



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9th 2025

2025
 Jubilee
 Year of
 Hope

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The Synodal
 Pathway



communion participation
 mission

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KILDARE & LEIGHLIN
SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY Feb 9th 2025.

“Sunday, Feb 9th, is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. The new National Child Safeguarding Policy is called ‘A Safe and Welcoming Church’ and that is what our diocese is, a safe and welcoming Church. Safeguarding Sunday is an occasion to acknowledge and recognise the years of dedication and work by so many to ensure that Kildare & Leighlin is a safe place for children and all who work with them”.

Denis Nulty, Bishop Kildare and Leighlin.

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact: Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Ailish Higgins Tel: 085 802 1633 Email: dlp@kandle.ie. Contact details for all civil authorities are on display at the back of all churches in the diocese and available on the website www.kandle.ie

.....Supports for Survivors of Abuse

Towards Healing is an independent organisation providing free professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. They provide counselling for survivors and their families. Their helpline is open: Tuesday to Friday 9am -5pm. Freephone: 1800 303 416. Hearing-impaired Text Line Number: 085 8022 859.

Email: info@towardshealing.ie Web: www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Provides spiritual support in a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Tel: 01 505 3028 / 086 771 0533.

Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie Web: www.towardspeace.ie

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME. However unworthy we may feel or believe ourselves to be, God sees beyond this and is inviting each of us without exception to live a fulfilled life in the flow of his bountiful love. In the Temple, Isaiah experiences a vision of the wonder of God and is overcome with self-doubt and self-criticism. Despite this, he is given a blessing and told his sins are forgiven. His response is immediate: ‘Here I am! Send me!’ In a similar way, when Simon Peter first meets Jesus, he is overcome with a sense of worthlessness and sinfulness in the presence of the unsought bounty of God. Jesus’s response is to gently but firmly tell Simon (and us!): ‘Do not be afraid, just follow’. And Simon Peter does. Today we pray for the grace to see beyond the limitations that we set upon ourselves. We ask to glimpse the beauty and potential that God sees within us and calls us to share with the world.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Feb 11th

Tuesday is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope St. John Paul II as a way for people to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. In his message for this special day, Pope Francis said: “In times of illness, we sense our human frailty on the physical, psychological, and spiritual levels; yet we also experience the closeness and compassion of God, who, in Jesus, shared in our human suffering.” Pope Francis concluded his message with a special word of gratitude to health care workers and those who care for the sick, calling their shared journey “a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope.” He entrusted all who are ill to the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, and asked for prayers for himself.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st anniversary Masses: John Hennessy, Davitt Road, Christina Lawlor, Cloncosney, mass on Thursday February 13th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: James & Mary Scott, Chapel St., Michael Oxley, Wolfetone St., Moira Conroy, Derrycloney, Edward Comerford, Manor Lane, Cora & Dan Barrett, Wolfetone St., Ollie Kelly, Acragar, Sheila Whelan, Kirwan Park, Joe Fennelly, Harbour St., Betty Deffew, Emmet Tce., Lill Kelly, Davin Park, John Conroy, Davin Park, Christy Dunne, Margaret Moran, St. Joseph's Tce., Grainne Drummond, Pond Lane, Esther Burke, Harbour Court, The Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family, Garrymore, Mary Tierney, Portlaoise & Mountmellick, P. Kearney, Harbour St., The Deceased members of the Gorman Family, Derryguile, Una Bloomer, St. Joseph's Tce., Michael & Ann Ryan, Bay Road, Annie Josephine Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce., Elizabeth McDonald, Derryguile, Kit Guilfoyle, Emmet Tce., Kathleen & Peter Bracken, Garoon,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday February 15th & 16th: Julia Bracken, Portnahinch, Annie Dempsey, Clonterry, Joey Dunne, Emmet Tce.,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Feb 1st & 2nd

Baskets: €780

Envelopes: €1,000

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".

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.

Welcome to our newly baptised...

**Kai Cassidy, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Tommy O'Riordan, 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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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

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday Feb 15th & 16th

Sat. 7.30pm - Michael Feely

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Feb 15th & 16th

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh & Dolores Fitzgerald

Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan & Mona Conroy

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 5th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 7:10:11:32

No Jackpot winner:

20 Matched '3' - €50 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €11,000

Winner

Anna Burke

Promoter

Judy Furlong



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>

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents " **Small Things Like These**" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday Feb 12th. Adm: €5, All welcome.