P.A.T.H.

Clonaghadoo PATH Support Group will accept donations of practical and non-perishable items for their work with homeless people across Dublin and the surrounding area. A basket, for donated items, is located inside the door of Clonaghadoo Church. Further details: Annette @ 085 1018988, Ann @ 085 8427064, Dolores @ 087 6255735. Thank you.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "The Eight Mountains" on Wednesday February 21st at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 3:6:15:17: No Jackpot winner.

€50 winner: Mick Kearns. €25 x 2 winners: Niamh Dunne,

Elaine Conroy. N/W Jackpot Pot: €3,100.
