



**Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**  
**5th Sunday of Lent - St. Patrick's Day**  
**Sunday March 10th, 2024**



**S: In ainm an Athar agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh.**

**P: Amen.**

**S: Grásta ár dTiarna Íosa Críost agus grá Dé agus cumann an Spioraid Naoimh libh go léir.**

**P: Agus le do spiorad.**

**Ár nAthair**

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm, go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh, mar a dhéantar ar neamh. Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu, agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha, mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin, agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach saor sinn ó olc.

**An Dúnadh**

**S: Go raibh an Tiarna libh. P: Agus le do spiorad.**

**S: Go mbeannaí Dia uilechumhachtaigh sibh, Athair, Mac, agus Spiorad Naomh.**

**P: Amen.**

**S. Imí gí faoi shíocháin chun grá agus seirbhís a thabhairt don Tirana.**

**P. Buíochas le Dia.**

**Hail Glorious Saint Patrick**

Hail glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our isle.

On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile

And now thou art high in the mansions above

On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love

On Erin's green valleys, On Erin's green valleys

On Erin's green valleys, Look down in thy love

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth

Where the shamrock still blooms, as when thou were on earth

And our hearts shall yet burn, where so ever we roam

For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home

For God and Saint Patrick, For God and Saint Patrick

For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home



**REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES**

**Month's Mind Masses:** Christina Lawlor, Cloncosney, David Tuohy, Twomey Park, mass on Tuesday March 19th at 7.30pm.

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

Elizabeth Coss, Emmet Tce., Mai Flanagan, Irishtown, Daniel Hickey, Emmet St., Lil & Brendan Kelly, Kilcavan, John Young, Frank Sullivan, Davitt Road, Mick & Bridie Dempsey, St. Joseph's Tce., Thomas & May Geoghegan, Connolly St., Leslie Furlong, Lord Edward St., Denis Delaney, Manor Lane, John McDonald, Derryguile, Patrick Connolly, Acragar, Mea Farrell, Lord Edward St., Joseph Sheils, O'Connell, Square, Julia Whelan, Salthouse Lane, Nina Byrne, Wolfetone St., Bernard, Mary Ann, Har & Billie Dunne, Garrymore, Margaret & Daniel Gorman, Derrycloney, William Quigley, Derryguile, Eleanor Lawlor, Harbour St., Frank Delaney, Salthouse Lane, Thomas Culleton, Derrycloney, Kathleen Kit Hickey, Chapel St.,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 23rd & 24th:** Ann & Bill O'Connor, Portlaoise & Emo.

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH**

**Collections - Collections**

Saturday/Sunday March 9th & 10th.

Envelopes: €1,235 - Baskets: €720

**DONATE ONLINE**

You can make your donation to support the parish via the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website, [www.mountmellickparish.ie](http://www.mountmellickparish.ie)

**Mountmellick Mountrath Ballyfin**

**Lourdes Fund Raffle 2024**

Tickets available in the Parish office next week.

Draw will take place on Sunday March 31st in the

Bingo. 1st Prize - Trip To Lourdes, July 2024.

Plus many other prizes. Tickets €2 or 3 for €5.

All support welcome. Thank You.

## **GIVING SUNDAY - March 24<sup>th</sup> 2015/2025 DEBT CAMPAIGN**

Dear Parishioners,

It's that time of the year again when I invite your kind support for our 'Debt Campaign' fundraising. Our annual 'Giving Sunday' fundraiser will take place on March 24th. Last year a total of €25,500 was donated on Giving Sunday.

Revenue's Charitable Donation Scheme allows tax relief on qualifying donations. Thus far for us it has realised €33,000. Many thanks to all.

In addition to ongoing expenses, in the past year €25,000 was spent on cleaning, repairing, sealing and painting all the gutters, €7,500 on new lights in and around the sanctuary area of St. Joseph's Church and a contribution of €7,350 towards the resurfacing of the Arts Centre Car Park.

'Giving Sunday' asks you, as your means will allow, to make a special significant contribution once a year to help pay off our debt. Thank you for your support.

*Mícheál Murphy, PP.*

### **Parish accounts summary for 2023 as approved by the Diocesan Accountant.**

**Total Income:** Basket and Envelope Collections, Shrines, Bingo, Fundraising, Bequests, Trócaire, Peters Pence, Lotto, etc - **€315,077.** **Parish Operating Expenses:** Salaries, Insurance, Repairs & Maintenance, Heating, Altar/Shrine Requisites, Lighting, IT, Stationery, Printing etc - **€272,751.** Due to accounting protocols, we are obliged to include all collections (Trócaire, Retired Priests etc) as both income and expenditure.

**Our net debt at the end of December 2023 is €275,000 (less cash in bank, €168,000) = €107,000.**

The full Parish Accounts Report for 2023 is available in the Parish Office.

**Tax Relief from Revenue.** The Parish as a registered charity is eligible to claim tax relief from Revenue (Charitable Donation Scheme) on the donations made by any individual during the tax year providing such donations amount to €250 or more. If you paid income tax in any or all of the last four years ('20 to '23) and donated more than a total of €250 to the parish whether in the collections at mass, weekly envelopes, bequests, once off contributions, Giving Sunday, etc by cash, cheque or otherwise in each of those years then we can claim a refund from Revenue at no cost of any kind to you. To help us we need you to fill out the CHY3 Form. These forms are available in the Parish Office. Many thanks.

### ***How Can I Make My Contribution?***

Weekly Envelope, Basket Collection, A Bank Standing Order, A Cheque (made payable to Mountmellick Parish Church No 1 A/C), in the special 'Giving Sunday' envelope, by completing the CHY3 Tax Relief Form, Contactless Payments.

**Details for Electronic Banking:** Account Name: Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account  
IBAN NO: IE86BOFI90181030438388 BIC: BOFIIIE2D - Sort Code: 90-18-10