



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Easter
Sunday April 14th, 2024

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Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

In today's readings, we celebrate the living Christ, our advocate who dwells with the God. Through him we are given encouragement to overcome our fearfulness and weakness of faith. Peter insists (1st Reading) that even those responsible for Christ's death are not without hope. They, too, are called to repent, and turn their face back to God. St. Luke continues the Resurrection story in today's Gospel piece as the Risen Lord appears to his fearful friends. Jesus bolsters their faith by joining them for a meal. He invites them to touch his body, before finally breaking open the Word of God for them. We, like the disciples, need the Risen Christ to comfort and embolden our lives of faith. In a world both ablaze with the wonders of science and technology and ravished by war and profound injustice, we pray that we may never forget that only you, Lord, can ever satisfy our restless, fearful hearts.



GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion

Next Saturday evening (20th) at the 7.30pm mass in the Parish Church and/or next Sunday morning (21st) at the 9.00am mass in Clonaghadoo we look forward to welcoming the girls and boys from 2nd class and their parents/guardians. As the celebration of First Holy Communion Day is only around the corner we hope to see you all next weekend.

GOOD FRIDAY – The Special Collection here on Good Friday in support of the many Christians who are affected by the conflict in Gaza raised €1,270. Bishop Nulty will announce the total from all the parishes in the diocese soon and we will publish it here when we get it. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.



March For Life Ireland 2024 The 'March for Life' is organised by the Pro Life Campaign. Shining a spotlight on Ireland's abortion law, calling for positive supports for mothers and fostering a culture of life this year's march will take place in Dublin from St. Stephen's Green To Leinster House on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2:00pm, 2024 – Let's Make A Difference Together.



WELCOME – All-Ireland Drama Finals. Beginning next Thursday evening (18th) the All-Ireland Amateur Drama (Confined) Finals take place in the Mountmellick Community Arts Centre. This is a great honour for the town, and we congratulate the Mountmellick Drama Group as the group chosen to host this year's finals. Amateur Drama Groups from far and near will present their work in the hope of winning the coveted 1st place and being crowned All Ireland Champions. Good luck to all!

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Masses: Philomena Farrell, Acragar, mass on Thursday April 18th at 7.30pm.

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

Frances Feely, Ashgrove, Margaret & Patrick Carroll, Wolfetone St., John & Sheila Lynn, Harbour St., Sean Comerford, Davin Park, Micéal Culliton, Grange Lodge, John & Bridie Greene, Connolly St., Fintan & Teresa Lawlor, Parnell St., Seamus Gorman, Graigue, Anne Buggy, Acragar, Noel Bentley, The Rock, Michael Bogan, Chapel St., Jackie Doyle, Emmet St., Rihanna Cooper, Pattison Est., Jim & Josie Quigley, Derryguile, Jim Carroll, St. Joseph's Tce., Mick Mulhall, Wolfetone Court, Thomas O'Neill, Emmet Tce., James Dempsey, Emmet Tce., Brenda Lawlor, Chapel St., Mary Bergin, Emmet Tce.,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday April 20th & 21st: Dympna Kelly nee Ward, formerly Acragar, John & Eileen Deffew, Emmet St., William, Elizabeth & Edith Deffew, O'Moore St.,

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Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday April 6th & 7th
Envelopes: €1,065
Baskets: €875

**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".

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 10th.

Jackpot Numbers: 10:15:25:28: No Jackpot winner:
10 Matched '3' - €100 each.
Next weeks Jackpot is: €14,000

Winner

Mary Thompson

Promoter

Mary Thompson

LOURDES 2024 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

30th July, 2024 for 7 nights. €995 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing. **Deposits are now required.**

For information, bookings and details, contact Eleanor @ 087 7670915.

THANK YOU

The family of the late John Hennessy wish to thank all those who offered sympathy and support on the occasion of their recent bereavement.

GIVE BLOOD - SAVE A LIFE

St. Patrick's BNS, Davitt Road, Mountmellick.

Thursday April 18th from 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment.

CINEMA NIGHT

in aid of **Radio Maria** in the Balcony Cinema, Mountmellick next Tuesday April 16th at 8.15pm showing the classic film 'The Song of Bernadette', Donation €10.

Booking only with Antoinette at 086 0803047 between 9.15am - 1.30pm and 7pm to 9pm.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "**Battle over Britain**" on Wednesday April 17th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

**Kildare & Leighlin Pilgrimage Day
in Knock, June 2nd.**

Join Bishop Nulty and the Kildare and Leighlin family in Knock on June 2nd.

Bus details and more to follow.

Our Lady, Queen of Knock, pray for us.

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday & Tuesday April 15th & 16th.**

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday April 20th & 21st

7.30pm: Michael Feely

11.00am: Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday April 20th & 21st

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh & Anna Reddin

11.00am: Antoinette Makim & Paddy Buggy

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...

Maisie Gorman, Derrycloney,

"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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