



Mountmellick Parish
Newsletter
5th Sunday of Easter
May 18th 2025



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The Synodal
Pathway

communion participation
mission

**Jubilee Year
Of Hope 2025**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures (Psalm 144). As this year's season of Easter draws to a close, we are guided to remain focused on Jesus's central commandment to his followers: 'Love'. We are loved, forgiven and transformed sinners; called, commanded and commissioned to love others; graced and grounded in the love that has been poured out for us. This love inspired the Early Church to spread the Good News of Jesus's life, death and resurrection throughout Asia Minor (present-day Turkey and Syria). Paul and Barnabas supported and appointed leaders to keep the flame of God's love alive in these early church communities. Today's Gospel proclaims a simple, joyful central message. Jesus gives his followers, gives us, a 'new commandment': **'Love one another, as I have loved you.'** We pray in this **Jubilee Year** that we will be inspired to care for each other and for all creation with compassion and love, strengthened by Jesus's love for us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: *Every blessing and prayerful good wishes to the girls from Ms. Carey's 2nd class in Scoil Iósaif Naofa and the boys and girls from Ms. Slevin's 2nd class in The Rock NS who will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Sat, May 24th. The Body of Christ. Amen.*



PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA: The Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference invites you to join thousands of people across Ireland, and indeed, across the world, praying for an end to abortion and for a culture that respects and protects all human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. The novena begins next week, on Friday 23rd May and ends on Saturday 31st May 2025, the feast of the Visitation of our Lady to her cousin Elizabeth. You can access the daily prayers on this website: PrayforLife.ie

CEMETERY MASSES 2025 CEMETERY MASSES 2025

Castlebrack Cemetery - Sunday May 25th at 7.00pm
Clonaghadoo Cemetery - Sunday July 6th at 1.00pm. (there will be no 9.00am mass that morning).
St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar - Sunday July 20th at 1.00pm.
Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 4th - 7.30pm.

Please share the time and dates with family and friends who might wish to attend.

"Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!"

Bishop Nulty, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening. It takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included. Booking essential through parishdevelopment@kandle.ie providing your name and parish.

MAY – The Month of Mary. The Memorare: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, do not reject my petition, but graciously hear and answer me. Amen.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Lill Maher, Harbour St., Jack Cussen, Derryguile, mass on Tuesday May 20th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Paddy Lynch, Emmet St., Bridget Dunne, Graigue, John Cooper, Pattison Est., Patsy Kelly, Davin Park, Michael Dowling, Portlaoise, Nancy O'Reilly, Connolly St., Edward Dempsey, Kilmainham, Philomena Gillane nee Gordon, Nonie, Michael, Paddy & Martin Gordon, Galway, Paddy Styles, Pearse St., Martin & Mary Delaney, Graigue & Josie Fennelly, Thady & Lucy Fox, Lought, Barry Kelly, Kirwan Park, Bernie Conroy, Derryguile, Moira & Georgie leech, Rynn, Rosenallis.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 10th & 11th May
Baskets: €890 Envelopes: €1,050

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...

Max Marshall, Orlando.

Sara Smlatic, Church View.

"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."

Sunday Rosary For May:

All welcome at 6.30pm in the Parish Church this Sunday evening to pray the Rosary for your own intentions and the intentions of the Church and the world.



Castlebrack Cemetery:

All welcome this Sunday evening at 7pm to pray the Rosary in the Cemetery.

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 May 24th/25th

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday May 24th/25th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh & Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin & Mary Walsh

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday May 14th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 4:9:19:32:

Jackpot winner: Assumpta Whelan, Newbridge

17 Matched '3' - €59 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €10,000

Winner

Jacinta

Promoter

McElwee's

VACANCY: Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan

Education Officer: Applications are being invited for the above post. Please see www.kandle.ie for details. Closing date 30th May 2025.

FUNDING ROADSHOW: You are cordially invited to a Funding Roadshow being organised by Laois County Council which will be of interest to businesses, people working in the local community, and people interested in renovating vacant and derelict sites for housing purposes. This event will be hosted by the Regeneration Section of Laois County Council in the Liath Luachra Suite, Bloom HQ, Mountrath, R32 DC58 on Thursday, 22nd May – 5.00pm-7:30pm.

'Mary's Meals' Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need share with those who lack even the most basic things. Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from many walks of life and different backgrounds. South Sudan, Malawi and Ethiopia are among the 16 countries where 'Mary's Meals' support thousands of children with nutritious school meals. Volunteers will take up a Church Gate collection next weekend.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "The Vow" at 8.00pm. on
Wednesday May 21st. Adm: €5,