



YOU MUST BECOME SERVANT OF ALL Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus walked a path of compassion, humility and service. He embodied a true spirit of wisdom and understanding. Even when he was aware that powerful forces were plotting against him and his death was imminent, he never lost sight of his desire to serve others. In today's Gospel, Jesus gently challenges his disciples to abandon their self-importance and ambition and instead follow his example of solidarity alongside the weak and powerless. Jesus turns human power-values on their head: his greatness comes from putting the needs of others first. The 1st Reading from the book of Wisdom tells of how the 'godless' are challenged by the truth. Their rejection of God's law of love foretells the way in which Jesus will meet his death. This week, we pray for the grace to be honest servants of the poor, weak and powerless. In a world full of discord and fear, may we have the strength to stand against injustice and sow lasting seeds of peace and harmony. God of all, guide us, as you guide creation according to your law of love. May we love one another and come to perfection in the eternal life prepared for us. Amen.



Harvest Thanksgiving Prayer: God of all, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving we give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. Amen.



Monday Sept 23rd St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) & Friday Sept 27th St. Vincent de Paul - Feastsdays of two priests who in different ways have inspired, consoled and challenged many in their faith journeys. Padre Pio, Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS 2024 - 2025

1st Penance/Confession

Monday March 31st - Scoil Phádraig 6.00pm

Tuesday April 1st - Scoil Iósaif 6.00pm

Wednesday April 2nd - Clonaghadoo NS 6.00pm

Thursday April 3rd - The Rock NS 6.00pm

Confirmation - Confirmation

Saturday March 8th - Clonaghadoo NS 11am

Saturday March 22nd - Scoil Phádraig Naofa 11.00am

Saturday March 22nd - Scoil Iósaif Naofa 2.00pm



First Holy Communion

Saturday May 17th - Scoil Phádraig Naofa 11.00am

Saturday May 17th - Clonaghadoo NS 11.00am

Saturday May 24th - Scoil Iósaif Naofa 11am

Saturday May 24th - The Rock NS 2.00pm



REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Padraig Brennan (son of Jacinta Brennan nee Delaney, formerly Garrymore) mass this Sunday Sept 22nd at 9am in Clonaghadoo.

1st Anniversary Mass: Brid O'Mahony, Ashgrove, mass on Thursday September 26th at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Michael & Louie Holland, O'Moore St., Charles, Mary & Ted Flanagan, Lord Edward St., John, Mary & Joseph O'Reilly, Portlaoise, Richard Dunne, Nyra, John Joe Fogarty, Acragar & Mai & Andy Fogarty, Pearl Doody, Emmet St., John O'Sullivan, St. Joseph's Tce., Billy O'Sullivan, Lord Edward St., Pappu & Theresa, Padraig McCabe, Derryguile, Teresa & James Dowling, Kilmainham, Catherine Bogan, Chapel St., Ger Moss, Derrycloney, Patrick (Paddy) Fitzpatrick, Graigue, John Martin,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday September 28th & 29th: Vincent Deffew, Twomey Park, Thomas Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's Tce., Redmond Murphy, Harbour St., Michael Murray, Graigue, Noel Delaney, Derryguile,
Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday September 14th & 15th

Envelopes: €1,040

Baskets: €625

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 September 28th & 29th

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday September 28th & 29th

7.30pm: Fiona Walsh & Elizabeth Moore

11.00am: Carol McAuley & Mona Conroy

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 18th

Jackpot Numbers: 4:22:25:32:

No Jackpot winner.

4 Matched '3' - €250 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €15,000

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...

Eoghan Brophy, Acragar.

CJ Davis, Brockview.

"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."

THE BALCONY CINEMA

*There will be no film next Wednesday
September 25th.*

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

Telephone: 085 8021633.

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Local Enquiries.

Parish Office: Tel. 057/8624390.

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 National Board website, www.safeguarding.ie

SEASON OF CREATION

Suaimhneas, Emo.

Come and join us to celebrate the Season of Creation.

Praying with Creation on Thursday September 26th

2.30pm to 4.00pm including refreshments.

Contact: Anne @ 087 8070140.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th September.

From 3.45pm to 8.00pm.

Appointment at giveblood.ie or call 1800 222 111.



"And goodness is the harvest that is produced from the seeds the peacemakers plant in peace". (Today's Second Reading: Jas 3:18)