



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30th 2025

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The Synodal
Pathway

communion
participation
mission

Jubilee Year
Of Hope 2025



WE WAIT. WE PREPARE.

Advent Holy Hour, 6.30pm, St. Joseph's Church Sun. Nov 30th, Sun. Dec 7th, Sun. Dec 14th and Christmas Carol Service (7.00pm) Sun Dec 21st. Join our prayerful and reflective 'holy hours' for the Sundays of Advent. Give yourself a small space on a Sunday evening to embrace and treasure the meaning of this special time of the year.

Pray Advent. Pray Preparation. Pray Sunday evenings, beginning 6.30pm, this Sunday evening Nov. 30th.

Advent: A Season of Hope in a Jubilee Year of Hope.

Today marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and the season of Advent, a time of watching and waiting, of longing and preparation for the Lord. Pope Leo will formally close the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome on January 6th. But before he does, we undertake our Advent journey as a people of hope. This Jubilee year reminds us that our hope is a person, Jesus Christ. As we enter this last phase of the Jubilee year, Advent once more invites us into a time of conscious hope and expectation. At the darkest time of the year, we wait, we hope for and we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time, while we remember his first coming at Christmas. BUT in this Advent season we are also called to look out for Christ who is continually coming to us. 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock!' (Revelations 3:20). This Advent let us ready ourselves, through prayer and deeds of love, to open the door of our hearts to Christ – our hope, our life, our peace. (Julie Kavanagh)

God of light, shine forth, show us how to bring hope to others. God of mercy, help us to comfort your people and share in their joy. God of hope, make us an Advent people, preparing the way for life in all its fullness. Amen. (CAFOD)



Today's First Reading presents Isaiah's vision of a peaceful world, where weapons of conflict are turned into tools to rebuild communities, as people grow together in God's love. The theme of awakening features in the **Gospel**, as Jesus calls on people to 'be ready' for God's salvation by living in love and faith. Jesus uses examples ranging from the dramatic events of Noah and the flood, the mundane image of workers in the field and at the mill, and the unexpected thieves breaking into a house. All of these highlight that God is constantly inviting us to follow God's own example in all that we do.

50th Anniversary of CPSMA - Catholic Primary Schools Management Association.

To honour the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the CPSMA Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving in Portlaoise Parish Church on Monday, December 8th at 7:30pm. We warmly invite all who are currently serving, and all who have served, on Boards of Management in our Catholic primary schools across the diocese to join us for this celebration. Together, we will give thanks for the generosity, dedication, and quiet service that have supported our school communities for five decades. All are most welcome.

MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 (JWT)

20th July 2026 - 7 Nights,
Hotel La Solitude. €1,120 per person
sharing: Single rooms available, supplement
is €49 per night.

Travel Insurance available €55 up to 79
years; €75 for those 80 - 94 years. Deadline
for deposits (€200 per person) is Friday 30th
January 2026.

Limited Number of Places Available.
To book please contact: Ann 087-4186192.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: Nancy Conroy, Manor Lane, mass on Thursday December 4th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Danny Lynch, Harbour Court, Eugene, Mona & Gene Byrne, Emmet St., Edward Murphy, Chapel St., Dan & Cora Barrett, Wolfetone St., Breda Scully, Patrick St., Patrick & Teresa Gallagher, The Commons, Bernard & Maureen Rochford, Emmet St., Ann Rochford, Lower Forest, Mary, Nicholas & Kathleen Brennan, Harbour St., Seamus O'Riordan, Davitt Road, Sarah O'Neill, Emmet Tce., Donal Fitzpatrick, Augustine Inope Opogah, Mary Quigley, Mary Tait, Catherine Quigley, George Muir, Patrick O'Neill, Harbour Court,
For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday December 6th & 7th: Eoin Coss, Grove Park, Patrick Dunne, Davitt Road, Jimmy & Lena Dunne, Wolfetone St.,

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

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 22nd & 23rd November

Baskets: €835 Envelopes: €1,050

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' on the left.

CHEQUES CHEQUES

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to
"Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account".

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Friday December 5th

First Friday.

Masses: 10am Parish Church &
8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

MOUNTMELICK PUBLIC ROSARY

Our next monthly public Rosary will be on Saturday
December 6th at 4.00pm in O'Connell Square,
Mountmellick. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

DEPT. OF EDUCATION: NEW SURVEY ON PRIMARY SCHOOLS - HAVE YOUR SAY!!! The Dept of Education and Youth is asking you as a parent or guardian of children in primary school to 'Have Your Say' about your primary school. This is being done through a short, online, confidential survey, which will take at most 5 minutes to complete. The results of the survey will help the department plan how to provide for education at primary level. Please use the following link to take part: www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey. It closes on Tues. Dec. 16th.

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday December 6th & 7th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ann Storey

Sun. 11.00am - Fiona Walsh

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday December 6th & 7th

Sat. 7.30pm - Anna Reddin & Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Paddy Buggy & Mary Walsh

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday November 26th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 12:21:22:27:

No Jackpot winner.

7 Matched '3' - €143 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €17,000

No Mountmellick Winner

Monster Bingo.



On Sunday next Dec 7th at 8.00pm sharp
a 'Monster Bingo', with €5,000 in prizes,
will be held in Mountmellick Arts
Centre. We look forward to a great
night. Spread the word!! Check!!

BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR THE ROCK N.S. ASD CLASSROOM:

Tuesday, December 2nd at 8pm in The Rock GAA Club.
Over **€2000 IN CASH PRIZES TO BE WON** on the
night, plus super raffle prizes including the chance to win
two day-passes to Forest Fest. €10 for a single book;
Double books + flyer sheets also available. **All proceeds
go towards our ASD Classroom.** Join us for a night of
fun, big wins and bingo madness! Books on sale from
7.10pm. Eyes down 8pm! If you can't make the event, and
would like to support this fundraiser, you can enter the
raffle via Revolut. Simply Revolut Sarah on 087 6351466
with your name. Raffle tickets: 3 for €5

An Advent Reflection

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A season to open, awaken, and become.

Discover the nearness of God in the depth of your own
heart. Readings, Mindfulness, Meditation and more
Thursdays December 4th, 11th, 18th. Booking Essential

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