

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday After Christmas

January 4th 2026

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**The Synodal
Pathway
Communion,
Participation,
Mission.**

Resolution One:
I will live for God.

Resolution Two:
If no one else does,
I still will.

Jonathan Edwards

Message of Pope Leo XIV for World Day of Peace 1st January 2026

“Dear brothers and sisters, whether we have the gift of faith or feel we lack it, let us open ourselves to peace! Let us welcome it and recognize it, rather than believing it to be impossible and beyond our reach. Peace is more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey. Even when it is endangered within us and around us, like a small flame threatened by a storm, we must protect it, never forgetting the names and stories of those who have borne witness to it. Peace is a principle that guides and defines our choices.

Even in places where only rubble remains, and despair seems inevitable, we still find people who have not forgotten peace. Just as on the evening of Easter Jesus entered the place where his disciples were gathered in fear and discouragement, so too the peace of the risen Christ continues to pass through doors and barriers in the voices and faces of his witnesses. This gift enables us to remember goodness, to recognize it as victorious, to choose it again, and to do so together.....

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Convert the hearts of those who
commit violence and wage war.

Turn them away from persecution towards peace.

Turn hatred to understanding, and anger to
compassion. Through your love,
transform horror into hope.

And fill us all with your Spirit so that with one
voice, throughout the world, we may cry out:
Lord, send us the gift of peace.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026**

2026 Envelopes

Please take your 2026 box of
envelopes as you leave after
mass.



Many thanks to all who generously and
regularly return their weekly envelopes.

For the next few weeks, as you return
your envelope contributions, please
write your name on the front of the
envelope. Míle buíochas.

2026 CALENDAR

The 2026 Parish Calendar is available
this weekend to pick up at the back of
both churches.



**Tuesday 6th
January
‘Feast of the
Epiphany’**

**Masses: 11.00am and 7.30pm
St. Joseph’s Parish Church.**

GROW IN LOVE -

First Holy Communion

Next Saturday evening (10th) in the Parish
Church and/or next Sunday morning (11th)
in Clonaghadoo we look forward to
welcoming the girls and boys from 2nd
class and their 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.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary: Mary Redmond, Davitt Road, Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 10th & 11th January.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Kathleen Thompson, Wolfetone St., Joe Blanc, Pattison Est., Elizabeth Horan, Ballyfin, Mary & Jack Whelan, Sarsfield St., Ter O'Connell, Brittias, Jack, Tom, Timmy, Mick & Jack Jnr Lawlor,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 10th & 11th January: Maura Horan, Strahard, Terence & Donie Horohan, Clonsaughey, Dora Mitchell, Clonterry, P. J. Dempsey, Davin Park, Dinny Quinn, Harbour St., John Bunny Bracken, Portnahinch, Kathleen & Patrick Cleary, Davin Park.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 27th & 28th December

Baskets: €785 Envelopes: €2,340

Tap2Donate (December): €655

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

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Baptism: For details of available dates/times please contact the Parish Office, 057/8624390. Parents are required to fill out our 'Baptism Registration Form' before the details of day/time can be confirmed.

Weddings: Couples are required to give the parish no less than three months' notice. Your preferred date and time can only be confirmed after you have contacted the Parish Office and completed the preliminary booking form.

MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 (JWT) 20th July 2026 - 7 Nights,

Hotel La Solitude. €1,120 per person sharing: Single rooms available, supplement is €49 per night. Travel Insurance available €55 up to 79 years; €75 for those 80 - 94 years. Deadline for deposits (€200 per person) is Friday 30th January 2026.

To book please contact: Ann 087-4186192.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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www.safeguarding.ie

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday January 10th & 11th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday January 10th & 11th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sebastian Kopijka & Dolores Fitzgerald

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin & Antoinette Makim

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

The next lotto draw will take place next

Wednesday January 7th 2026.

THANK YOU

PATH would like to thank all who gave so generously to their December collection.

Their next collection will be on Sunday February 15th.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

BINGO - BINGO

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre
this Sunday evening at **8.00pm.** Check!!

ENROLEMNT FOR 2026

CLONAGHADOO NS ENROLMENT

Admission for Junior Infants for September 2026.

Admissions from Tuesday 6th January - Tuesday 27th January 2026. Please call to the school or phone 057 8628757/email clonaghadoons2020@gmail.com for admission forms.

The Rock National School - Admissions for Junior Infants for September 2026.

Admissions from Tuesday 6th January - Tuesday 27th January 2026. Please contact 057/8624490 for Admission Forms.

St. Joseph's Girls NS - Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2026 from Tuesday Jan 6th - Tuesday Jan 27th.

Please call to the school office to collect application form between 9am and 2pm or Phone 057 8624540/email www.stjosephsgns.ie.

St. Patrick's BNS - Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2026 from Tuesday Jan 6th - Tuesday Jan 27th. Please call to the school office to collect application form between 9am and 2pm or Phone 057 8624760/email: secretaryspnbns.ie