



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday of Lent

April 6th 2025

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The Synodal
Pathway

Jubilee Year Of Hope 2025

Christ Jesus has made me his own!

The Word of God

The setting for this Sunday's Gospel is Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles. Yom Kippur, the final opportunity to repent before the close of the year, has just ended. The scribes and Pharisees standing before Jesus are missing the opportunity for repentance, but the lone woman, crouched there, takes it eagerly.

Jesus is offering this chosen woman a way out of her wilderness (1st Reading). Working marvels for her (Psalm), he is doing something new by mixing what the righteousness of the law requires with forgiveness and mercy. He saves her life and then offers her the drink of new spiritual life. She leaves filled with gladness.

Let's continue to move upward into Holy Week as Christ's chosen, praying that we might be agents of his forgiveness and mercy in all the situations of our lives.

Lord, you have done great things for us, bringing mercy and salvation through your Son, Jesus; fill us with inner joy, even as we carry life's burdens. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocesan Chrism Mass.

Bishop Nulty will celebrate the annual Kildare and Leighlin 'Chrism Mass' on Monday week, 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.

LOURDES 2025 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.
1st July, 2025 for 6 nights.
€1,000 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing.
Only 3 places left.

Intending pilgrims should make contact without delay to book their place. For details contact Eleanor @ 087-7670915.

With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope, 2025.

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. Thank you.

1st Confessions.

Congratulations to the pupils from 2nd Class in all our Primary Schools who celebrated their First Confession this week. First Holy Communions take place on May 17th and 24th.



'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

Month's Mind Mass: Anthony (Tony) Christie, Connolly Street, mass on Tuesday April 8th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Mai O'Toole, Davin Park, Jim Drumm, Emmet St., Joan Morris, Debbicot, Daniel Culleton, Hill,60, Philomena Ryan nee Ward (1st Anniversary), formerly Harbour St., Kitty Breen, O'Moore St., Bridie Conroy, O'Moore St., Mick Lee, The Rock, Mary Comerford, Ronnie O'Rourke, Hill 60, Kevin Hibbitts, Harbour St., Michael Dowling, Irishtown, Mai Healion, O'Moore St., Judy Wall, Derryguile, Annie McDonald, Brittas, Tommy McDonald, Brittas, Ned Kelly, Derryguile & The Heath, Nancy Keogh, Borness, Philomena Farrell, Acragar, Eileen McGarvey nee Lawlor,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ April 12th & 13th: Seamus Ed Hynes, (1st Anniversary) Kirwan Park, Maureen & Tom Davis, St. Joseph's Tce.,
Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday March 29th & 30th

Baskets: €675 Envelopes: €890

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".

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday April 12th/13t

Sat. 7.30pm - Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday April 12th/13th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sebastian Kopijka & Anna Reddin

Sun. 11.00am - Mona Conroy & Noreen Savage

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 2nd 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 11:15:24:31:

No Jackpot winner:

12 Matched '3' - €84 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €13,000

Winner

Liam Hourigan

Promoter

Michael Gormley

Pope Francis'

Prayer Intention for April

For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

RAFFLE

Be in with a chance to win two unique, handcrafted prizes. Tickets €2 per strip or 3 strips for €5. Available from - Parish Office, Frances Hibbitts or Ger Dunne's Gala. The prizes are on display in the parish office.

All proceeds to St. Joseph's Parish.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

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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

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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



Welcome to our newly baptised...

Evie Keogh, Willow Grove.

"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."

THANK YOU

The Ivy Cemetery Committee would like to thank all who contributed so generously to their Church Gate collection last weekend it is very much appreciated.

Also thanks to the collectors.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "The Terminal" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday April 9th. €5 includes a cuppa and a biscuit. All welcome.

WANTED

Helper for household chores wanted for a couple of hours each Wednesday. Contact: 087 9627457.

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