



# **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

## **1st Sunday of Advent**

### **Sunday December 1st, 2024**

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The Synodal Pathway...



communion participation mission

## **Together With You**



## **Advent**

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent – the beginning of a new liturgical year. This is our great season of waiting and preparing for the Lord. Maranatha – ‘Come, Lord Jesus’ is the traditional prayer of Advent. The prayer is a cry to Jesus to come into our lives and into our hearts. To pray ‘Come, Lord Jesus’ is to recognise that despite all that the world might seem to offer, it is Jesus who is the Lord of hope, peace, joy and love. As we journey through the Advent season let us take these weeks to turn to Jesus and to welcome Him into our lives, welcoming also the gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love he offers to each of us.

As we light the first candle of our Advent wreath and begin to dispel the darkness of the world, we present a gift box of HOPE. This Advent we open up to Jesus all those areas of our lives where we need to let in hope, placing before Him our anxieties and worries, our cares and concerns...those places in our homes and hearts in need of the gift of hope that comes from Jesus alone. Please add your Christmas intentions for yourself, your family, our community and our world into the box of HOPE to be prayed for at our Christmas Masses.



## **SUNDAY EVENINGS IN ADVENT HOLY HOUR – 7.00pm**

Each Sunday 7.00pm. St. Joseph’s Parish Church. A time of quiet, reflection, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the ‘presence’, ‘mercy’ and ‘communion’ of God. All welcome. ‘Maranatha – ‘Come, Lord Jesus’

**‘Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus’.** The great prophet Jeremiah, in the First Reading, offers hope in the promise of Jesus’s Nativity at Bethlehem. Through the springing up of the ‘righteous branch of David’ the people will dwell securely. In the Gospel, Jesus consoles his disciples – and us. When the signs of his coming in glory are to be seen, we can stand tall and eager for the gift of redemption, for what we are awaiting is the fulness of Christ’s Spirit, already alive and active in our hearts. We pray, this week, that we may find every opportunity to live as though Christ died yesterday, rose from the dead today, and is coming in glory tomorrow. ‘Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus’.

## **V. Rev. Fr. Joe Fleming, RIP.**

Kindly remember in your prayers Fr. Joe Fleming PE, who died on Thursday (28th) evening. Fr. Fleming was a curate in Mountmellick between 1969 and 1980. May he rest in peace. Funeral arrangements available on [www.RIP.ie](http://www.RIP.ie)

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Masses:** Stephen Byrne, Portlaoise, Caroline Nicholson, Kirwan Park, Eugene Dunne, Bay View, Eileen Scott, Acragar, mass on Tuesday December 3rd at 7.30pm.

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

Kathleen Gormley, Parnell St., Bill, Josephine & Ruth Redmond, Davitt Road, Damian Crossan, O'Moore's Forest, Sheila Dowling, Kilmainham, Sarah O'Neill, Emmet Tce., Danny Lynch, Harbour Court, Cora & Dan Barrett, Wolfetone St., Eileen Horohan, Clonsaughey, Edward Murphy, Chapel St., Ann Rochford, Upper Forest, Theresa & Patrick Gallagher, The Commons, Maureen & Bernard Rochford, Emmet St., Mary Tierney, Portlaoise, Donal & Esther Fitzpatrick, Michael Kirwan, Harbour St., Mary Quigley, Catherine Quigley, Mary Tait, George Muir, Tom Dormer, Borness, Elizabeth Dunne, Connolly St., Patrick O'Neill, Harbour Court, Cora Bennett, William Maguire, Limerick, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick. Cloncannon,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday December 7th & 8th:** Eoin Coss, Grove Park, Conor Davis, Emmet St., Gus McGlynn, Bay Road, Patrick Dunne, Davitt Road,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday November 23rd & 24th

Baskets:€785 - Envelopes: €1,020

**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".

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

, please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.

**Welcome to our newly baptised...**

**Naomi Ihemenaogeru, College Avenue.**

"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."



### Congratulations

To Sadhbh O'Neill & Michael Dunne who married in St. Joseph's Church, on Thursday November 28th.

May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

#### Designated Liaison Person &

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

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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". [www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

### Ministers of the Word

**Saturday/Sunday Dec 7th & 8th**

**7.30pm:** Michael Feely

**11.00am:** Mona Conroy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Saturday/Sunday Dec 7th & 8th**

**7.30pm:** Dolores Fitzgerald & Sebastian Kopijka

**11.00am:** Michael Gormley & Noreen Savage

**Friday December 6th . First Friday.**

**Masses:** 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday November 27th

Jackpot Numbers: 2:5:6:24:

No Jackpot winner.

14 Matched '3' - €72 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €20,000

#### Name

Peter Scott

J.F.K.C.A. Clan

T & D O'Brien

Miriam Bracken

#### Promoter

Frances Hibbitts

Michael Burke

Carol Lindley

Marion Phelan

### MOUNTMELICK PUBLIC ROSARY

Our next monthly public Rosary will be on Saturday December 7th at 4.00pm in O'Connell Square, Mountmellick. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

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**Words Unlaoided**, a collection of short stories & poems by Laois Writers Group on sale in O'Gorman's for €12 .

An ideal Christmas gift.

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### Monster Bingo.



This Sunday evening Dec 1st at 8.00pm sharp a 'Monster Bingo', with €5,000 in prizes, will be held in the Arts Centre. We look forward to a great night. Spread the word!! Check!!

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### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Wednesday 4th December, will show

"Thelma" at 8.00pm.

Adm: €5. Refreshments served.