



Paróiste Móinteach Mílic
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The Ascension of the Lord

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Today is our liturgical celebration of the 'Ascension of the Lord', when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. This special feast invites us all to share in the amazement of those first disciples of Jesus, so that we too can become like them – joyful followers of the Lord. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.



Pray for Life Novena May 23rd/31st - The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@prayforlifenovena](https://www.instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from 2nd class in The Rock NS and Scoil Íosaif Naofa who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.



Next Saturday (23rd) it will be the turn of Scoil Phádraig and Clonaghadoo NS pupils. Their teachers Ms. Carey, Ms. Slevin, Ms. Wheatley, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Conroy and Mr. Bracken, have all done marvellous work with the children all throughout the school year and we thank them so much for that. Thanks too to the children's parents and guardians for the encouragement and help they give.

'Mary's Meals' Church Gate Collection May 23rd and 24th. Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from many walks of life and different backgrounds. The monies collected at the church gate collection next weekend will go to feed and educate over 3 million of the poorest of children in Third World Countries. South Sudan, Malawi and Ethiopia are among the 16 countries where 'Mary's Meals' support thousands of children with nutritious school meals. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

(NB: €22.00 feeds a child for an entire year. Administration costs are as little as 7c in the euro so, every € collected is a huge bonus. Also, we will gladly accept any old Irish notes and coins and Sterling and Foreign notes and coins) www.marysmeals.ie

St. Elisabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus, is a convent that is open to the world and pursues an active social ministry in hospitals and long-term care institutions, in education, among bed-ridden patients, the disadvantaged and the poor. After our 10.00am mass on Monday (18th) Sr's Veronica and Tatiana from the community will visit our Parish Church with a variety of icons and crafts all made in their convent for sale. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CEMETERY MASSES 2026 CEMETERY MASSES 2026

Castlebrack Cemetery, Sunday May 31st at 7.00pm.

Clonaghadoo Cemetery, Sunday July 5th at 1.pm (Please note there will be no 9.00am mass in Clonaghadoo that Sunday morning).

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar - Sunday July 19th at 1.00pm.

Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 3rd at 7.30pm.

Graigue Cemetery - Friday August 21st at 7.00pm.

Please share these dates and times with those who may wish to attend. Thank You.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Christy Redmond, Garoon, Tony Kirwan, Lord Edward St., mass on Tuesday May 19th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Stella Delaney, Wolfetone Street, mass on Thursday May 21st at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Brigid Josephine Dunne, Graigue, Philomena Gallane nee Gordon, Nonie, Michael, Paddy & Martin Gordon, Galway, Ann Nancy O'Reilly, Connolly St., Jim Blanc, Emmet St., Eileen Blanc, Emmet St., Bernie Conroy, Derryguile, Thady & Lucy Fox, Lought, Catherine Bracken, London, Denis Conroy, Coolagh, Laurence Doyle, Ballsbridge, Ted Dempsey, The Rock, Nancy Dunne, Emmet Tce., Barry Kelly, Kirwan Park.,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ May 23rd & 24th: Frances Davis, Harbour St.,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday May 9th & 10th

Baskets: €755 Envelopes: €835



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 Oisín Oxley, Malaga.

"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. ...Bookings Now Closed...

Full payment to be made before Friday May 22nd

Many thanks. *Enquiries and Details: Ann 087-4186192*

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person & Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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Kildare & Leighlin - Retired Priests Collection.

This collection takes place at all Masses next weekend. The generosity of parishes and parishioners in supporting this collection is deeply appreciated.

Ministers of the Word Saturday/Sunday May 23rd & 24th

Sat. 7.30pm - Michael Feely

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday May 23rd & 24th

Sat. 7.30pm - Dolores Fitzgerald & Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan & Noreen Savage

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO Wednesday May 13th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 14:16:24:25. No Jackpot Winner.

8 Matched '3' - €125 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €18,000

Winner
Jenny Wheeler

Promoter
May Lynch

Sunday Rosary For May: All welcome at 6.30pm in the Parish Church on Sunday evening to pray the Rosary for your own intentions and the intentions of the Church and the world.

Castlebrack Cemetery: All welcome at 7pm in the Cemetery on Sunday evening to pray the Rosary.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Sunday June 7th.

Join Bishop Nulty and the Kildare and Leighlin family in Knock on Sunday June 7th. Names now being taken call to the parish office or phone 057 8624390. Bus leaving Mountmellick at 8.30am. 2.30pm - Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the Anointing of the Sick. 3.00pm - Pilgrimage Mass, followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction. Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5.00pm.

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "Rental Family" at 8.00pm. on Wed May 27th. Adm: €5 includes a cup of tea and a biscuit.