



## Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday July 21st, 2024

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#### HE CAME TO BRING THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

The shepherding care of God is a central theme of today's readings. This divine shepherding brings reconciliation and ends false separation. Jeremiah in our 1<sup>st</sup> reading shows great courage as he castigates the rulers of his day, describing them as corrupt, irresponsible shepherds. But he also foresees that God will raise up other shepherds with integrity, who will be true leaders of their people. This prophesy is fulfilled in the Gospel, where Jesus sees the people as 'sheep without a shepherd'. His loving concern for them reveals him as the Good Shepherd, who offers food for hearts and souls and bodies. He also tends the tired apostles, inviting them to rest awhile, affirming a balanced life that includes times of reflection and rest as well as activity. Today's Psalm is the famous song of confidence and trust in the Lord as 'my shepherd': the God who is with his people in times of both challenge, and of rest and celebration. This week, we pray for peace for innocent victims of war throughout our polarised world, and ask for the individual and collective courage and humility that leads to forgiveness and reconciliation. Let us also follow the invitation of Jesus when we can: *'Come ... rest for a while in my presence ...'*

#### 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.

#### MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord. And where there is doubt true faith in You.  
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light. And where there's sadness ever joy.  
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

#### Ss Joachim and Ann, Fri July 26<sup>th</sup> + Knock July 28<sup>th</sup>

The apple does not fall far from the tree! Tradition tells us that the names of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary were Joachim and Ann. Tradition also says that Joachim and Ann took their daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem when she was very young. They understood that Mary was a special child, so they dedicated her to God. They have been honoured in the Church from early Christian times. By looking at Mary, their child, we can figure out several things about them. They must have set the example that Mary followed to become the loving, gentle, faith-filled, courageous woman she was—the perfect woman to bear and raise the Son of God. The couple were the holy, heroic ones who faithfully prepared for the coming of the Messiah. Because Joachim and Ann were the grandparents of Jesus, they are the patrons of grandparents.

This year's Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday next, July 28<sup>th</sup>. The Principal Celebrant on the day will be Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland. Ceremonies in the Basilica will commence with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "Do Not Cast Me Off In My Old Age" (Psalm 71:9).

#### CEMETERY MASSES 2024

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

Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 5th - 7.30pm.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

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

Evelyn McEvoy, Garoon & Clonaslee, Sean Horan, Irishtown, Tom Forde, Acragar, Kathleen Christie, Connolly St., Patsy Murphy, Garoon, Maureen & Pat Carroll, Michael McCormack, Hill 60, Ambrose Hanson, Ashgrove, Ellen, William, Ben, Andy & Peter Conroy, Mary Costello (nee Conroy) & Eileen Grumley (nee Conroy), Margaret Corcoran, Clonmoylan, Brian Burke, Harbour St., John Walsh, Railway View, Patrick Sexton, Town Parks, Teresa O'Mahony, Emmet Road, Brigid & Francis Byrne, Lord Edward St., Paddy Feery, Ashgrove,

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday July 27th & 28th:* Andy Dunne, Emmet St., Maureen Dunne, Patrick St., Josephine Quinn, Harbour St., Ben Connolly, Connolly St.,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday July 13th & 14th

Envelopes: €835

Baskets: €770

**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".

### 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...**

**Noah Sexton, Lord Edward Street,  
Cade Preston. 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."

### Ministers of the Word

**Saturday/Sunday July 27th & 28th**

**7.30pm:** Sr. Ann Walsh

**11.00am:** Vincent McEvoy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Saturday/Sunday July 27th & 28th**

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

**11.00am:** Bernie Reddin & Michael Gormley

***"The Eucharist is God's response to  
the deepest hunger of the human  
heart"***

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

#### Designated Liaison Person &

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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](http://kandle.ie) or via the National Board website. Implementation of the new policy has already started and will continue over the remainder of 2024.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday July 17th.

Jackpot Numbers: 15:17:25:26:

No Jackpot winner.

8 Matched '3' - €125 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €20,000

**NO MOUNTMELICK WINNER**

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "Can You Ever Forgive Me" on

Wednesday July 24th at 8.00pm.

Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

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#### "BINGO BINGO"

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre

this Sunday evening at **8.00pm. Check!!**

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#### Clonaghadoo PATH Support Group

will accept donations of practical and non-perishable items for their work with homeless people across Dublin and the surrounding area. A basket, for donated items, is located inside the door of Clonaghadoo Church. Further details: Annette @ 085 1018988, Ann @ 085 8427064, Dolores @ 087 6255735. Thank you.

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**Reek Sunday, July 28th.** Safe journey and best wishes to all who may scale Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain next week.