



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday February 4th, 2024



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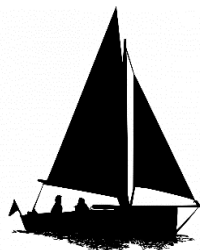
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"He heals the broken hearted, he binds up all their wounds" (Resp Psalm).

Our readings this weekend invite us to look more deeply into the experience of human suffering. It is only through Christ that our pain and despair can and will be transformed. Just like the suffering people in today's Gospel, we all long for Christ. It is through prayer that our yearning will be fulfilled. In the 1st reading Job expresses total despair at the great losses that he has experienced; he seems overwhelmed by the frailty of life. The suffering in our world today perhaps makes it easy to relate to his sentiments. Our Gospel portrays the early days of Jesus's healing ministry in Galilee. After praying with the community in the synagogue, Jesus responds with compassion to all the sick and suffering people who are brought to him. He begins his days in prayerful solitude and is drawn by a desire to bring his Good News to as many people as possible. Today we pray for the grace to respond with wisdom and compassion to the suffering and needs of our time. May we centre our lives in prayer and by the grace of God be determined to bring the Good News to our broken and hurting world.

'Put out into the Deep'



St. Brigid's Day 2024. A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis Nulty to the Parishioners, Religious, and Clergy across the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

Copies of Bishop Nulty's letter are available at the back of both churches.

Gracious God, we ask that you send your Spirit upon the people of Kildare & Leighlin.

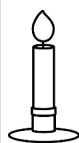
Help us to be as charitable as St. Brigid, as prophetic as St. Conleth, and as prayerful as St.

Laserian. May we respond to the call of our baptism, to use our gifts in service of each other. May each of us be a living witness to a kingdom of justice and peace. Grant us the

courage to follow where you are leading and with your grace to journey together in faith, hope and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christians Together - Mountmellick

"GO AND DO LIKEWISE"



A Service of Prayer and Worship in the Methodist Church, Mountmellick, next Sunday Feb 11th 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.

LENT - Feb 14th, Ash Wednesday, begins our Lenten season. Plan now what you will 'do' for Lent this year. It's a special time particularly for renewing and refreshing our faith and prayer. Will you get to go to mass every day for Lent? Join us praying the Stations of the Cross once a week? Will you say the rosary every day? Will your fasting support the hungry and suffering of our world? Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observance of holy Lent that we may grow in understanding the riches hidden in Christ. Amen.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month Mind Mass David Parkinson, Connolly Street, mass on Tuesday February 6th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Michael Oxley, Wolfetone Street, mass on Thursday February 8th at 7.30pm.

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

Betty Deffew, Emmet Tce., Joe Fennelly, Harbour Street, Cora & Dan Barrett, Wolfetone Street, Margaret Moran, St. Joseph's Tce., Rory Hyland, Debbicott, Donal Keenan, Manor Road, Larry O'Rourke, O'Moore Street, Lil Kelly, Davin Park, James & Mary Scott, Chapel Street, Kathleen Weston, St. Joseph's Tce., George & Elizabeth Sheehy, Barney & Esther Flood, John & Margaret Conroy, Dangans, Kathleen Foran, Emmet Tce., Mary Crossan, Chapel Street, Bernard Kavanagh, Monument House, Bridget Keenan, Harbour Street, Patrick Quigley, Derryguile, Alice McDonald, Railway View.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday February 10th & 11th: Ollie Kelly, Acragar, Michael & Ann Ryan, Chapel Street, Julia Bracken, Portnahinch, Annie Dempsey, Clonterry, Annie Payne, Emmet Street,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Jan 27th & 28th.

Envelopes: €1,010

Baskets: €785

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 February 10th & 11th

7.30pm: Padraig O'Toole

11.00am: Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday February 10th & 11th

7.30pm: Bernadette O'Toole & Sebastian Kopijka

11.00am: Antoinette Makim & Paddy Buggy

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 31st.

Jackpot Numbers: 8:15:22:29:

Jackpot winner: Mary Shiels, Newbridge

26 Matched '3' - €39 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €10,000

Winner

Annie Kelly

Fr. Noel Dunphy

Promoter

Annie Kelly

Carol Lindley

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.

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.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 3:12:21:22: No Jackpot winner.

€50 winner: John O'Brien. €25 x 2 winners Redmond

McEvoy, George McCormack. N/W Jackpot Pot:€2,900.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show **"Beautiful Boy"** on Wednesday February 7th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

PORTLAOISE FATIMA PILGRIMAGE FUND

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Saturday/Sunday 10th & 11th February

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...

James Byrne, Acragar,

Danny Knowles, Manor Grove,

Ríoghán MacMahon, Portlaoise.

"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."

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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