



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 20th 2025**

**Parish Office: Tel 057 - 8624390**



The Synodal  
Pathway

**Jubilee Year  
Of Hope 2025**

### Bishop Nulty's Easter Message 2025

My mother was fifteen years dead on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Her death was sudden and unexpected, particularly when I think of dad's. When those we love die, years tend to morph into one another, you forget the number of years. Fifteen years is but a twinkling of an eye.

There is a line in Luke's Easter Vigil gospel that captures this beautifully, as it takes our focus from the grave, from the tombstone: "*why look among the dead for someone who is alive?*" Those we love and lose to death are alive in Christ and are alive in our hearts.

The three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are essentially one liturgy lasting three days. Holy Thursday begins but doesn't end. Good Friday picks up the themes but leaves us at Golgotha while on Holy Saturday we wait at a tomb, waiting for the dawn to break, waiting for the tomb to be cracked open.

The Triduum is three days in one. Easter is fifty days in one. Let's make the most of these fifty days and feel the life of Christ fully alive among us.

I am very conscious of the great work done across all our parishes to unpack the Easter story.

I thank priests and people who do so much to make these days special. As the hymn prays:

*"Christ is alive, with joy we sing, We celebrate our risen Lord, Praising the glory of his name.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"*

Blessings to all as we celebrate the life of Christ and the life of all we've lost to death. Happy Easter! **+Denís.**

**EASTER BLESSINGS.** "Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this Easter sacrament one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord". How quickly Easter has come around! We pray its many blessings for you and your family, near and far away. May the great message of 'new life' inspire and guide our world leaders to rise above partisan and blinkered visions so that hope, peace and justice can be celebrated by us all. Thank you for your continued support and kindnesses, we very much appreciate it. We wish you every Easter blessing, every Easter grace and every Easter hope.

*Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy, Fr. MacNamara.*

**Easter Sunday, Alleluia, Alleluia** - the greatest feast of the Church year. In today's Gospel we see Mary Magdalene, running to tell the disciples about the empty tomb. Peter and the beloved disciple discover this for themselves and slowly come to believe that Jesus is risen. The First Reading, from Acts of the Apostles, shows how Peter has grown in his faith. He is spreading the Good News and gives his personal witness to the Resurrection of Jesus to Gentiles as well as Jews. May these readings and this great feast fill us with hope and deep joy, whatever our circumstances may be. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**Devotions in Honour of the Divine Mercy**  
**on Sunday 27th April at 3.00pm**  
**in St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick**

**The Image of St. Faustina and her Relic will be available at this service  
for Veneration.**

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Masses:** Brian Lynch, Chapel Street, Jim Griffin, Davitt Road and Fr. Patrick Mooney, Moneyquid, mass on Tuesday April 22nd at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Masses:** Patrick Lawlor, Wolfetone Court, Mary Nolan, Emmet Street, mass on Thursday April 24th at 7.30pm.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Seamus Gorman, Graigue, Sean Comerford, Davin Park, Elizabeth Delaney, Manor Lane, Noel Bentley, The Rock, Patrick & Margaret Carroll, Wolfetone St., Jim & Josie Quigley, Derryguile, Michael Culliton, Grange Lodge, Thomas Lawlor, Harbour St., Sr. Catherine O'Rourke, Derryguile, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Derryguile, Anthony Conroy, Derryguile, Anthony O'Neill, Twomey Park, Bridie Healion, O'Moore St., Elizabeth Gorman, Hill 60, Patrick & Mary McCabe, Tuam, Molly Carbery & Donald Carbery, Emmet St., Michael & Harry Dempsey, Emmet St. John & Bridie Greene, Connolly St.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 12th & 13th April

Baskets: €880 Envelopes: €905

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".

### LOURDES 2025 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

1st July, 2025 for 6 nights.

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

Only 2 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.**

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "The Other Boleyn Girl" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday April 23rd. €5 includes a cuppa and a biscuit. All welcome.

**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. All proceeds to St. Joseph's Parish.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

#### Designated Liaison Person &

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

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**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 April 26th/27th

Sat. 7.30pm - Michael Feely

Sun. 11.00am - Mona Conroy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday April 26th/27th

Sat. 7.30pm - Gillian Colgan & Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Paddy Buggy & Bernie Reddin

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 16th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 4:5:18:29:

No Jackpot winner: 7 Matched '3' - €143 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €15,000

#### Winner

Aisling & James Ryan

#### Promoter

C. Lindley

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

**Welcome to our newly baptised...**

**Eli Coss, Lord Edward Street.**

"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."

**Mountmellick Active Seniors Club** meet every second Wednesday in the Community Centre, Wolfe Tone Court at 10.30am. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 23rd April. Our activities are mostly day or evening trips as well as 4 night hotel breaks away, twice a year (June and November). For information please contact Maria Kane, Chairperson on 085 2652727

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### Fundraiser for Neurosurgery

#### Dept in Beaumont Hospital

Coffee Morning/Cake Sale in aid of the above in the Macra Hall, Patrick Street, Mountmellick on Saturday May 3rd from 10am to 3pm.

Cakes, Buns, Tarts, Bread and more for sale.

Raffle for gorgeous hamper and lots of other prizes.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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**No BINGO this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.**