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Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

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**2nd Sunday of Lent
Safeguarding Sunday
Sunday February 25th, 2024**

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Safeguarding Sunday - Message from Bishop Nulty.

I warmly welcome the holding of 'Safeguarding Sunday' once again in our diocese. The fact that 'Safeguarding Sunday' has become such a regular part of our Diocesan and Parish life, demonstrates how safeguarding has been so well embedded into every area of our diocese and its fifty-six parishes. Since Safeguarding Sunday last year, we have undergone a robust review conducted by the NBSCCCI which commended the diocese for our safeguarding practices. I thank all involved in this review and particularly priests and local safeguarding representatives at parish level who ensure best practice in safeguarding is adhered to in all parishes.

I welcome the appointment of our new Director of Safeguarding, Ailish Higgins (085 8021633).

'Safeguarding Sunday' allows safeguarding to rest at the heart of every parish activity, it is part of the culture that prevails across the diocese. This Sunday I thank all who ensure safeguarding is so well embedded, our Director of Safeguarding, the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee, the Designated Liaison People, our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and very much our priests and people. Our parishes are safe places for young people to be part of, I pray that more will engage in the life of our fifty-six parishes over the coming year. Every blessing on this great work.

+Denis Nulty

Safeguarding Prayer.

Lord Jesus, may we welcome the Kingdom of God anew into our hearts and lives, embracing discipleship and openness to others. You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May our service be filled with kindness, and respect for all God's people, giving special protection to children and the vulnerable. May we seek the truth, listen to those wounded by abuse, and choose to act with compassion and justice. Give us the strength, to serve humbly and faithfully, and to love one another as we are so loved by You. Amen.



THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED.

Trust in the Lord is the theme that links all this week's readings. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the extent of the Lord's love and generosity – if we but listen to his voice and place our trust in him. In the first reading we see the depth of Abraham's trust in God as he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son.

Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with more blessings than he could ever have imagined. In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, James and John to trust him and not speak of the wonder of what they have witnessed on the mountain top. This week we pray for the grace to trust and to listen ever more closely to the voice of the Lord, so that we too might walk in his presence.



CONFIRMATION Next Saturday, March 2nd, the 6th class boys from Scoil Phádraig and the sixth class girls from Scoil Iósaif will celebrate their Confirmation. We wish them every blessing. "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 shall renew the face of the earth".

GROW IN LOVE - FIRST CONFESSIONS: Congratulations to the boys and girls from 2nd class who celebrated their 1st Confession during the past week. Many thanks to their parents/guardians and teachers for all the help with the preparations. The next 1st Holy Communion preparation masses will be on Sat/Sun March 9th/10th.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

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

Joe Maher, Harbour Street, Ellen & Jack Delaney, Garoon, Pat Conroy, O'Moore Street, Mary Deegan, Derryguile, John Geoghegan, Emmet Tce., Patricia Lynch, Chapel Street, Sheila Conroy, Davin Park, James Brennan, Josephine Lalor, Portlaoise, Dermot Dunne, Thomas, Sarah & Pat Dunne, Florence Ruddy nee Dunne, Danny Doyle, Salthouse Lane, John Comerford, Manor Lane, Joseph & Ellen Byrne & The Byrne Family, Wolfetone Street, Margaret Joyce, Derrydavy, Jack Flanagan, Portarlinton, Rosie Moylan nee Lawlor, Portlaoise, Pat Hartnett, Acragar, Norah Baker, O'Moore Street, Paddy Dempsey, Emmet Tce., James Lynch, Straboe,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 2nd & 3rd: Kathleen Turley, The Harbour, Christy Dempsey, Davitt Road, John, Evelyn & John Jnr Dillon, Emmet Street,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Feb 17th & 18th

Envelopes: €1,370

Baskets: €675

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.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday March 2nd & 3rd

7.30pm: Fiona Walsh

11.00am: Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday March 2nd & 3rd

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh & Carol McAuley

11.00am: Paddy Buggy & Noreen Savage

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 21st.

Jackpot Numbers: 13:20:23:28: No Jackpot winner:

17 Matched '3' - €59 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €12,000

Winner

Mary Phelan

Sean Dunne

Mary Flanagan

Promoter

Marian Phelan

Andy Hickey

McElwee's

PRAYING FOR 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. All Welcome



Friday March 1st -

First Friday.

Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

St. Joseph's Prayer Group: Leading Adoration & Prayer on Thursday evening after mass (8.00pm - 8.30pm) in St. Joseph's Church. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet. Silent Adoration.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org. Thank you.



DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodil Day will take place nationwide on Friday March 22nd. Daffodil Day is the Irish Cancer Society's most important annual fundraiser. Anyone available to volunteer their time on the day are invited to contact: Mary @ 087 7814754, Bridie @ 086 2065720 or Claire @ 087 9046048. Donations of fresh daffodils would also be gratefully appreciated.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show **"Leap Year"** on Wednesday February 28th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

THANK YOU: Pro-Life would like to thank all who donated to their collection last weekend and also thanks to the collectors. collected - €648.67.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 12:15:18:23: No Jackpot winner.

€50 winner: Edward & Teresa Coss €25 x 2 winners: Richie Coss, Imelda George. N/W Jackpot Pot: €3,200.