Paróiste Móinteach Mílic
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th November 2026

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"Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence."

St. John Paul II

THE WORD OF GOD

All three readings this Sunday find some unity around the theme of the right attitude to adopt towards the future. In today's Gospel parable of the wise and foolish virgins, St. Matthew reminds his audience that the Lord will eventually come, but that we must not only exercise patience, but also be ready at all times to welcome him. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time of the coming of the Son of Man cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

NOVEMBER PRAYER & ROSARY - St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar You are invited to our Cemetery Prayers and Rosary this **Sunday November 8th** at 2.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 2027

Next weekend we look forward to welcoming the children and parents/guardians of our 'First Holy Communion' class groups to either the Sat 7.30pm mass or the 9.00am in Clonaghadoo. We will accompany them as a parish community in all their preparations for the May 2027 celebrations.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

St. Carlo Acutis: The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare (W91 F9KW), will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The occasion follows a special journey to Assisi in September by Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP Newbridge, and Fr. Joe McDermott, PE CC Caragh, to retrieve the relics and return them to Ireland, bringing a tangible connection with the life and witness of one of the Catholic Church's most inspiring modern saints. All welcome.

Journey of communion, encounter and unity – Between Nov 6th and 17th **Pope Leo** will make an Apostolic Visit to Uruguay, Argentina, and Peru, where he served for decades as a missionary and Bishop. Ahead of his trip Pope Leo said "I am looking forward to returning to the continent where I've experienced so many moments of my life. May this journey be an occasion for us to open our hearts to one another, strengthen our communion as brothers and sisters, and renew our commitment to proclaiming the Gospel with joy." Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world and bring her to the fullness of charity.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED – ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Pat Horan, Manor Road, Willie Culleton, Garoon, John Furlong, Clonaghadoo, Ann Delaney, Garoon, Cecila Healion Marshall (1st Anniversary), O'Moore St., Markey Coss, Twomey Park, Elizabeth Clear, Harbour St., Elizabeth Lily Sullivan, Irishtown, Daniel Hourigan, Cloncannon, John Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce., Kevin Wall, Derryguile, James Troy, Garoon, Jackie Burke, Cullenbeg, Nancy Sexton, Town Parks, Desmond Riordan, Parnell St., Darragh Conroy, Briar Lane, Michael, Julia & Jim Sherlock, Eyen, Deceased members of the Sherlock & Beale Family, Terry & Peter Dunne, Lord Edward St., Pascal & Susan Coss, Drinagh, Martin Conleth Delaney, Four Roads, Donal Lawlor, Killeigh & Aughans, Joe Smyth, Kirwan Park, Mary Duffy, Twomey Park, A. M. Joseph, Abraham Joseph, Maura, Jim, Gerry & Marie McEvoy, Clonaheen, Donal & Betty Johnson, Lord Edward St., Ann McEvoy, James Scully, St. Joseph's Tce, Catherine McCabe, Tuam,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ July 14th & 15th: Tony Nugent, Kathleen Cussen, Derryguile, Arsenne Utter, Marie Comerford, Twomey Park, Joe Horan, The Harbour, Patrick Dempsey, Clonterry,

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday October 31st & November 1st

Baskets: €970 Envelopes: €815 Tap2donate €281 (Oct)

DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via (1) the 'Donate' button on our Parish Websit (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

REMEMBRANCE TREE

During November we remember our faithful departed. Place the names of your deceased loved ones on our remembrance tree and as a community we unite in honouring and thanking God for them.

May the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Mountmellick Embroidery & Heritage – Bicentenary Commemorative Piece.

Congratulations to all involved with the unveiling of the special 'bicentenary commemorative piece of Mountmellick embroidery' this weekend.

200 years of Mountmellick work honoured and celebrated in one unique piece.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday November 14th & 15th

Sat. 7.30pm – Ger Rochford

Sun.11.00am – Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday November 14th & 15th

Sat.7.30pm – Sr. Ann Walsh & Gillian Colgan

Sun. 11.00am – Pascal Hanrahan & Bernie Reddin

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 14:16:23:27: No J/pot Winner.

10 Matched '3' - €100 each.

N/Week's Jackpot: €16,000

Winner	**Promoter**
Mary Donoher	Mary Donoher

Pope Leo's November Prayer Intention - For the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Mountmellick Active Retirement are pleased to announce that there are two tickets still available for our Turkey and Tinsel trip to Castle Court Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo. This will be for five nights, leaving Mountmellick on Sun 22nd Nov and coming back on Fri, 27th Nov. The price is €425 pps. Please phone Maureen at 087 9753790.

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Clonaghadoo NS Parents' Council – Donations Needed. The parent's council is organising an online bid auction in the coming weeks, with all proceeds going directly to support the school and its students. Donations of unwanted toys, bikes, collectibles, memorabilia and other suitable items are very welcome. No second-hand clothes, please! To donate, simply take a photo of your item and send it privately to the Parents' Council via Facebook or Instagram. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!