

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

The 2nd Sunday after The Nativity - 3rd January, 2021

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COVID 19

From December 26th all masses will be celebrated behind closed doors. Thank you for your understanding.

Sun Jan 3rd The Word was made flesh, he lived among us.

St. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.' 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God who is a God of love. As we pray on this first Sunday of the New Year, we place our hope and trust in God.



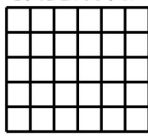
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday Jan 6th

**Mass Times via Radio and Webcam only:
11.00am and 7.30pm**

Some say there is a bit of the three wise visitors from the East in all of us. Seekers and stargazers, wanderers and wonderers refusing to settle for some kind of comfortable indifference –ar'ha we'll be all right!! We won't! We want to find, discover and embrace all that's good and holy, true and kind, fair and generous. We too search. We follow stars to great things but sometimes to nothing at all. We seek out where the truth is, where God is, where is it we can offer our gifts to the Holy One. Our searching is blessed by those who help out when the going is really tough, by those who as friends walk and search with us, by those who are wise and guide us to good things.

CALENDAR



2021 PARISH CALENDAR

Later this week the 2021 Parish Calendar will be available to pick up at the back of the churches.

A NEW YEAR BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you. May the Lord
uncover his face to you and
bring you peace. Amen.

**REMEMBERING OUR
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

1st Anniversary Mass:

Joe Blanc, Pattisons Estate, mass on Thursday January 7th (behind closed doors) at 7.30pm.

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

Attracta (Trac) O'Brien, Cappalug; Patrick & Maura Bishop, St. Joseph's Terrace; Joe & Ellen Daly, Wolfetone Street; Molly Conroy & Essie Hyland, Clonaslee; Edward & Brigid Murphy, Emmet Street; Ann Kelly, Davin Park; Denis & Margaret Whelan, Clonsaughey; Peg Williams, Parnell Street; William & Joseph Dickinson, Derryguile; William Horan, Strahard; Joe Dalton, Dernacart; Katheen Thompson.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend 9th & 10th January.

Denis Quinn, Harbour Street; Dora Mitchell, Clonterry; P. J. Dempsey, Davin Park; Jack & Mary Whelan, Sarsfield Street; Elizabeth Horan, Ballyfin; Daniel Williams, Patrick Street; Joseph & Kathleen McNamara. Tom & Kathleen Hall. Elizabeth Reynolds.

Masses available on Parish Webcam or Parish Radio.

Holy Hour

You are warmly invited to our Holy Hour of Prayer and Reflection, including the Rosary from 8.00pm to 9.00pm this Sunday (3rd) evening via Webcam and Parish Radio. Together we pray....

READERS

Sat/Sun 9th & 10th January

7.30pm: Carol McAuley
11.00am: Vincent McEvoy

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH
LOTTO**

The Next Lotto Draw will take place on Wednesday January 6th.



**2021 Boxes
of Envelopes**

Many thanks to all for the support shared throughout what was a very difficult 2020. The 2021 boxes of Parish Envelopes are available for collection at the back of both churches this weekend and throughout the week.

The weekly envelope contributions significantly help with the running of the parish and we appreciate every one of them. Please take a box and contribute as your means will allow during the coming year.

*** On our parish website www.mountmellickparish.ie there is an option to make 'online' contributions which might suit some people. Many thanks.

**PARISH RADIO AND
WEBCAM SERVICE.**

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

Monday Jan 4th 10.00am.

Tues 5th 7.30pm.

Weds 6th 11.00am. & 7.30pm

Thurs 7th 7.30pm

Fri 8th 10am

Sat Jan 9th 7.30pm Vigil Mass;
Sun Jan 10th 11.00am.

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

If you have a baby for Baptism, please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office. The parish office will contact you to make appropriate arrangements.

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FUNERALS

The Govt. guidance on the numbers who, for public health reasons, should attend funerals is 10. This restriction is very difficult particularly for bereaved families and our consideration for them must be paramount. Extended family, neighbours and friends can, during these challenging times, offer their condolences in a variety of ways.

Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated. Thank you.

**MOUNTMELICK
PARISH**

Sat/Sun 26th & 27th Dec

Baskets: €815

Envelopes: €2,425

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all for your generous support during 2020. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

CHEQUES CHEQUES

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



**Getting Married
in 2021**

If you're planning to be married here are some important things to remember. While you need only give four months notice of your intention to marry it is common practice for a couple to book the church a long time in advance.

So please contact the Parish Office (057 8624390) to check if the church is available on the day you require. No dates will be reserved until our 'booking/registration' form is completed. You will also need to participate in a marriage preparation course - for details see (www.accord.ie).

The Government also has important requirements which must be fulfilled; most importantly you have to give the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages at least 3 months notice of your intentions to marry.