



# **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

## **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **August 10th 2025**



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

The Synodal  
Pathway  
*communion participation  
mission*

**Jubilee Year  
Of Hope 2025**



### **Jubilee Year of Hope - Parish Pilgrimage to Knock.**

In May 2024, the late Pope Francis announced a 'Jubilee Year' for 2025 with the theme "Hope does not disappoint" encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope and pilgrims of hope in our very troubled world. A characteristic of a Holy/Jubilee Year – a plenary indulgence – has also been declared for specific jubilee pilgrimages. The Irish Bishops have designated that pilgrimages to Our Lady's Shrine, in Knock fall into this category. **We will have a parish pilgrimage to Knock for the feast of Our Blessed Lady's Birthday, Monday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. To book a place please phone (057/8624390) or email the Parish Office ([stjosephs1878@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephs1878@gmail.com)). Cost €20 per seat. The bus will leave from St. Joseph's Parish Church at 8.30am. Further details to follow. Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.**



Today's readings remind us that since God has chosen us as his own, we must always be ready to answer his call – whenever and wherever it comes. The First Reading reminds us of the night of the Passover, when the Jewish people were called to place their trust in the God who would deliver them from captivity in Egypt. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to us of the importance of staying awake. We must be ready to receive his call to serve others in the way that he himself showed us throughout his life. God of might and majesty, you never cease to offer us the gift of your kingdom. Free us from fear and guide us on our pilgrim way. Amen.



### **August 15<sup>th</sup> – Holyday of Obligation**

#### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Friday next, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses for the day are at 11.00am and 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Parish Church.**

This mystery of faith shows us that God wants every human person, body and soul, to be in glory forever, just as Mary is now. This feastday shows how important every single human life is. *Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exalted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ.*

### **National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 2025 Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.**

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from 13th to 21st August 2025 at Knock Shrine. This year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope", invites all to embark on a journey of faith and reflection, rooted in the enduring message of Hope of the Knock Apparition. Knock shrine will welcome a distinguished group of guest speakers each day, who will offer reflections and insights on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". These renowned speakers will reflect on how hope has revealed itself in their lives and work. Ceremonies will take place in the Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the course of the nine days with guest speakers present during each ceremony. Each evening, there will be a candlelight procession, a traditional feature of the Novena at Knock, which takes place following the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting). *Full details at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)*

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all who are involved in preparing and hosting our annual cemetery masses. Your work and commitment are very much appreciated. Thank you for all the time and effort put in to make sure the cemeteries are perfectly presented, and every detail is attended to. May all our faithful departed rest in peace and embrace the fullness of eternal life in heaven. Amen.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**1st Anniversary Mass:** Kay Cullen, O'Moore Street, mass this weekend 9th & 10th August. Vera Kearney, Esker Gate, mass this weekend 9th & 10th August.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Johnny Kinch, Lord Edward St., Jack O'Rourke, Twomey Park, Mary Drumm Lynch, Emmet St., & Rialto, Mick Cullen O'Moore St., Kathleen O'Neill, Twomey Park, Sean Baker, O'Moore St., Donogh O'Brien, O'Moore St., & Paddy O'Brien, Susan Byrne, Emmet St., Elizabeth & James Fitzpatrick, Graigue, Peggy Furlong, Lord Edward St., Patrick (Paudge) Conroy, Bay Road,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ August 16th & 17th:** Bridie Dunne, Graigue,

*Sunday Masses in St. Joseph's Church available on parish webcam or church radio.*

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday August 2nd & 3rd  
Baskets: €760 Envelopes: €770

THANK YOU

#### DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via (1) the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website (www.mountmellickparish.ie), (2) our 'Tap-to-Donate' units (inside the main door) or (3) by using our dedicated 'QR Code' below.



#### CHEQUES CHEQUES

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to "Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account".  
MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

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



**Éala Murphy, Irishtown,**  
"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."

**Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for August:**  
**For mutual coexistence:** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



#### Sunday Evening Devotions

here, in our Parish Church, at 6.30pm this Sunday evening. All welcome.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

**Designated Liaison Person &  
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**www.safeguarding.ie**

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday August 16th & 17th

Sat. 7.30pm - Carol McAuley  
Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday August 16th & 17th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford & Bernadette Clear  
Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin & Antoinette Makim

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday August 6th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 10:13:17:23:

No Jackpot winner.

15 Matched '3' - €67 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €20,000

#### Winner

Beth Kelly

#### Promoter

Hanlon's

**Relay For Life Laois** is returning to **Emo Court** on Saturday 16th August 2025 with the Opening Ceremony at 1pm. We welcome people from all over Laois to come together to help in the fight back against cancer. There is live music, carnival games, Irish Dancing exhibitions, other stalls with treats/toys plus ten teams ready to take on the full 24 hour walking challenge, including Mountmellick Macra, Mountmellick Community School and the Yarn Bombers. We raise much needed money to provide free services for our local Laois community, such as: the night nurses, volunteer drivers expenses and counselling, for those affected by cancer. Two brave young lads, Paidi & Martin, who have been growing their mullets for quite some time are shaving them off for sponsorship at 8pm. And at 9pm there is the Ceremony of Hope, where we light thousands of candles to celebrate our cancer survivors, remember our lost loved ones and support our family and friends affected by cancer. A special thanks to Valerie and staff from Emo Court who's unwavering support is so very much appreciated Candle bags/ further details available from Caroline: 0874499903 or Fran Kerry: 087916192.

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### BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "Maria" at 8.00pm. on  
Wednesday August 13th. Adm: €5,  
includes a cuppa and biscuits.

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