

LENT†

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**4th Sunday of Lent
Sunday March 10th, 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***Jesus***GOD SENT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD SO THAT THROUGH HIM THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED.**

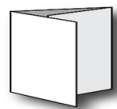
This fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as 'Laetare (Rejoice!) Sunday', and our readings today suggest many reasons for rejoicing. The Gospel tells us that the resurrection of Christ Jesus, who was 'lifted up and exalted' on the cross, brings salvation to all who believe in him and in his teachings. Christ's Passion, for all its injustice and brutality, is a glorious revelation of God's love for all of humankind, and the source of our healing. Jesus calls us to live by his truth and light, where we can dwell in the flow of God's energy and love. This week, we pray for the personal faith and humility to be open to God's infinite grace and light. We pray, too, that all of humanity might be open and receptive to God's life-giving energy.



CONFIRMATION Congratulations to the 6th Class boys and girls from Clonaghadoo NS and the 5th & 6th Class girls and boys from The Rock NS 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. "Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on all".

UNICEF - Gaza Childrens Appeal: From the Christmas Crib donations in both Churches we have been able to make a donation of €600 to the UNICEF Childrens Appeal and of €100 to our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: Prayer leaflets with the traditional Novena (Mar 11th – 19th) Prayers to St. Joseph are available in both Churches. St. Joseph, pray for us.



Introducing a Ritual for use when a priest is unexpectedly absent on a Sunday. In response to parish requests, Bishop Nulty has asked that a text/ritual for use on Sundays when a priest is absent in circumstances that are unplanned and/or unexpected be prepared and introduced. A session giving the context for its use, the content, and practical implications will be held in our parish church on Tuesday (12th) from 8:00pm – 9:30 pm. **All welcome.**



Chrism Mass. Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Monday, 25 March at 7:30 pm. At this diocesan Mass, the holy oils are blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises. The diocesan choir will lead us in singing, for the first time, the newly composed 'Mass of St Brigid' by Fr Liam Lawton.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: John Hennessy, Davitt Road, Mass on Tuesday March 12th at 7.30pm.

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

Michael Webster, Chapel St., William Thompson, Wolfetone St., Eoin Gorman, Derrycloney, Annie Dalton, Clonaghadoo, Michael Coss, Harbour Court, Jim Quigley, St. Joseph's Tce., Mary McGlynn, Manor Lane, Jim Murphy, Irishtown, Annie & John Phelan, Strahard Road, Joe Bergin, Emmet Tce., Jim & Sarah Westman, Dolores Crofton, Harbour St., Jack Doyle, Emmet Tce., Patrick Conlon, Parnell St.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 16th & 17th: Betty Dunne, Emmet St., Nora Lawlor, Chapel St.,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday March 2nd & 3rd

Envelopes: €1,495

Baskets: €720

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.

MISSION ALIVE

The annual Mission Alive Church Gate Collection will take place in Mountmellick & Clonaghadoo on Saturday March 16th & Sunday March 17th. The collection is in aid of the Orphan Project in Lusaka in Zambia. Donations can also be given to committee members or dropped in to Fr. Noel Dunphy in Sarsfield Street.



THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "Scrapper" on Wednesday March 13th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday March 16th & 17th

7.30pm: Ann Conroy

11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday March 16th & 17th

7.30pm: Oliver Ging & Anna Reddin

11.00am: Bernie Reddin & Theresa Wall

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday March 6th.

Jackpot Numbers: 2:5:10:14:

Jackpot winner: Colm Moynihan, Clonbullogue.

33 Matched '3' - €31 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €10,000

Winner

Florence Fennelly

Valerie Murphy

Ray Comerford

Jenny & the 5 of us

Promoter

Frances Hibbitts

Eleanor Duff

Carol Lindley

Frances Hibbitts

Mountmellick Mountrath Ballyfin

Lourdes Fund Raffle 2024

Tickets on sale from Sat next Mar 16th. 1st Prize - Trip To Lourdes, July 2024. Plus many other prizes.

Tickets €2 or 3 for €5. All support welcome.

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.



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.

MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO

Jackpot No's: 6:15:18:19: No Jackpot winner.

€50 winner: Fionn Holohan. €25 x 2 winners: Jack Nallen, M & K O'Loughlin. N/W Jackpot Pot: €3,300