



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday August 4th, 2024

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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's 1st reading tells how the people of Israel were grumbling about the painful new life they were living in the desert. God heard their cry and gave them all that they needed to survive. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us: he doesn't want followers who are just looking for material security and a guarantee of plenty of food to eat. Following Jesus requires a more radical response. Our true spiritual food isn't manna from heaven; rather it is to be found in a personal encounter with the risen Christ, the Bread of Life and truth eternal. We are invited to be transformed by the Bread of Life, made flesh in Jesus, and present in the word of God. As we consider the meaning of this week's scripture readings, we pray for a spirit of complete transformation and renewal in ourselves, and in our faith communities. May we have the grace to remain sustained by the life-giving word of God.

Congratulations Bishop Nulty.

It was on Sunday August 4th, 2013, that Bishop Nulty took up his appointment in our diocese. A native of Slane, Co. Meath, Denis Nulty was ordained a priest for Meath diocese on June 12th, 1988. On his appointment as our bishop, he took the motto "Serve the Lord with Gladness" a pledge he has kept very faithfully. We wish him many more years of good health and fruitful ministry in Kildare and Leighlin.

The Transfiguration of the Lord – Aug 6th.

Before his death on Calvary Jesus took three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John up a high mountain— probably Mount Tabor. There, while the apostles watched, Jesus' face began to shine much more brightly than the sun. His garments became as white as snow. Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here". Then the apostles heard a voice saying, "***This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!***" In this 'moment' Jesus gave these apostles a glimpse of his divine identity in order to strengthen their faith in preparation for the ordeals of his coming passion and death.

St. John Vianney, Aug 4th. The Curé of Ars.

A few years after he was ordained (1815) John Vianney was assigned to Ars, a village of about 50 families in France. Within a few years, Father Vianney was spending 10 - 15 hours a day in the confessional. He slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. People from all over France and other countries came to consult him. Renowned for his hard, yet simple, way of prayer, fasting, and penance The 'Curé of Ars' died on Aug 4th, 1859, at the age of 73. He was canonized in 1925 and is the patron saint of parish priests.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

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

Jim Delaney, Derryguile, Jack O'Rourke, Twomey Park, Maureen Murphy, Emmet St., Paschal Kearney, Sarsfield St., Kathleen O'Neill, Twomey Park, Gabrielle & Peter Fitzgibbon, Irishtown, Billy Delaney, Derryguile, Mick & Nora Carroll, Castlebrack, Dora & Michael Byrne, O'Moore Forest, Sean Horan, Irishtown, Elizabeth (Betty) Young, Grove Park, Donogh O'Brien, O'Moore St., Patrick O'Brien, Darren Horan, Graigue, Kathleen Smyth (nee Lawlor), Kirwan Park & Aughans, Linda Smith, St. Joseph's Tce., John & Bridget O'Connell, Paul & Bridget O'Connell,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday August 10th & 11th: Michael Dunne, Chapel St., Colette Conroy, Dangans,

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Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday July 27th & 28th

Envelopes: €1,740

Baskets: €985

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".

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...

Tommy Lee McInerney, Twomey Park.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday August 10th & 11th

7.30pm: Carol McAuley

11.00am: Pascal Hanrahan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday August 10th & 11th

7.30pm: Sebastian Kopijka & Bernadette Clear

11.00am: Paddy Buggy & Michael Gormley

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday July 31st.

Jackpot Numbers: 3:4:20:29:

No Jackpot winner.

14 Matched '3' - €72 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €20,000.

Winner

Cathy Bishop

Edwina Hoey

Promoter

C. Lindley

E. Duff



Congratulations

To Conor Comiskey & Kaitlyn O'Mara who married in St. Joseph's Church, on Thursday August 1st.

May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.

CEMETERY MASS



**Ivy Cemetery - this Monday
August 5th at 7.30pm.**

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. You can access the policy by visiting the Diocesan website www.kandle.ie or via the National Board website, www.safeguarding.ie

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

THANK YOU

The family of the late Denis Carbery wish to thank all those who offered sympathy and support on the occasion of their recent bereavement.

Sunday Evening Devotions

All are welcome between 7.00pm and 7.30pm this Sunday evening in the parish church for devotions and prayers. There will also be time for quiet personal reflection and adoration before The Blessed Sacrament.

The annual **Step by Step to Feed the Next Child - Mary's Meals** walk from Kilkenny to Knock will start at the **Church of St John the Evangelist Kilkenny** on **Wednesday 7th of August** and continue with a planned overnight in Portlaoise on the 8th, **leaving the next day on the 9th and onwards through Mountmellick to overnight in Killeigh.**

Please contact **Josephine Donaghey, Route Co-Ordinator** on **087/2037173**, if you would like to get involved.