



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday February 11th, 2024

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LENT

What will you give up or abstain from this Lent? Give up hurtful words and speak kind words instead. Give up complaining and be filled with gratitude. Give up anger and be filled with patience. Give up worries and trust in God. Give up bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Give up selfishness and share with others. Give up holding grudges and be forgiving. Give up always talking so that you can listen to others instead. *(Adapted from advice given by Pope Francis)*

Lent begins on next Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). Masses and distribution of blessed ashes will be at 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.30pm in the Parish Church and 8.00pm in Clonaghadoo.

HOLY HOUR of prayer, music, reflection and adoration each Monday evening of Lent beginning on Monday Feb 19th at 7.30pm, Parish Church. All welcome.

TUESDAY Morning Mass: Beginning on Tuesday Feb 20th and continuing then on each Tuesday morning of Lent there will be a 7.30am mass in our Parish Church.

Station of the Cross for Lent: All are welcome each Sunday evening during Lent (beginning Sun 18th) at 7.00pm to the Parish Church for a praying of The Stations of the Cross.

After the 10am mass on the Fridays of Lent (beginning Fri 16th) there will be a short praying of the stations for those who are available to join in.

GROW IN LOVE - The focus this month for the children preparing for their First Confession and First Holy Communion is on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) which all members of our parish family are invited to celebrate, especially during Lent. Pope Francis urges us to "be courageous and go to confession". He tells us, "Jesus will be there, and....he will receive you with so much love!". *O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins; for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.*

World Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on **16 February, the first Friday of Lent**. Candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance, light in the darkness and hope.

Lord, may we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

TRÓCAIRE

Working for a Just World

This year Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. 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.

Christians Together - Mountmellick "GO AND DO LIKEWISE"

A Service of Prayer and Worship in the Methodist Church, Mountmellick, this Sunday evening 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.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month Mind Mass Small Jimmy McInerney, Portlaoise, mass on Tuesday February 13th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Ben McEvoy, Wolfetone Court, mass on Thursday February 15th at 7.30pm.

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

Sheila Whelan, Kirwan Park, The Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family, Garrymore, Moira Conroy, Derrycloney, P. Kearney, Harbour Street, Grainne Drummond, Pond Lane, Kathleen & Peter Bracken, Garoon, John Conroy, Davin Park, Esther Burke, Harbour Court, Una Bloomer, St. Joseph's Tce., Daniel Dunne, Catholes, Ballyfin, John Christie, Connolly Street, Lillian Bentley, The Rock, The Deceased member of the Gorman Family, Derryguile, Elizabeth McDonald, Derryguile, Mary B. Culliton, Davitt Road, Annie Josephine Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce., Jane & Mary Bergin, Cloncannon, Sr. Rosemary Dunne, Graigue, Peter McDonald, Railway View, Michael & Mary Ann Dunphy, St. Joseph's Tce.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday February 17th & 18th: Austin Bentley, The Rock, Joey Dunne, Emmet Tce., Jimmy & Timmy Conroy, Lord Edward Street,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Feb 3rd & 4th

Envelopes: €1,370

Baskets: €765

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...

Hannah Weston, Clonaghadoo,

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOC - TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

Alcohol and drug abuse confront us with our own frailty and weakness. Even those who are not addicted need the support of a higher power in the journey through life if we are to avoid the perils of addiction. We need the support of friends, of family and of God. Indeed, there may be people around us who need our support. The love and support of God is mediated through people just like us when we reach out to others, bringing God's love and care into our world. Further reading on

www.pioneers.ie.

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.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday February 17th & 18th

7.30pm: Carol McAuley

11.00am: Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday February 17th & 18th

7.30pm: Oliver Ging & Ger Rochford

11.00am: Mona Conroy & Michael Gormley

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 7th.

Jackpot Numbers: 7:9:14:17:

Jackpot winner: Breda Reilly, Rathvilly/Kiltegan Parish

20 Matched '3' - €50 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €10,000

Winner

Connolly Family
Carolyn, Liam Mac + us 4

Promoter

Frances Hibbitts
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THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "**Past Lives**" on Wednesday February 14th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

FOUND

Ladies ring found in Main Street, Mountmellick.

Contact: Sharon in The Vets Surgery, Emmet Street.

MOUNTMELICK DRUM SCHOOL

Drum lessons for ages 8 to 100. You don't need a kit to start. First month of lessons free. Contact: Matt @ 086 2081437.