



**Mountmellick Parish**  
**Newsletter**  
**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**March 2nd 2025**

**Parish Office: Tel 057 - 8624390**



The Synodal  
Pathway

**Jubilee Year  
Of Hope 2025**

# LENT

Lent our 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving begins next Wednesday. It's a time of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries and extras during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. **Masses and distribution of blessed ashes will be at 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.30pm in the Parish Church and 8.00pm in Clonaghadoo.**

### DURING LENT JOIN US ....

**TUESDAY Morning Mass:** Beginning on Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> and continuing then on each Tuesday morning of Lent there will be a 7.30am mass in our Parish Church.

**Station of the Cross for Lent:** All are welcome each Sunday evening during Lent (beginning Sun 9th) at 7.00pm to the Parish Church for a praying of The Stations of the Cross.

**After the 10am mass on the Fridays of Lent** (beginning Fri 7th) there will be a short praying of the stations for those who are available to join in.

**TRÓCAIRE - GUATEMALA - LENT 2025.** Trócaire began working in Guatemala during the 1980s when the violence of the internal armed conflict was at its most extreme. The 2025 Lent campaign centres around the story of a family, and a small community, from La Paz. Ilma and Julio have four children and depend on farming for their livelihood. Like many families and communities, they are experiencing increasingly erratic weather patterns due to climate change. This is having life-changing consequences on their livelihoods, wellbeing and future. Help Trócaire help Ilma, Julio, their children and their community. The annual Lenten Trócaire Boxes are available to take home this weekend. Thank you.

### GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion - Welcome

This weekend we welcome the girls and boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> class and their parents/guardians to our First Holy Communion Preparation Masses (Sat. 7.30pm & Sun. 9.00am in Clonaghadoo). Our focus this month is on the way in which we pray, both individually and as a parish family.

Personal prayer (maybe even using the fingers on our hand) helps us to strengthen our relationship with God. Today we pray for all of us gathered here; that during Lent we may renew our commitment to personal prayer, wherever we are on our faith journey.



### TEMPERANCE SUNDAY, Mar 2nd.

This Lent you can be a 'Pilgrim of Hope' for others by:

- Taking a short-term Pioneer Pledge for Lent.
- Spiritually adopting someone who is on an Alcohol Treatment Programme.
- Learning the 12 Steps of the AA fellowship.

more information on [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org)

### LOURDES 2025 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

1st July, 2025 for 6 nights.

€1,000 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing.

For information, bookings and details contact

Eleanor @ 087-7670915.



**....With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope, 2025....**

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Mass:** Sr. De Sales Egan, Presentation Sisters, mass on Tuesday March 4th at 7.30pm.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Sam & Josie Kelly, Borness, Sid Dunne, Harbour St., Margaret Joyce, Derrydavy, Paddy Dunne, St. Joseph's Tce., Anna Bergin, Graigue, Deceased members of the Walsh Family, Graigue, Deceased members of the Conroy Family, Graigue, Ellen & Jack Delaney, Garoon, Michael & Margaret Phelan, Clonterry, Norah Baker, O'Moore St., Jim Murphy, Irishtown,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ March 8th & 9th:** Eoin Gorman, Derrycloney, Jim McGlynn, Bay Road,

**Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.**

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Feb 22nd & 23rd

Baskets: €630 Envelopes: €685

**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".

#### Friday March 7th

#### First Friday.



**Masses:** 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

#### SUNDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

All are welcome between 6.30pm and 7.00pm this Sunday evening in the Parish Church for devotions and prayers. There will also be time for quiet personal reflection and adoration before The Blessed Sacrament. **Please note the earlier starting time of 6.30pm.**

#### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "**Philomena**" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday March 5th. Adm: €5 includes a cuppa and a biscuit. All welcome.

#### **Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING**

#### **Designated Liaison Person &**

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

**Telephone: 085 8021633.**

**Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)**

**Deputy DLP: Telephone: 086 1710643.**

#### **Local Enquiries.**

**Parish Office: Tel. 057/8624390.**

**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](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

#### Ministers of the Word

#### **Saturday/Sunday March 8th/9th**

*Sat. 7.30pm* - Carol McAuley

*Sun. 11.00am* - Bernie Reddin

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### **Saturday/Sunday March 8th/9th**

*Sat. 7.30pm* - Dolores Fitzgerald & Sebastian Kopijka

*Sun. 11.00am* - Mona Conroy & Antoinette Makim

#### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer will take place in the Methodist Church (beside Glanbia) at 11am on Friday March 7th. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian Women in the Cook Islands. The theme chosen this year is 'I made you wonderful' based on Psalm 139. All are welcome.

#### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 26th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 15:26:29:32:

No Jackpot winner.

2 Matched '3' - €500 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €14,000

#### **Winner**

#### **Promoter**

**No Mountmellick winner.**

#### MOUNTMELICK TOWN CENTRE FIRST PLAN (TCF)

Pre-Draft Public Consultation Stage.

Laois County Council and the 'Mountmellick Town Team' are preparing a 'Town Centre First Plan' for Mountmellick. The 'Plan' aims to establish a community-led vision to regenerate Mountmellick, its assets and unique attributes. A short survey below offers you an opportunity to provide your comments and thoughts. **Please note the closing date for this survey is 5.00pm on the 6th of March 2025.** The results of this survey will help to inform the Draft Town Centre First Plan. There will be further opportunities to engage with the team in the coming months. Thank you. Have your say!

**The link to the survey is:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XLS9THS>

#### "BINGO BINGO"

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