



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday December 8th, 2024



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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 (Mon Dec 9th)

The title of the ‘Immaculate Conception’ recognizes Mary’s privilege of coming into the world free from sin. In 1858, Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old peasant girl, in Lourdes, France, saying, “Je suis l’Immaculée Conception” (*I am the Immaculate Conception*). On Dec 8th, the Church celebrates this special privilege given to Mary. However, this year, Dec 8th celebrates the 2nd Sunday of Advent with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception moved to Mon 9th. Monday 9th is not a holyday of obligation – “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee”.



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.

Today we will light the second candle on our Advent wreath. As we move deeper into winter, the light of our wreath begins to increase, dispelling the darkness of the world. Today we celebrate the many great deeds God has worked for us, sharing with us such bountiful mercy and love. For our part, we are called to repentance of heart and to live a life of love. In our Gospel piece John the Baptist, herald of Jesus, appears, calling us to turn again to God. John announces that all humanity is to see ‘the salvation of God’, anticipating the preaching of the gospel to all nations. PEACE: This Advent we open up to Jesus all those areas of our lives and in the world where God’s peace is so badly needed. How can I be a peacemaker this Advent season? How can it begin with me?



GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion

Next Saturday evening (14th) in the Parish Church and/or next Sunday morning (15th) in Clonaghadoo we look forward to welcoming the girls and boys from 2nd class and their **Communion** parents/guardians to our masses (you are welcome to attend which ever mass suits you best). The journey to next May and First Holy Communion Day has begun and with the children and their families joining us at mass we all get the chance to walk with them and support them in their preparations.



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’

Christmas Penance Service.

Our Christmas Confession Service will be held on Wednesday Dec 18th at 7.30pm. with visiting priests attending to help out. O my God I am heartily sorry.....



REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Anne Blanche, Wolfetone Street, mass on Tuesday December 10th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Sr. Marie Walsh, Presentation Sisters, mass on Thursday December 12th at 7.30pm.

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

Betty Doyle, Emmet Tce., Jimmy & Lena Dunne, Wolfetone St., Edward (Ned) & Margaret (Peggy) Droney, Acragar, Daniel O'Mahony, Emmet Road, Christopher, Brigid, Robert & David Parkinson, Connolly St., Kathleen Ward, Acragar, Elizabeth Dunne, Connolly St., Ellen Corcoran, Clonmoylan, Paddy Delaney, Patrick St., Luke McRedmond, Harbour St., Philip Leech, Rynn, Julia McNeill, Davin Park, Bill Lalor, Lord Edward St., Edward & Esther Blanche, Wolfetone St., Elizabeth Dowling, Irishtown, Noelle Geoghegan, Lord Edward St.,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday December 14th & 15th: Patricia Holohan, Twomey Park,

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Nov 30th/Dec 1st

Baskets:€735 - Envelopes: €965

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 Dec 14th & 15th

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Dec 14th & 15th

7.30pm: Oliver Ging & Ger Rochford

11.00am: Antoinette Makim & Therese Wall

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday December 4th

Jackpot Numbers: 6:19:24:30:

No Jackpot winner.

20 Matched '3' - €50 each.

N/W Jackpot is: €20,000

Name

Miriam Bracken

C & J Griffin

Promoter

Marion Phelan

Charlotte Griffin

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

Welcome to our newly baptised...

Ellie Lawlor, Willow Grove,

Kamile Virbickaite, Portlaoise,

"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."

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention - For pilgrims of hope - We pray that this

Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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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

St. Vincent de Paul - Annual Collection.

Please support the annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection next weekend (14th & 15th December). Your kindness is greatly appreciated as it assists the local Conference to respond to the many calls made on it at this time of the year.

Míle buíochas.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Wednesday 11th December, will show

"Les Misérables" at 8.00pm.

Adm: €5. Refreshments served.

THANK YOU from Concern

A sincere THANK YOU for your contributions, also to SuperValu for the space for the collection, and to all who helped. All your support for this year's CONCERN FAST has been much appreciated. Locally over €1450 was collected and the online figure has reached €1700.

<https://fundraise.concern.net/alice-culliton-1>

Mountmellick ICA Guild

are hosting a Craft Fair this Sunday December 8th from 12pm - 4pm in the ICA Hall. Eircode: R32 KV60.

Free entry, Local crafts, Handmade gifts, Bric-a-brac, Raffle on the day. All are welcome.