



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
4th Sunday of Lent
March 30th 2025

2025
 Jubilee
 Year of
 Hope

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The Synodal
 Pathway



communion participation
 mission

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REJOICE! IN CHRIST WE ARE A NEW CREATION

On this Laetare ('Rejoice!') Sunday at the mid-point of Lent, our liturgy centres on the boundless forgiveness of our loving God. We may choose to turn away from God's love, but God forever turns towards us, longing to embrace us with compassion and rejoicing when we come back to him. The parable that Jesus shares in today's Gospel sums up the whole message of the Good News and the promise of reconciliation. This reconciliation is made complete through the events of Holy Week and Easter that we will soon celebrate. In this Jubilee Year, we pray as Pilgrims of Hope, made new in Christ - *Loving God, pour out your mercy on us, never let us forget your unending love. May we strive to share this love with others as we seek a better future for all your people. Amen.*



1st Confessions: This week we will be celebrating '1st Confession' with the pupils from 2nd Class in all our Primary Schools. Pray for them and their parents/guardians that this special moment will bring them further on their journey of discovering God's special love for them.....

Act of Sorrow: O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY, Monday April 14th.



Diocesan Chrism Mass. Bishop Nulty will celebrate, with the diocesan family, the annual Kildare and Leighlin '**Chrism Mass**' on Monday April 14th at 7.30pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. During the mass the Holy Oils for use in the coming year will be blessed and the priests attending will renew the promises they made at their ordination. All are welcome as the Kildare and Leighlin family, its bishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful, young and old, gather in prayer and worship. Music will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton and the Diocesan Choir. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's.

'Giving Sunday 2025'

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this year's Giving Sunday Appeal. Special envelopes for this year's contributions are still available in both churches. Thank you for your support.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Brigid & Francis Gorman, Borness, Lillian O'Neill Corcoran, Clontyglass, Ned Comerford, Manor Lane, Maureen Goode, Patrick St., Anne Smyth, Manor Lane & Inverin, Lena & Jimmy Dunne, Wolfetone St., Tommy Nolan, Emmet St., Eileen, Joseph & Charlie Conroy, Chapel St., Paddy Gorman, Station View, Tom & Peter Lawlor, Harbour St., John Deegan, Derryguile, Danny Doyle, Pond Lane, James & Phil Fingleton, Avolia, Julia Horohan, Clonsaughey,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ April 5th & 6th: Michael Reddin, Bridge St., Mary (Peg) White Emmet St, Philomena Ryan nee Ward (1st Anniversary), formerly Harbour St.,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday March 22nd & 23rd

Baskets: €645 Envelopes: €1,115

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...

Rí & Úna Cullen, Acragar.

"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."

LOURDES 2025 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

1st July, 2025 for 6 nights.

€1,000 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing (only 10 places remaining). For information, bookings and details contact Eleanor @ 087-7670915.



First Friday - Friday April 4th

Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

Telephone: 085 8021633.

Email: 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

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday April 5th/6th

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear

Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday April 5th/6th

Sat. 7.30pm - Oliver Ging & Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Antoinette Makim & Mary Walsh

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday March 26th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 6:23:24:25. No Jackpot winner:

11 Matched '3' - €91 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €12,000.

No Mountmellick Winners.

APOSOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

KNOCK NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE 2025

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 6TH

Sunday 10.30am to 5.00pm.

Bus leaving Portlaoise at 8.30am on Sunday morning.

Contact: Br. Matthew Hayes @ 086 3822247

MOUNTMELICK PUBLIC ROSARY

Our next monthly public Rosary will be on Saturday April 5th at 4.00pm in O'Connell Square, Mountmellick.

All are welcome to join us in prayer.

P.A.T.H. Clonaghadoo PATH Support Group will accept donations of practical and non-perishable items for their work with homeless people across Dublin and the surrounding area. A basket, for donated items, is located inside the door of Clonaghadoo Church (Tayto, Pot Noodles, Sweets, Easter Eggs, Wipes and Socks would be greatly appreciated). Our next collection is Sunday April 13th. Further details: Annette @ 085 1018988, Ann @ 085 8427064, Dolores @ 087 6255735.

RAFFLE: Be in with a chance to win two unique, hand-crafted prizes. Tickets €2 per strip or 3 strips for €5. Available from - Parish Office, Frances Hibbitts or Ger Dunne's Gala. All proceeds to St. Joseph's Parish.

Happy
Mother's
Day

Clocks go forward this Saturday night as we bid farewell to winter time!

