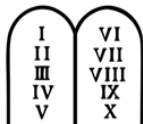


LENT†

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday March 3rd, 2024**

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Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 4.30pm.****Email... stjosephs1878@gmail.com****Web.. www.mountmellickparish.ie - Facebook... [mountmellick parish](https://www.facebook.com/mountmellickparish)****CHRIST THE POWER AND WISDOM OF GOD**

As we enter this third week of Lent, our readings remind us of God's love for us, soon to be witnessed in the suffering and death of Christ Jesus. In the 1st reading God speaks to the people of Israel after their release from slavery in Egypt. The Ten Commandments show his people how to freely live in service of the One who has liberated them. In the Gospel today we see Jesus sweep away the buyers and sellers from the Temple, which should be revered as the house of God. This week, perhaps we can pray for all those areas of the world where places of holiness and sanctuary are debased and de-valued. We pray too, for all people who are prevented from worshipping openly, and from practising their faith in freedom.

Director of Parish Development, Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the full-time position of Director of Parish Development. A job description and information on how to apply can be found on www.kandle.ie. Closing date for applications is 25 March 2024. This is a very important appointment for our diocese, and we ask your prayers that our search to fill this position will be successful.



CONFIRMATION Congratulations to the 6th class boys from Scoil Phádraig and the sixth class girls from Scoil Iósaif who received their Confirmation this weekend.

Thanks to their parents/guardians, sponsors and teachers for their help in all the preparations. We wish them every blessing. Next weekend it will be the turn of pupils from The Rock NS and Clonaghadoo NS. "Come Holy Spirit".

GROW IN LOVE: Our next 1st Holy Communion preparation masses will be on Saturday next at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Parish Church and at 9.00am on Sunday next in Clonaghadoo.

**Lenten Stations - Thank You**

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.**

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



REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: Maura Culleton, Garoon, mass on Thursday March 7th at 7.30pm.

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

Annie Delaney, Derryguile, Paddy Dunne, St. Josephs Tce., Maureen Marron, Lord Edward Street, Dan Kavanagh, The Commons, Anna Bergin, Graigue, Deceased members of the Conroy Family, Graigue, Deceased members of the Walsh Family, Graigue, Michael & Margaret Phelan, Clonerry, Jim McGlynn, Bay Road, Mary & Joseph Conroy,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 9th & 10th: Thomas Donohar, The Rock, Kevin Fox, Cappalough,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Feb 24th & 25th

Envelopes: €1,140

Baskets: €735

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...

Aine May Dempsey, Beechgrove, Ballacollig.

"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."

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.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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Local Enquiries. Parish Office @ 057 8624390.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday March 9th & 10th

7.30pm: Michael Feely

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday March 9th & 10th

7.30pm: Claire Dempsey & Sebastian Kopijka

11.00am: Antoinette Makim & Therese Wall

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 28th.

Jackpot Numbers: 4:9:17:26:

No Jackpot winner:

20 Matched '3' - €50 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €13,000

Winner

Anne Reddin

Promoter

Carol Lindley

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.



MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

Our forthcoming night of theatre featuring 3 One-Act Plays on Thursday 14th March and Friday 15th March, in the Mountmellick Community Arts Centre. Curtains Up 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets : €15.00 / Concessions €10.00. **TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR**

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 "Alone in Berlin" on Wednesday March 6th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.



Referendums Day - Friday Next March 8th. Your vote is your voice.