



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 4th 2025



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**Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 4.30pm.**

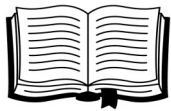
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**The Synodal
Pathway**



**communion participation
mission**

**Jubilee Year
Of Hope 2025**



'IT IS THE LORD'

Today's joy-filled readings speak of the meaning of discipleship, both in our personal relationship with Jesus and in our relationships with other people. The apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit (*1st Reading*), continue to proclaim the teachings of Jesus. When confronted by the religious leaders, they insist on obeying God rather than any human authority. The joy of the apostles is based on their faith that God will change our 'mourning into dancing', as the Responsorial Psalm of praise and thanksgiving proclaims. Our merciful God will lift us from our troubles. In today's gospel St. John recounts Jesus's post-Resurrection meeting with the disciples, who have returned to their old ways of fishing. Jesus calls to them at dawn, guiding them to a miraculous catch, followed by a shared breakfast. Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him, instructing him to care for his followers.

GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion - Welcome

This weekend we welcome the girls and boys from 2nd class and their parents/guardians to our First Holy Communion Preparation Masses (Sat. 7.30pm & Sun. 9.00am in Clonaghadoo).

First Holy Communion Dates.

May 17th, 11.00am, Scoil Phádraig Naofa - 11.00am Clonaghadoo NS.

May 24th, 11.00am Scoil Iósaif Naofa, 11.00am - 2.00pm The Rock NS.



MAY – The Month of Our Lady

Take my hand O Blessed Mother hold it gently lest I fall; I grow nervous when I'm walking so to thee I humbly call. Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs let me know that you're beside me; listen to my fervent prayers. Then when darkness falls around me and I fear to be alone: Take my hand O Blessed Mother, once again and lead me home. Amen.

Sunday Rosary For May: All welcome at 6.30pm in the Parish Church for the four Sunday evenings of May to pray the Rosary for your own intentions and the intentions of the Church and the world.



Castlebrack Cemetery: All welcome at 7pm in the Cemetery for the four Sunday evenings of May to pray the Rosary.

Queen of the May



Bring flowers of the fairest, bring blossoms the rarest, from garden and woodland and hillside and vale. Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale. O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May. O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Michael Dempsey, Davitt Road, Mass on Tuesday May 6th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Bernie Bracken, Portnahinch, Ellen & Michael O'Toole, Patrick & Marie Conroy, Twomey Park, Paddy & Mary Conroy, Twomey Park, Tom Molloy, Twomey Park, Patrick Moss, Esker Gate, Mary Conroy, Derryguile, Margaret Lynch, Portlaoise, Matthew Farrell, Lord Edward St., Pauline Conroy, Davin Park, Margaret Fitzgibbon, The Rock, Thomas Lee, Chapel St., John & Brigid McDonnell, Edenderry, Kathleen Dollard, Mountrath, Donal & Esther Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Byrne, Sandymount, George Webster, Chapel St. Francis O'Sullivan, Davitt Road, Margaret Conlon, Derryguile,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ May 10th & 11th: Frances Davis, Harbour St., Noel Storey, Derryguile,

Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 26th & 27th April

Baskets: €865 Envelopes: €955

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...

Hugh O'Brien, Emmet Tce.

Rían Feeney, St. Joseph's Tce.

"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. (only 2 places left).

Final payment is now requested by May 14th.

Thank you. For details contact Eleanor @ 087-7670915.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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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 May 10th/11th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday May 10th/11th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sebastian Kopijka & Fiona Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Mona Conroy & Paddy Buggy

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 30th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 1:23:31:32:

No Jackpot winner: 6 Matched '3' - €167 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €17,000.

No Mountmellick Winner.

The Winners of the Specially Created "Throw & Chair" in the recent Parish Raffle were Mary & Ger Hartnett. A special work of thanks to Nora Grant and the ticket sellers. The amount raised: €1,890

March for Life 2025: The March for Life

2025 organised by the Pro-Life Campaign takes place on Monday (5th May) in Dublin at 2pm (Meeting point: St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. For more information visit www.marchforlife.ie

PIETA DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Portlaoise Official 5km Walk in aid of **Pieta** will take place on **Saturday May 10th at 4.15am.**, from Irish Prison Service College, Dublin Road, Portlaoise. Register today @ darknessintolight.ie

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "Frida" at 8.00pm. on

Wednesday May 7th.

"BINGO BINGO BINGO"

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

WILLS/BEQUESTS: Occasionally the Parish receives bequests from wills. A bequest reflects someone's desire to make a contribution to the parish from their will. Please remember Mountmellick Parish in your will. Thank you.