



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday September 29th, 2024

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'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, they will most certainly not lose their reward.'

Today's readings show how God's spirit works in unexpected ways. Anyone can be chosen to share God's message, even those who do not follow the way of Jesus. We are all called to live justly and work together. Just as the Lord shared the spirit that was on Moses with the seventy elders in the tent, his spirit also rested on two who were not present. Joshua objected to these two men prophesying, but Moses declared that anyone speaking the word of the Lord should be allowed to do so. We see a parallel to this in the Gospel. Jesus rebukes John for being concerned about someone outside their group casting out demons in Jesus's name. But Jesus teaches his disciples to be open and inclusive, instructing them not to hinder anyone doing good. They, too, are part of his mission. Jesus uses strong metaphors to emphasize the importance of avoiding sin. This week, we pray for the grace always to be open and receptive to the promptings of the Lord's spirit, and to recognize and support his work in others.

'Today the Church is called to go out to the streets of the existential peripheries to heal the wounded and seek the lost, without prejudices or fear, without proselytism, but ready to expand her tent to welcome everyone in an ever larger WE.' *Pope Francis, message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, 2001.*

Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes, Carlow Oct 7th, Portlaoise Oct 8th.

The visits of the relics of St. Bernadette to various dioceses around the country have been an enormous success. People who love Lourdes, who have a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes and to St. Bernadette are gathering in enormous numbers to pray for many graces and blessings through the intercession of St. Bernadette. On Monday, October 7th the relics will come to the Cathedral of The Assumption, Carlow and on Tuesday, October 8th to Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise. The veneration of St. Bernadette's relics is all about faith. We pray that God will renew and increase faith in us. Relics are honoured only to honour the holiness of God. Further details of both the visit to Carlow and Portlaoise will be in next week's newsletter. All welcome. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St. Bernadette, pray for us.

On October 1, Catholics around the world honour the life of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, or St. Thérèse of Lisieux on her feast day. Upon entering her Carmelite monastery at 15yrs of age, she devoted herself to living a life of holiness, doing all things with love and childlike trust in God. Since her death millions have been inspired by her 'little way' of loving God and neighbour. St. Thérèse pray for us.

Oct 4th. St. Francis of Assisi was a courageous spiritual warrior. One day when praying in the dilapidated church of San Damiano, Assisi, he heard a voice say, "Go and repair my church." At first Francis worked to fix the building, but later understood that his real call was to renew people spiritually. Francis received the stigmata when replicas of the Saviour's wounds appeared in his hands and side, acknowledging the saint's intimacy with Christ. He died in 1226. St. Francis pray for us.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Sheila Kearney, Sarsfield Street, mass on Tuesday October 1st at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Masses: Joseph Smyth, Kirwan Park, Philip Storey, mass on Thursday October 3rd at 7.30pm.

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

Patrick & Elizabeth Lynch, Emmet St., Mary O'Riordan, Lord Edward St., Rita Conroy, Lord Edward St., Eamonn (Ski) Payne, Emmet St., Eddie Parkinson, Wolfetone Court, John Dunne, Graigue, Joe Tierney, Portlaoise, Tony Coss, Kirwan Park, Seamus Lynch, Straboe, Mary & Patrick Goodwin, Emmet Tce., Betty Weston, Clonaghadoo, (mass on Friday October 4th at 8pm in Clonaghadoo),

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday October 5th & 6th: Joseph O'Rourke Jnr., O'Moore St., Thomas McGlynn, Twomey Tce., Siobhan Kavanagh, Wolfetone St. & Coolbanagher, Paddy O'Brien, Cappanlug & his parents Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday September 21st & 22nd

Envelopes: €825

Baskets: €790

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".

Friday October 4th .

First Friday.

Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday September 25th

Jackpot Numbers: 4:8:23:29:

No Jackpot winner.

15 Matched '3' - €67 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €16,000

Name

Paul Lindley

Finn & Catherine O'Connor

Promoter

C. Lindley

Marion Phelan

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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 National Board website, www.safeguarding.ie

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday October 5th & 6th

7.30pm: Carol McAuley

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday October 5th & 6th

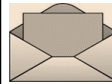
7.30pm: Anna Reddin & Dolores Fitzgerald

11.00am: Paddy Buggy & Ellen Coss

OCTOBER ROSARY

Praying of the Rosary every Sunday evening for the month of October at 7.00pm in St. Joseph Church. Starting next Sunday evening October 6th. All welcome.

The Rosary will be recited in **Castlebrack Cemetery** every Sunday evening at **5.00pm** (please note change of time) for the month of October. All welcome.



The October Stations 2024

Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to the 'October Stations'. These contributions go towards the salaries of the priests, and we are very grateful for each one. Station Contribution Envelopes can be left in the usual church boxes or in the post-box at the office door anytime during the month. In appreciation of your kindness masses will be offered for you throughout October.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.

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...

Donnacha Bell, Chapelizod, Dublin

MOUNTMELICK PUBLIC ROSARY

Our next monthly public Rosary will be on Saturday October 5th at 4.00pm in O'Connell Square, Mountmellick. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Wednesday 2nd October. Will show "**Father Stu**"
Adm: €5. Refreshments served.

Shutterbugs Photographic Exhibition

Exhibition in Mountmellick Library, launch on Tuesday Oct 1st at 6.30pm and showing for the month of October.