



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday December 15th,
2024



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The Synodal Pathway...



communion participation mission

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‘Gaudete Sunday’ - Dec 15h - Advent Joy



This third Sunday of Advent we call ‘Rejoice’ (*Gaudete*) Sunday as we move closer to the feast of Christmas. We will light the third, pink candle on the wreath. The light of our faith grows ever more, reminding us that God’s light overcomes all darkness. In today’s Gospel John the Baptist was grounded in his certain belief of the coming saviour who would bring, joy, peace and justice. He dedicated his life to calling people to repentance, so that they might be better able to respond and believe in the Good News. We pray this week for the grace to be like John, to proclaim Christ and the joyous Good News to a world that desperately needs it. As a praying community, we know we are loved by a joyful God. With that same joy, let us share this love with others.



SUNDAY EVENINGS IN ADVENT HOLY HOUR – 7.00pm

Each Sunday 7.00pm. St. Joseph’s Parish Church. A time of quiet, reflection, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the ‘presence’, ‘mercy’ and ‘communion’ of God. All welcome. ‘Maranatha – ‘Come, Lord Jesus’

Christmas Penance Service.



Our Christmas Confession Service will be held on Wednesday Dec 18th at 7.30pm. with visiting priests attending to help out. O my God I am heartily sorry.....



GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion

We continue to welcome in a particular way those children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion for the first time next Communion year. Our focus today is on helping them learn how to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. May we all try our best to keep our focus on Jesus and help children everywhere welcome his Bethlehem birth.



Christmas Carol Service -

Presented by St. Joseph’s Sunday Choir,
 Director: Tatyana Vykhotseva, Sunday Dec. 22nd
 7.00pm St. Joseph’s Parish Church.

“O come all ye faithful, come and behold him, Christ the Lord”.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: P J Conlon, Parnell Street, Jackie Burke, Cullenbeg, mass on Tuesday Dec 17th at 7.30pm,
1st Anniversary Mass: Michael O'Neill, Emmet Tce., Nancy Connolly, Ashgrove, mass on Thursday December 19th at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:
Martha & Joe Hayden, Bay Road, Ursula O'Reilly, Mullaganhard, P. J. Mitchell, Pearse St., Maureen Phillips, Patrick St, Tom Phillips, Sheila Finlay, Acragar, Frances Fox nee Storey, Kay Bracken Dunne, Garoon, Martin Deegan, Hill 60, John Ging, Brittas, Peter Corcoran, Clonmoylan, Eddie Bracken, Garryhinch Cross, Frank Lawlor, Wolfetone Court & Aughans, William & Bridget Keane, Thomas, Peter & William Flanagan, Patrick Dunne, Davitt Road, Bridie & Tim Keenan, Harbour St., Joan & Frank Kelly, Rosenallis, Rita & Joseph Murphy, Emo, Margaret & Andrew O'Neill, Connolly St., Catherine Delaney, Salthouse Lane,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday December 21st & 22nd: Myrl McNabb, Emmet St., Mary Dempsey, Kirwan Park, Tony Payne, Station Road, Michael & Frances Payne, Station Road,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday December 8th
Baskets:€700 - Envelopes: €900

**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".

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.

Welcome to our newly baptised...

Emmanuella Chinedy, College Avenue,

"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."

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention - For pilgrims of hope - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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New Child Safeguarding Policy 2024

"A Safe and Welcoming Church – Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2024". www.safeguarding.ie

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday Dec 21st & 22nd

7.30pm: Padraig O'Toole

11.00am: Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Dec 21st & 22nd

7.30pm: Gillian Colgan & Bernadette Clear

11.00am: Paddy Buggy & Bernie Reddin



MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday December 11th

Jackpot Numbers: 1:2:25:28:

No Jackpot winner.

8 Matched '3' - €125 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €20,000

Name

Promoter

No Mountmellick Winner

If you would like to donate flowers, holly, ivy and/or poinsettia for the Altar in St. Joseph's Church for Christmas, they can be left into the Parish Office by Friday Dec. 20th.



Thank you.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Wednesday 18th December, will show

" The Man Who Invented Christmas " at 8.00pm.

Adm: €5. Refreshments served.

TABLE QUIZ

We are holding a Table Quiz in the Hollow Bar on Friday December 20th at 9.00pm in aid of **Mountmellick Meals on Wheels.**

Mountmellick Employment Resource

CLG have vacancies in Mountmellick and Rosenallis for a various positions. Please contact 085 1963887 for details.

"BINGO BINGO"

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre
this Sunday evening at **8.00pm. Check!!**