



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17th 2025



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The Synodal
Pathway
*communion participation
mission*

**Jubilee Year
Of Hope 2025**

Bishop's Message re 'Day of Prayer for Gaza' Sunday 24th August

At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in a packed St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: "We must cry out for peace in the world" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "We want peace in the world!" In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem: "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering". The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of "man's inhumanity to man". We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing.

Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer. We can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people." **+Denis Nulty.**

THE WORD OF GOD Our readings this Sunday strike a sombre note but also provide words of encouragement for our journey in the footsteps of Jesus. Jeremiah, in the First Reading, has been telling the people to trust in God rather than in political leaders. As a consequence of the persecution he suffers, he prefigures Christ in his Passion. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples of his anxiety as he faces the 'baptism' of his death. The peace he brings will not be easy. We may have to lose the support of those we love in being true to Christ's call. We pray for and remember all those who are persecuted for their beliefs, as well as all those who suffer modern forms of slavery and trafficking. May God come to their aid through the concern and actions of their brothers and sisters.



Jubilee Year of Hope - Parish Pilgrimage to Knock.

In May 2024, the late Pope Francis announced a 'Jubilee Year' for 2025 with the theme "Hope does not disappoint" encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope and pilgrims of hope in our very troubled world. A characteristic of a Holy/Jubilee Year – a plenary indulgence – has also been declared for specific jubilee pilgrimages. The Irish Bishops have designated that pilgrimages to Our Lady's Shrine, in Knock fall into this category. **We will have a parish pilgrimage to Knock for the feast of Our Blessed Lady's Birthday, Monday Sept. 8th. To book a place please phone (057/8624390) or email the Parish Office (stjosephs1878@gmail.com). Cost €20 per seat. The bus will leave from St. Joseph's Parish Church at 8.30am. Further details to follow. Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.**

Eucharistic Adoration

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them with Bishop Nulty, Fr. Ruairí O'Domhnaill and guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at 3.00pm. Confession available. Location: St Anne's Portarlinton, R32 WN59 Saturday August 30th from 9.30am - 4.00pm, Refreshments and Lunch - €20.00 ****Booking essential** - Please either text or call Barbara 086 163 7311 Stating name and number of companions**. All welcome.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Marcella Campbell, O' Moore Forest, Anne Delaney, Davitt Road, Mass on Tuesday August 19th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Thomas G. Dowling, The Hollow, P. & Teresa Dunne, St. Brigid's Place, Brendan Duggan, Briar Lane, Carol Whelan, Debbicott, Rose Horan, Parnell St., Bridie Dunne, Graigue, Mary O'Reilly, Connolly St., Theresa Strong, Borness, Ellen Dunne, Lord Edward St., Ann Hickey, Emmet St., P. J. Corcoran, Clonmoylan, Philomena O'Brien, Chapel St., Kathleen Dempsey, Forest House, Michael Burke, Derryguile, Martin Geoghegan, Lord Edward St., Peter Healion, Bridge St.,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/August 23rd & 24th: Tommy Smith, Lord Edward St., Bridget Delaney, Four Roads, Michael Phelan, Strahard.

Sunday Masses in St. Joseph's Church available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday August 9th & 10th
Baskets: €1095 Envelopes: €995

THANK YOU

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' below.

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...

Annie Delaney, Patrick Street,

"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's Monthly Prayer Intention for August: For mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday August 23rd/24th

Sat. 7.30pm - Michael Feely

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday August 23rd/24th

Sat. 7.30pm - Anna Reddin & Gillian Colgan

Sun. 11.00am - Ellen Coss & Mary Walsh

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday August 13th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 1:20:25:28. No Jackpot winner.

11 Matched '3' - €91 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €20,000

No Mountmellick winner

Sunday Evening Devotions

here, in our Parish Church, at 6.30pm
this Sunday evening. All welcome.



CONCERN

Church Gate Collection for Concern takes place next weekend of Aug 23rd/24th in Mountmellick & Clonaghadoo. Your support will be much appreciated.

BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday August 20th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and biscuits.

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

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday August 22nd. Anniversaries and Notices for weekend 23rd/24th August must be left into the office by Wednesday August 20th.

Thank you.

We're hiring a Housekeeper: We are looking for a reliable and hardworking person to join our team! 10-15 hrs/week, mostly mornings (9am-2pm) Mountmellick. Experience preferred, but training provided. Must be flexible with hours some weekend/holiday shifts may apply. Duties include cleaning, laundry, and guest support. Great team, flexible hours, and a supportive environment! Email your CV to eugene.conroy143@gmail.com