



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday July 14th, 2024

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**Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
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“Take nothing for your journey except a staff”

Our readings this week invite us to reflect on the wonder of being chosen to be part of God’s plan. In the first we hear how Amos, a shepherd, responds to God’s call to bear witness. Despite not being welcomed, he stands his ground, knowing that he has been given his mission by the Lord. The writer of the Psalm, giving thanks for the blessings his people have received, rejoices in the peace, justice, mercy, faithfulness and prosperity that God gives to those who trust in him. The Gospel text relates how Jesus sends out his disciples to teach his message of love and forgiveness. Carrying nothing but a staff, they are to trust that they will find welcome and hospitality in many places and stay undeterred by the rejection they will find elsewhere. This week we pray for the wisdom and insight to recognise the call of the Lord in our own lives. However ill-equipped we might feel, we ask for the courage and strength to step out, safe in the knowledge that we are never alone, and that God will provide for us.

Sunday Evening Devotions - For the Sunday evenings of July.

Praying for Peace. All are welcome between 7.00pm and 7.30pm each Sunday evening to ‘pray for peace’. There will also be time for quiet personal reflection and adoration before The Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Francis’ Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

CEMETERY MASSES 2024

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



Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 5th - 7.30pm.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Masses: Barbara Michalec, Ballacollig & David Goode, Acragar, mass on Thursday July 18th at 7.30pm.

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

Vincent Colgan, Manor Lane, Jim Moss, Derrycloney, Catherine, James & Sean Doyle, Lord Edward St., Florence Flanagan, Patrick St., Pdraig Scully, Lord Edward St., Jim Hourigan, Harbour St., Breda Payne, Acragar, John & Nora Kirwan, Pearce St., J. & Mary Maher, Margaret Scully, St. Joseph's Tce., Sadie Delaney, Derrycloney, Lill Quigley, Emmet Tce., William Fitzpatrick, Strahard, Johnny & Kevin Martin,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday July 20th & 21st: Liam Murray, Willow Grove,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday July 6th & 7th

Envelopes: €1410

Baskets: €655

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".

"Immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord"

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" – launched on 11th of June 2024

The policy reminds us that – Safeguarding is core to the Mission of the Church. Consistent with Gospel values, all who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus. You can access the policy by visiting the Diocesan website kandle.ie or via the National Board website. Implementation of the new policy has already started and will continue over the remainder of 2024.

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...

**Marissa-Mae Keenan, Silverbrook,
Lilah Deegan, Cullenwood,**

"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."

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday July 20th & 21st

7.30pm: Bernadette Clear

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

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7.30pm: Bernadette Clear & Dolores Fitzgerald

11.00am: Ellen Coss & Mary Walsh

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday July 10th.

Jackpot Numbers: 5:6:8:20:

No Jackpot winner.

31 Matched '3' - €33 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €20,000

Winner

J.F.K.C.A. Clan

Michael Conroy

Betty & Daragh Conroy

Margaret Bradford

Eddie Coss

Promoter

Michael Burke

McElwee's

Betty Conroy

Margaret Bradford

Emmet Stores

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Due to the renovation of our premises, there will be no movie at the Balcony Cinema for the next two weeks. We will be back in operation for the Wednesday 31st July.

PARISH OFFICE

**The Parish Office will be closed
on Monday July 15th.**

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