



## Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

### 7th Sunday of Easter - The Ascension

### Sunday May 5th, 2024

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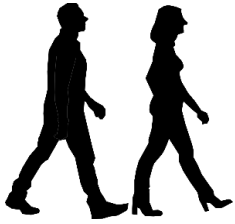
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### Go out to the whole world.

“He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight” (*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*). At first glance, it appears that the movement is vertical, up in the clouds. Lost is this scene, however, to modern readership. Ancient peoples of many cultures understood that an anointed person, someone touched by the divine hand of God, had a secure place in the next world; for them, eternity was guaranteed. Luke relates Jesus’ ascension as a way of illustrating his movement from the mortal to eternal realms. Luke considers it a distraction to linger too long on this ascension event, however. The real “movement” in Luke’s ascension narrative is the work of the disciples. As they look up, wide-eyed with mouths open, an angel speaks to them, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?”. The disciples have had their ‘moment’ of transition, their sacred time. It is now time to get to work; they must move!

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Every good wish to the children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Scoil Phádraig and Scoil Iósaif who will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Saturday (18<sup>th</sup>). Many thanks to all who have helped with the preparations for this special day.



### Our Lady of Fatima, Mon May 13<sup>th</sup>.

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the saying of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

**Fatima Rosary Prayer:** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need of Your mercy.



### ‘Hope’ is the central message of Pope Francis’ decree for Jubilee Year 2025.

On Thursday Pope Francis published his decree for the Jubilee Year 2025, which he will open in St. Peter’s Basilica on Dec. 24, 2024, and close on Jan. 6, 2026. Hope is the central message of the decree, known by its Latin title “*Spes non Confundit*” (“Hope does not disappoint”). Pope Francis told believers that in this Jubilee Year “we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind.” He emphasized the need for diplomacy to resolve the wars and armed conflicts around the world, called on leaders to address the needs of “the billions” of poor people in the world who lack food and water.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind:** Ed Seamus Hynes, Kirwan Park, Seán Treacy, Roskeen & Tullamore, Mass on Tuesday May 14th at 7.30pm.

**For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Mary Dunne, Clonaghadoo, Mick Joe & Helen Mahon, Carriage-on-Shannon, Patrick & Marie Conroy, Twomey Park, Mary & Paddy Conroy, Twomey Park, Tom Molloy, Twomey Park, John Quigley, Emmet Tee., Mary Conroy, Derryguile, Peter Delaney, Four Roads, Pauline Conroy, Davin Park, Larry McDonald, John Challoner, Graigue, Joseph Lynch, Straboe, Teresa Gorry, Kilcavan House,

*Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday May 4th & 5th

Envelopes: €990

Baskets: €790

#### THANK YOU THANK YOU

#### DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website, [www.mountmellickparish.ie](http://www.mountmellickparish.ie)

#### CHEQUES CHEQUES

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

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday May 18th & 19th

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Mona Conroy

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday May 18th & 19th

7.30pm: Sr. Ann Walsh & Dolores Fitzgerald

11.00am: Theresa Wall & Paddy Buggy

### LOURDES 2024 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

30th July, 2024 for 7 nights. €995 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing.

#### Full payment requested by July 17th.

For information contact

Fr. Murphy @ 057 8679302.

### Kildare & Leighlin Pilgrimage Day in Knock, June 2nd.

Join Bishop Nulty and the Kildare and Leighlin family in Knock on June 2nd. Names now been taken call to the parish office or phone 057 8624390 (seat €20).

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.

### MAY ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm in the Parish Church each Sunday evening for the month of May.

All welcome.

The Rosary will be recited in Castlebrack Cemetery at 7pm each Sunday evening for the month of May. All welcome.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday May 8th.

Jackpot Numbers:3:5:10:29: No Jackpot winner:

21 Matched '3' - €48 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €18,000

#### Winner

Danny Dunne

#### Promoter

Joe Dunne

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

If you have a baby for Baptism, please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.

Welcome to our newly baptised...

**Charlie Dunne, Connolly Street,**

**Maya Lee-Buron, College Avenue,**

"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."

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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Local Enquiries. Parish Office @ 057 8624390.

### CINEMA NIGHT

in aid of **Radio Maria** in the Balcony Cinema, Mountmellick, next Friday May 17th at 7.30pm showing **The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima.** Cost €10.

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#### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Will show "The Holdovers" on Wednesday May 15th at 8.00pm. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

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**PARISH OFFICE:** Please note the Parish Office will be closed from May 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. Notices, anniversaries etc for the May 19<sup>th</sup> newsletter should be left into the post box at office door please. Many thanks.