

# ***Mountmellick Parish Newsletter***

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***23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***Sunday September 8th, 2024***

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***Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 4.30pm.***

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**Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention - September 2024 - For the cry of the Earth.**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis relic at Portlaoise Parish Church, Sept 11th-13th.**

A relic of blessed Carlo Acutis will be the central feature of series of special liturgies and prayer services in Ss. Peter & Pauls Church, Portlaoise this week. The relic is being brought to Ireland during September by Franciscan friars from Assisi where his mortal remains repose. There will be an official 'reception of the relic' on Wednesday at 7.00pm. Bishop Nulty will be principal celebrant at the 10am mass on Thursday. Throughout Thursday & Friday there will be talks on Carlo's life and blessing with the relic before a farewell prayer service at 3.00pm Friday. All welcome.

**Say to all faint hearts 'Courage Do not be Afraid'.**

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This week's readings invite us to celebrate our 'unbounded admiration' (Gospel) for the Lord who 'keeps faith with us for ever' (Psalm). Our God makes no distinction between classes of people, desiring to nourish us and set us all free. In the Gospel Jesus not only heals the deaf man with a speech impediment, but also opens the ears of many to faith, and loosens tongues to spread the Good News of the kingdom. This week, we pray to be open to God's love – the God who wants to work in and through us, healing and transforming us individually, as communities, and in our institutions.

**MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (White Fathers)** This weekend we welcome Fr. Neil Loughrey M. Afr. to speak about the mission and work of the White Fathers. Founded in 1868 by Cardinal Charles Lavigerie, from the start he had in mind the witness of Christian love to the Muslims of North Africa and the evangelization of the peoples of sub-Saharan Africa. Today the White Fathers are present in 44 countries worldwide, of which 23 are in Africa.

**Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes.** The relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes will be visiting the Cathedral of The Assumption, Carlow, on Oct 7th and Ss. Peter & Pauls, Portlaoise, on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> offering everyone an opportunity to pray in the presence of the relics, venerate them and pray for graces and blessings through the intercession of St. Bernadette. All welcome. More details to follow.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Masses:** Vera Kearney, Esker Gate, Kay Cullen, O'Moore Street, mass on Tuesday September 10th at 7.30pm.

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

Jo Byrne, Irishtown, Maura Haverty, Irishtown, Catherine Dunne, Irishtown, Noel Coss, Upper Forest, Tom & Lena Westman, Chapel Street, Jack Curham, Lord Edward St., Kevin & Pauline Carroll, Killeen, Deceased members of the Geoghegan & Whelan Family, Killeigh, James Gorry, Kilcavan House, Mary & Frank Wall, Derrycloney, Anthony Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce., Mary & Joseph Conroy, Emmett St., Brigid Grennan, Garrymore, Richard McCann.

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday September 14th & 15th:** Martha Flanagan, Derrylamogue.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday August 31st & September 1st

Envelopes: €1,110

Baskets: €765

**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 September 14th & 15th**

**7.30pm:** Fiona Walsh

**11.00am:** Vincent McEvoy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Saturday/Sunday September 14th & 15th**

**7.30pm:** Anna Reddin & Ger Rochford

**11.00am:** Ellen Coss & Therese Wall

### 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 September 4th

Jackpot Numbers: 6:8:23:32:

No Jackpot winner:

9 Matched '3' - €112 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €13,000

**Winner**

**Promoter**

**No Mountmellick Winner**

### 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...**

**Jackson Styles, College View,**

**Rían Byrne Farrell, Wolfetone Street.**

"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."

### Clonaslee Agriculture Show

This Sunday Sept 8th from 10am.

Great Family Day out.

Adults €10. Children Free.



### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

**Designated Liaison Person &**

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

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### Child Safeguarding Policy June 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](http://www.kandle.ie) or via the National Board website, [www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

### PARISH OFFICE

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Please note the Parish Office will be closed for holidays from Thursday Sept 5th to Friday Sept 13th. Notices, anniversaries etc for the September 15th newsletter should be left into the post box at the office door or email: [stjosephs1878@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephs1878@gmail.com) Thank you.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This September Joan Fennelly will undertake 2 sponsored swims in the USA in aid of Mountmellick St. Vincent de Paul. Joan is undertaking the swims in memory of her mother Marie Fennelly who was a leading member of Mountmellick SVP. SVP Mountmellick are very grateful to Joan for holding this fundraiser and will ensure any funds raised are put to good use helping those in need in the community. All donations no matter how small are very much appreciated.

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "Rudy" on Wednesday September 11th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5.