



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th February 2026



*The Synodal
Pathway
Communion,
Participation,
Mission.*

LENT

Lent our 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving begins next Wednesday, 18th. It's a time of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries and extras during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. **Masses and distribution of blessed ashes will be at 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.30pm in the Parish Church and 8.00pm in Clonaghadoo.**

DURING LENT JOIN US

TUESDAY Morning Mass: Beginning on Tuesday February 24th and continuing then on each Tuesday morning of Lent there will be a 7.30am mass in our Parish Church.

Stations of the Cross for Lent: All are welcome each Sunday evening during Lent (beginning Sun 22nd) at 7.00pm to the Parish Church for a praying of The Stations of the Cross.

After the 10am mass on the Fridays of Lent (beginning Fri 20th) there will be a short praying of the 'Stations of the Cross' for those who are available to join in.

Trócaire's 2026 Lent Campaign accompanies a three-generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece and elderly mother. Their lived experience helps bring the Sunday Gospels to life and connects faith with the call to solidarity. **Trócaire boxes are available to collect in both our churches this weekend. TRÓCAIRE, together for a just world. Thank you for your support.**



BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT is a five session Gospel reflection series for Lent. Each session offers a simple structure for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversations that are linked to key insights from a national Church document called 'Baptised and Sent'. The themes for each week, such as belonging, healing, renewal, and mission, all come from that document. This Lent, you are invited to participate in this series. **Here in Mountmellick we will meet in the ICA Hall, Davitt Rd, for five Monday evenings (7.30pm/9.00pm) beginning on Mon Feb 16th.** Learn. Chat. Grow. Come along, bring a friend as together we explore, discuss and pray about what the gospel and baptism calls us to today. Evening 1: Mon Feb. 16th, 7.30pm, ICA Hall, Davitt Rd.

2026 Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse, Fri. Feb 20th.

Candle of Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service

Towards Peace is an independent organization that provides a spiritual support and professional service for survivors of physical, emotional, sexual and spiritual abuse who suffered in an institutional, clerical or religious setting in Ireland. The Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service is free of charge and for more please see <https://towardspeace.ie/>

Towards Healing

Towards Healing is an independent organization providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. For details see www.towardshealing.ie

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Sr. Carmela Fitzpatrick, Presentation Sisters Bridge St., Jimmy Walshe, Emmet Tce., and Rosie Byrne, Newry, mass on Tuesday February 17th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Nuala Kinch, Lord Edward St., mass here on Thursday February 19th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Fr. Cornelius Crowley, Fr. Charles Flanagan, Lord Edward St., Nora MacNamara, Christina Lawlor, Cloncosney, Pe Kearney, Harbour St., Sheila Whelan, Kirwan Park, Joey Dunne, Emmet Tce., Jimmy & Timmy Conroy, Lord Edward St., John Hennessy, Davitt Road, Daniel Dunne, Catholes Ballyfin, John Christie, Connolly St., Lilian Bentley, The Rock, Kitty Dowling, Lord Edward St., Abraham Joseph, Ben McEvoy Emmet St., John & Bridget Feely, Eugene O'Reilly, Lally Hourigan, Harbour St., Acragar, Annie O'Loughlin, Connolly St., Maggie O'Reilly, Pattison Est., Mary Duggan, Briar Lane, Michael & Mary Ann Dunphy, St. Joseph's Tce., Margaret O'Neill, Kit Guilfoyle, Emmet Tce.,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 21st & 22nd February: Michael Scott, Ashgrove, Abraham Storey, Derryguile, John, Evelyn & John Jnr Dillon, Emmet St. **Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.**

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 7th & 8th Feb

Baskets: €750 Envelopes: €945

DONATE ONLINE



You can make your donation to support the parish via (1) the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website (www.mountmellickparish.ie), (2) our 'Tap-to-Donate' units (inside the main door) or (3) by using our dedicated 'QR Code' on the left.

CHEQUES CHEQUES

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to "Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account".

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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



Welcome to our newly baptised...

Cillian Murphy, Cullenbeg.

"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."

MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

2026 (JWT) - 20th July 2026 - 7 Nights,
Hotel La Solitude. €1,120 per person sharing.

ONLY 7 PLACES LEFT

To book please contact: Ann 087-4186192
without delay. Many thanks.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday Feb 21st & 22nd

Sat. 7.30pm - Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Feb 21st & 22nd

Sat. 7.30pm - Anna Reddin & Bernadette Clear

Sun. 11.00am - Ellen Coss & Mona Conroy

A Pastoral Letter by Bishop Denis Nulty is available at the back of the church this weekend.
'A time to pull in our nets and take stock'

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 11th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 4:7:12:21. No Jackpot winner.

47 Matched '3' - €22 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €12,000

Winner

Mary Dooley

Anne Hennessy

Myra Murphy

Laura Bennett

Sheelagh Coyle

Tina Phelan

Rob & Áine Doyle

Promoter

Carol Lindley

Ber Murray

Myra Murphy

Myra Murphy

Carol Lindley

Marion Phelan

Anne Weston

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "Save the Cinema" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday
Feb 18th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

Clonaslee College invite you to Book A Tour.

057 8648044 or www.clonasleecollege.ie. Student

Supports: Dedicated Yearheads - Cairde - a subject taster
programme - Guidance Counsellor - lunchtime clubs.

LEINSTER CHAMPIONS

MOUNTMELICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Congratulations to the Community School
Snr Footballers who won their Leinster
Final on Friday beating Scoil Chaitríona of
Glasnevin. Well done to all the players,
subs, coaches and supporters. Mighty win!!