



# **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

## **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **August 24th 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**

### **Bishop's Message re 'Day of Prayer for Gaza' Sunday 24th August**

At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in a packed St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: "We must cry out for peace in the world" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "We want peace in the world!" In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem: "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering". The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of "man's inhumanity to man". We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing.

Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer. We can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people." **+Denis Nulty.**



### **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). 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.**



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 who received their Leaving Cert results on Friday. Well done all. Every good wish for the future.

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** It's getting close to that time of the year again. As our schools reopen we wish them a fulfilling and exciting year ahead. Special good wishes to all the new Jnr. Infants starting 'big school' for the first time.



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them with Bishop Nulty, Fr. Ruairí O'Domhnaill and guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at 3.00pm. Confession available. Location: St Anne's Portarlinton, R32 WN59 Saturday August 30th from 9.30am - 4.00pm, Refreshments and Lunch - €20.00 \*\*Booking essential - Please either text or call Barbara 086 163 7311 Stating name and number of companions\*\*. All welcome.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**1st anniversary Mass:** Sheila Kearney, Sarsfield Street, mass on Thursday August 28th at 7.30pm.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Kathleen & Paddy Horan, Strahard, George, Agnes, Willie, George & Ernie Graham, Garoon, Betty Kearney, Harbour St., Baby George Bentley, The Rock, Stephen Byrne, Snr., Emmet St., Elma O'Neill, Emmet Tce., Brian O'Neill, Harbour St., Bridie & James Callaghan and The deceased members of the Callaghan Family, Garrymore, Jo Byrne, Irishtown, Esther Lawlor, Emmet Tce., Mary Ann Lawlor, Chapel St.,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ August 30th & 31st:** Gilbert Utter,

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

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday August 16th & 17th  
Baskets: €845 Envelopes: €730

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](http://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".

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday August 30th/31st

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear  
Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday August 30th/31st

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh & Oliver Ging  
Sun. 11.00am - Noreen Savage & Paddy Buggy

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday August 20th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 6:16:18:29:

No Jackpot winner.

10 Matched '3' - €100 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €20,000

#### Winner

#### Promoter

**No Mountmellick Winner**

### Sunday Evening Devotions

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



### **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.



### BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "It Ends With Us" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday August 27th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and biscuits.

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### BINGO - BINGO

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

### **Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING**

#### **Designated Liaison Person &**

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

**Telephone: 085 8021633.**

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**Local Enquiries. Parish Office: Tel. 057/8624390.**

**[www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)**



**Heartiest congratulations to  
Katelyn Cummins from Ballyou skill  
the 2025 'Rose of Tralee'.**

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### ACTIVE SENIORS CLUB

Active Seniors Club, Wolfe Tone Court invite you to come with us on a Christmas Break to the 4 star Galway Bay Hotel for four nights, starting Monday, 24th November, cost is €495 pps, which includes the coach there and back, day trips, breakfast and evening meal. For more information, please phone or text 087 9753790

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### P.A.T.H.

Clonaghadoo PATH Support Group will accept donations of practical and non-perishable items for their work with homeless people across Dublin and the surrounding area. A basket, for donated items, is located inside the door of Clonaghadoo Church (Tayto, Pot Noodles, Sweets, Wipes and Socks) would be greatly appreciated). Out next collection is Sunday June 22nd. Further details: Annette @ 085 1018988, Ann @ 085 8427064, Dolores @ 087 6255735.

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### 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.