



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday August 11th, 2024

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Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

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"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven". This Sunday's readings show God's loving kindness and care for us, calling us to live with love. In the 1st reading, God hears Elijah as he cries out, despondent and wanting to give up. God reaches out to him through an angel, who offers food and water and encourages him to eat. This sustains Elijah, giving him the strength to continue his journey. Similarly, Jesus desires to sustain us in our journey. In the Gospel he reveals himself to the complaining Jews – and to us – as the 'bread of life'. To those who are willing to be drawn to him, Jesus desires to be our comfort, our nourishment, our joy and our strength. He feeds us through our faith and our trust in him. The bread that he offers, his own body and way of life, gives life forever. Today we pray that we may always be open to God's tender care, and to savour the goodness God gives in our lives.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug 15th.

Thursday, Aug 15th, is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses for the day are at 11.00am and 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Parish Church.

Mary as the first and preeminent disciple of Christ, who hears the word of God and keeps it in her heart, would, in a totally unique way, be the first to receive the blessing and privilege of resurrection. Join us for mass to celebrate this special feast next Thursday.

National Novena, Knock Shrine, 2024

'Whispering with God'....How Do You Pray?

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place from 14th to 22nd of August. Daily ceremonies take place at 3pm and 8pm. Workshops take place at 12.45pm each day. The theme for this year's Novena is 'Whispering with God'....How Do You Pray? Guest Speakers include Dr. Austen Ivereigh (14th) biographer of Pope Francis, 3pm & 8pm; Irish singer-songwriter Donna Taggart (17th) 8.00pm; Bishop Kevin Doran (18th), 3pm; Sr. Orla Treacy, Loreto, (19th), 3pm & 8pm. All details on www.knockshrine.ie



St. Paul's Church of Ireland are planning a wonderful trip down memory lane, where they are hoping to hold an exhibition of as many wedding dresses as possible from the brides of St. Pauls over the last 100 years. The exhibition will tell the story of each dress. We hope to be able to highlight the changes that have taken place over the 100 years in styles and stories. We are also planning to close the 4-day (5th September to 8th September) event with a service of praise and thanksgiving. This is where you are invited to take part. Vote for your favourite wedding hymn. We are asking all members of the public to come on board and vote for your favourite wedding hymn.

We would love to know why you have chosen the hymn and why it means so much to you. The top 6 hymns with the highest votes will be sung during the service which will take place on Sunday 8th September 2024 this will be an Ecumenical service. Last votes must be in before Friday 23rd August 2024. **How to vote:** Email; chooseyourhymn@gmail.com

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

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

Edel Hibbitts, Emmet St., Mary Lynch nee Drumm, Rialto & Emmet St., Richard Doyle, Upper Forest, Rose Horan, Parnell St., Peggy Furlong, Lord Edward St., Johnny Kinch, Lord Edward St., Gerry Allen, Eyne, Sr. Imelda Carew, Presentation Sisters, Elizabeth & James Fitzpatrick, Graigue, Susan Byrne, Emmet St., Thomas Dowling, The Hollow, Cathrine Dempsey (1st Anniversary), Forest House, Graigue,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday August 17th & 18th: Theresa Strong, Borness,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday August 3rd & 4th

Envelopes: €885

Baskets: €740

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".

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday August 17th & 18th

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday August 17th & 18th

7.30pm: Fiona Walsh & Dolores Fitzgerald

11.00am: Ellen Coss & Mary Walsh

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.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday August 7th

Jackpot Numbers: 8:11:13:22:

Jackpot winner Dick Wynn, Newbridge.

31 Matched '3' - €33 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €10,000

Winner

Noreen Savage

Jane McHugh

Annie Conroy

May Callaghan

Promoter

C. Lindley

F. Hibbitts

M. Thompson

D. O'Reilly

KNOCK

A bus for Knock will leave The Square, Mountmellick at 9.15am next Sunday Aug 18th.

To book your seat contact: Maura O'Brien @ 087 1210263.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

Telephone: 085 8021633.

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Local Enquiries. Parish Office

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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

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...

George Michael Reddin,

William James Setters,

"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."

CONCERN Worldwide

Your support will be much appreciated for CONCERN's Church Gate Collection next Saturday/Sunday August 17th/18th in Mountmellick & Clonaghadoo.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION MORNING (LOETB)

Tuesday August 27th - 10am to 1pm.

To learn more about PLCs, Apprenticeships and Tertiary degrees in Laois, come and talk with our staff.

Abbeyleix/Portlaoise/Portarlinton FETC

Apprenticeship Services.

Visit the Portlaoise LOETB Information Hub, Unit 1, Lyster Square, Portlaoise. 057 8630093.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch's annual sale will take place on Sunday September 1st from 11am to 5.00pm in the Owenass Hall. The hall will be open from 11am to 3.00pm on Saturday (August 31st) to take in items. We'll take anything from a needle to an anchor once its in good condition. Contact: Paddy Bracken 087 6606804, Bobby Delaney 086 0666488, Barbara Lalor 086 6629446.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "The Fall Guy" on Wednesday August 14th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5.