



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
2nd Sun after Christmas
January 5th 2025



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**The Synodal
 Pathway**



*communion participation
 mission*

**Jubilee Year
 Of Hope 2025**

Monday 6th January

“Nollaig na mBan”

The Feast of the Epiphany.

Holy Day

Masses at 11.00am and 7.30pm.

Some say there is a bit of the three wise visitors from the East in all of us. We want to find, discover and embrace all that's good and holy, true and kind, fair and generous. We seek out where the truth is, where God is, where is it we can offer our gifts to the Holy One. Throughout this New Year, may we follow the star of “God's care and guidance” and like the wise visitors from the East find new ways to share the Gospel's ‘good news’ with others.

“Guiding Star”

Lord, the sight of the guiding star, brought hope, courage and joy to those who journeyed to find you.

When our journey seems long, when our hope seems far away, when our courage is failing fill us with faith and trust; shine your light on our fears, lift our hearts with your joy.

Help us to recognise you in our sisters and brothers throughout the world; show us how we can work together so that we may all come to share in the life promised us by Jesus, the Saviour of us all.

Amen.

The Word became flesh and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as God's only Son. (Jn 1: 14)

PRAYER FOR JUBILEE 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
 Amen

2025 Box of Envelopes



Please take your 2025 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 as this will help us record your contributions correctly.

Míle buíochas.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Nancy Conroy, Manor Lane, mass on Tuesday January 7th at 7.30pm.

1st anniversary Mass: David McDonald, Derrydavy, David Parkinson, Connolly St., mass on Thursday January 9th 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Kathleen Thompson, Wolfetone St., Terence & Donal Horohan, Clonsaughey, Tom Scott, Strahard, Joe Blanc, Pattison's Est., Denis & Margaret Whelan, Clonsaughey, Elizabeth Horan, Ballyfin, Mary & Jack Whelan, Sarsfield St., John (Jack) Delaney, Pattisons Est., William Horan, Strahard, Mary Maher, Eyne, Alice McCann, Borness, Maura Murphy, Irishtown, Margaret Kearney, Irishtown, Patrick & Maura Bishop, St. Joseph's Tce., Molly Conroy & Essie Hyland, Clonaslee.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday January 11th/12th: Teresa (Ciss) O'Sullivan, St. Joseph's Tce., John Bunny Bracken, Portnahinch, Andrew O'Reilly Snr. & Andrew O'Reilly Jnr., Connolly St.

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Dec 28th/29th

Baskets: €990 - Envelopes: €2,210

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

CHEQUES CHEQUES

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

Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

THE BALCONY CINEMA presents

"The Apprentice"

at 8.00pm. on Wednesday Jan 8th.

Adm: €5. Refreshments served.

The Rock National School

Admissions for 'Junior Infants' for September 2025. Please contact 057/8624490 for Information & Admission Forms before Monday, Jan 27th. Thank You.

Best wishes to all our school communities as they return from their holidays. Good luck in 2025!



DANA'S Cross & Cloak Concert

7.30pm, The Manor Hotel,
Abbeyleix, Sun. Feb 2nd.

In aid of the Sacred Heart Crusade.

Tickets €25 available on eventbrite.ie
Enquiries to Antoinette 086 - 080 3047.



Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday Jan 11th/12th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ann Conroy

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Jan 11th/12th

Sat. 7.30pm - Dolores Fitzgerald & Sebastian Kopijka

Sun. 11am - Mary Walsh & Noreen Savage

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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New Child Safeguarding Policy 2024

"A Safe and Welcoming Church – Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2024". www.safeguarding.ie

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

**The next parish lotto draw will take place on
Wednesday January 8th 2025.**

Ideal New Year Gift !!!

Give a 'gift subscription' to Mountmellick Parish Lotto as a New Year gift. 1 year, 6 month or 3 month Gift Cards available in the Parish Office. It could be you!!

2025 PARISH CALENDAR

The 2025 Parish Calendar is available to pick up at the back of both churches this weekend.

New Year Blessing

May the Lord bless you and take care of you;
May the Lord be kind and gracious to you;
May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace. (Num 6:24-26)