

## ***Mountmellick Parish Newsletter***

***4th Sunday of Advent - 20th December, 2020***

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### CHRISTMAS

The schedule for Christmas Masses is as follows:

#### St. Joseph's Parish Church

Christmas Eve 7.00pm (full), 9.00pm (full) and 11.00pm

Christmas Morning 8.00am, 10.00am (full) and 12noon (nearly full).

#### St. Mary's Clonaghadoo

Christmas Eve 9.00pm (full)

Christmas Morning 10.00am (full).

### **THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S MASS THIS YEAR**

**TICKETS CHRISTMAS EVE:** There are no tickets left for Christmas Eve 7.00pm in The Parish Church, Christmas Eve 9.00pm in The Parish Church, or Christmas Eve 9.00pm in Clonaghadoo.

**TICKETS CHRISTMAS DAY:** There are no tickets left now for Christmas Day 10.00am in The Parish Church, a small few for Christmas Day 12noon in The Parish Church, and none for Christmas Day 10.00am in Clonaghadoo.

**As the health and well-being of everyone must be our first consideration, we would ask that only those with tickets attend at both churches. If you do not have a ticket, please join any of the masses via our Parish Radio and Webcam services.**

**THE CRIB:** After mass please do not assemble in small or large groups around the church's Cribs – such close gatherings are potentially super-spreaders for Covid and dangerous to everybody. The churches will be open during the day for people to make Crib visits in a safer way.

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS

In what must be the strangest Christmas for many a year all our thoughts are very much divided between keeping safe and remembering the many losses thrust upon us by the effects of Covid 19.

The combination both tugs at our hearts and calls out the absolute best from us. Our strength and togetherness have got us this far and we can look forward with hope and confidence to 2021.

From a humble beginning in a stable Jesus, whose birth we celebrate on Friday, would become our Saviour, friend, and Good News. May you and your family know His many blessings and graces as you celebrate Christmas 2020.

Thanks to everyone who has been there for us and for the parish in so many ways these past months – staff and volunteers. Your support, thoughtfulness and commitment are greatly appreciated. We wish you a safe and happy Christmas. Le gach dea ghuí i gcomhair na

Nollag agus na hAthbhliana.

***Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy, Fr. MacNamara.***



**REMEMBERING OUR  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

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

Jack Hickey, Chapel Street,  
Patsy Walsh, Irishtown & Cappabeg,  
Eddie Bracken, Garryhinch Cross,  
Kitty Kelly, Irishtown,  
Kathleen Conroy, Chapel Street,  
William Carroll, Manor Grove,  
Frances & Mick Payne, Station Road,  
Maureen Phillips, Patrick Street,  
The Phelan Family, Davitt Road,  
Martin, Kathleen, Hugh & Martin Jnr  
Hibbitts, Acragar,  
Mai O'Riordan, Davitt Road,  
Joseph O'Rourke Snr, Derryguile,  
Martin Gordon, Caltra, Galway,  
Elizabeth & Harry O'Sullivan,  
Irishtown,  
Tim & Bridie Keenan, Harbour Street,  
Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons,  
Jack Hunt, Emmet Tee.,  
Margaret & Andrew O'Neill, Connolly  
Street,  
Rita & Joseph Murphy, Emo,  
Martin Deegan, Hill 60,  
Patrick, Kathleen & Grace McGarr,  
Hill 60,  
Kathleen Culliton, Grange Lodge,  
Margaret, Michael, Paddy, Jim, John  
Joe & Michael Jnr Whelan, Connolly  
Street,  
*For those whose anniversaries occur at  
this time and for whom Mass will be  
offered next weekend 26th & 27th  
December:*

Noel & Patricia Lynch, Chapel Street,  
Joseph Fitzgibbon, Irishtown,  
Michael & Ellen Murphy, Chapel St.

*Masses available on parish webcam or  
church radio.*

**PARISH RADIO AND  
WEBCAM SERVICE.**

Masses will be celebrated as follows,  
and available via our parish radio  
and parish webcam service.

**MASSES**

Monday Dec 21st 10.00am.  
Tues 22nd 7.30pm.  
Weds 23rd 10.00am.

Christmas Masses as per schedule.

Sat 26th Dec 11.00am and 7.30pm  
Vigil Mass; Sun 27th Dec 11.00am.

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH**

Sat/Sun 12th & 13th Dec

Baskets: €750

Envelopes: €1,440

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all those who, this  
week, have returned Weekly  
Envelopes, Station Envelopes and  
Giving Sunday Envelopes.

**DONATING ONLINE**

Visit our parish website to  
donate online. Thank You.

**CHEQUES CHEQUES**

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

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH  
LOTTO**

Results for Wed. December 16th

Jackpot Numbers: 3:18:20:24:

Jackpot winner €20,000

"Lucky Numbers" - Promoter  
Frances Hibbitts, Mountmellick

Next week's Jackpot is: €10,000  
4 Match '3' - €42

**Winner:**

Joe Dalton  
Mollie Dalton  
Eamonn Comerford  
Eddie & John Duff

**Promoter**

D. Lawlor  
M. Phelan  
C. Lindley  
E. Duff

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat/Sun 26th & 27th Dec

7.30pm: John Payne &  
Elizabeth Moore

11.00am: Bernie Reddin &  
Ellen Coss

**READERS**

Ministers of the Word

Sat/Sun 26th & 27th Dec

7.30pm: Fiona Walsh  
11.00am: Mona Conroy

**Parish Office Hours**

Mon (21st), Tues (22nd) and  
Weds (23rd) from  
10.30am to 1.00pm &  
3.00pm to 4.30pm.

Re-opens after Christmas on  
Wednesday 30th.

**Samaritans - WE ARE HERE  
FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS**

Every hour, every day, a Samaritan  
is waiting to answer your call. This  
Christmas our volunteers will be  
here to listen 24/7, allowing you to  
talk without judgement, to relieve  
distress and reach a better  
understanding of your situation.  
We hear from men and women of  
all ages who feel stressed, lonely,  
bereaved, have family or financial  
worries, or are suicidal.  
Please don't suffer in silence. We  
are here today, and all over  
Christmas, on freephone 116 123

**PARISH WEBSITE**

Our parish website has got a major facelift



recently and the new-look site  
is now 'live'. While there are  
some changes to be completed  
still, we hope you will find the  
site informative and

helpful. One very practical  
feature on it makes secure and easy to use  
online donations very accessible. People are  
extensively using 'online payments' these days  
and so we hope you will avail of this facility to  
continue your support of the parish's  
finances. Thank you.