



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**Sunday April 21st, 2024**

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### **Message from Pope Francis for World Day of Prayer for Vocations - 'pilgrims of hope and builders of peace'.**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life..... To young people, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him..... Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! *(Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter).*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is also known as '**Good Shepherd Sunday**' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction when he asked us: 'Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest'. *(Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)*. Please pray that many men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have many who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.



#### **Prayer for Favourable Weather**

God our Father, we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace. We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with the favourable weather which we so badly need at this time, especially for our farming community and all others whose livelihoods depend on it.

Grant them strength and perseverance in their work. In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment, knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life. Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them,

recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life.

Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of the earth and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it. May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Courtesy of Bishop Ger Nash, Diocese of Ferns)*

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Masse:** Johnny Murphy, Emmet Street, mass on Tuesday April 23rd at 7.30pm.

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

Liam & Una Brophy, Bay Road, Anthony Conroy, Derryguile, Thomas Lawlor, Harbour St., Elizabeth Delaney, Manor Lane, Elizabeth & George Sheehy, Esther & Barney Flood, Margaret Chambers, Emmet Tce., Elizabeth Gorman, Hill 60, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Derryguile, Sr. Catherine O'Rourke, Derryguile, Anthony O'Neill, Twomey Park, Nicholas & Mary-Ann Dunne, Bridie Healion, O'Moore St.

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday April 27th & 28th:** Francis Utter, Andre Utter, Bernadette O'Rourke, Derryguile, Gregory Murray, Graigue, Bernard & Susan Dalton, Nyra, Anastasia Mulhall, Emmet Tce.,

*Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday April 13th & 14th

Envelopes: €880

Baskets: €980

**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](http://www.mountmellickparish.ie)

#### CHEQUES CHEQUES

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to "Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account".

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 17th.

Jackpot Numbers: 1:7:14:24: No Jackpot winner:

13 Matched '3' - €77 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €15,000

No Mountmellick Winner

### Ministers of the Word Saturday/Sunday April 27th & 28th

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

### Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday April 27th & 28th

7.30pm: Carol McAuley & Bernadette Clear

11.00am: Ellen Coss & Mona Conroy

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

Join Bishop Nulty and the Kildare and Leighlin family in Knock on June 2nd. Names now been taken call to the parish office or phone 057 8624390 (seat €20). Bus leaving Mountmellick at 8.30am. Our Lady, Queen of Knock, pray for us.

### 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 contact Fr. Murphy @ 057 8679302.

### 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...**

**Aoife Rochford, 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."



### 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.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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### BINGO BINGO

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre

**THERE WILL BE NO BINGO THIS SUNDAY EVENING (April 21st).**

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#### LOST

A set of keys were lost in College Avenue during the week, if found could you please leave them into the Parish Office.