

Sun June 16<sup>th</sup>  
2024  
DAY FOR LIFE

## 'Day for Life'

**"The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and Hope  
at the End of Life"**

'Day for Life Sunday' is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024>

*Lord "we proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night" (Psalm 91). Be with us, as we accompany, in the morning and in the night, our sisters and brothers who live with terminal illness. Help us to be, for them, witnesses of your faithful love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Graduations.** Many schools will have ceremonies and prayer services to mark the final days of their 6th Class pupils in the coming weeks. For them all, a thoughtful reflection. God has given us the power To create beauty, To make another smile, To be a healing presence in someone's sorrow, To bring justice to the oppressed, To console people in difficulty, To bring joy and peace to others, To help people in need, To laugh and enjoy life, To do good and turn from evil, To forgive those who have hurt us And, most of all to love. Amen.

### CEMETERY MASSES 2024 CEMETERY MASSES 2024

Clonaghadoo Cemetery - Sunday July 7th at 1.00pm. (there will be no 9.00am mass that morning).

**St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar - Sunday July 21st at 1.00pm.**

Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 5th - 7.30pm  
**Please share the time and dates with family and friends who might wish to attend.**

### Sunday Evening Devotions

For the Sunday evenings of June (7.00pm to 7.30pm), there will be, in the Parish Church, devotions/prayers dedicated to honouring The Sacred Heart and a time for quiet reflection and adoration before The Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.



## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Mass:** Maria Quinn, Camira, mass on Tuesday June 18th at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Mass:** Pat Kearns, Briar Lane, mass on Thursday June 20th at 7.30pm.

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

William Murphy, Emmet St., Catherine Comerford, Manor Lane, John McEvoy, Bay Road, Jim Kearns, Briar Lane, Cheryl Delea, Lord Edward St., Jim, Mary & Liam Kinch, St. Joseph's Tce., John Joe Lawlor, Aughans & London, Ann Darcy, Sarsfield St., Tim & Eileen O'Connor, Coolagh, Seamus Connolly, Ashgrove, Dan Byrne, Jack Geoghegan, Mary Callaghan, Twomey Park, John, Mary, Larry, Pauge & Josie Callaghan, Paddy & Marcella Byrne, Wolfetone St., John & Ann Lynch, Portlaoise, Peter Holohan, St. Joseph's Tce., Deceased members of the Foran Family, Irishtown, Liam & Carmel Hibbitts, New Road, William & Ann Peake, Avolia, John Reddin, Brittas, Matthew Byrne, Wolfetone St., Alice Feery, Pattison Est., Billy Delaney, Derrycloney,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday June 22nd & 23rd:** Maureen Smith, Lord Edward St.,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday June 8th & 9th

Envelopes: €725

Baskets: €1,190

**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".

### Ministers of the Word

**Saturday/Sunday June 22nd & 23rd**

**7.30pm:** Carol McAuley

**11.00am:** Bernie Reddin

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Saturday/Sunday June 22nd & 23rd**

**7.30pm:** Oliver Ging & Fiona Walsh

**11.00am:** Mary Walsh & Ellen Coss

### Congratulations



To John Ijere & Ogamegbunem Ijere who married in St. Joseph's Church, on Saturday June 8th.

May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.

### 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...

**Kaylum Grumbley, Macklone,**

"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."

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday June 12th.

Jackpot Numbers: 4:18:22:26:

No Jackpot winner.

15 Matched '3' - €67 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €20,000

#### Winner

Anthony Ging

Michael & Frances O'Loughlin

#### Promoter

Eamonn Comerford

Carol Lindley

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "The Taste Of Things" on June 19th at 8.00pm.

Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

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### MISSION ALIVE

The annual Mission Alive cake sale and coffee morning will take place on Friday June 28th in Fr. N. Dunphy's house.

from 10am to 12.30pm. All donations of confectionery and raffle prizes will be most welcome on the morning of sale.

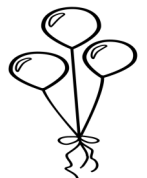
All proceeds go to the orphan project in Lusaka in Zambia.

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For all your clothing alterations contact Sharon @ 085 8728239 or 20 Lord Edward Street.

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Happy  
Father's  
Day



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