



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12th 2025**

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**Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
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**The Synodal
Pathway
communion participation
mission**

**Jubilee Year
Of Hope 2025**



Grow In Love – First Holy Communion – May 2026

2026 is a very special year for the baptised Catholic children in our various 2nd class groups in the local primary schools. They are going to receive Holy Communion for the first time. In preparation home, school and parish will be working together to help the children know and love Jesus and to be more like him. The first of our preparation masses for the children and their parents/guardians takes place next weekend – at either Sat 7.30pm St. Joseph's Church or Sun 9.00am in Clonaghadoo. We look forward to welcoming all to whichever mass suits best.



The Synodal Pathway
of the Catholic Church in Ireland

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

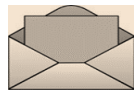
All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance, and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled Baptised and Sent - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/ Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope



Pathways to Progress - Building a pro-life Future'

The Pro-Life Campaign's annual National Conference will take place in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin 1 on Saturday, 18th October

from 12noon to 4pm (with workshops from 11.15am). The theme of this year's conference is "Pathways to Progress - Building a pro-life Future" with a focus on working with our public representatives to reduce Ireland's soaring abortion rate. The conference is free though donations will be accepted on the day. For more info and to register to attend see www.prolifecampaign.ie/plc2025



The October Stations 2025

Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to the 'October Stations'. These contributions go towards the salaries of the priests, and we are very grateful for each one. Station Contribution Envelopes can be left in the usual church boxes or in the post-box at the office door anytime during the month. In appreciation of your kindness masses will be offered for you throughout October.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Leo Dunne, Derryguile, Bridie Conroy, Chapel St., Bridie Birrane, Graigue & Bradford, Lucy Walsh, Harbour St., Tom Flanagan, Derrylamogue, Jack & Carmel Gorman, Connolly St.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday October 18th & 19th: Martha Horan, Strahard, Mark McDonnell, Ballacollig, Tom Lalor, Chapel St.,
Sunday Masses in St. Joseph's Church available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 4th & 5th October

Baskets: €610 Envelopes: €1,110

Tap-to-Donate (September): €395

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' 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

Wedding Congratulations to

Antoinette Monaghan & Christopher Davis who were married here on Friday October 10th. May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love. Amen.



OCTOBER ROSARY

Praying of the Rosary every Sunday evening for the month of October at 6.30pm in St. Joseph Church. All welcome.



The Rosary will be recited in **Castlebrack Cemetery** every Sunday evening at **4.00pm** (please note change of time) for the month of October. All welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

An invitation to visit "Istanbul" at The Shutterbugs, Photographic Exhibition in the Gallery, Mountmellick Library for the month of October. All welcome.



Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday October 18th & 19th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday October 18th & 19th

Sat. 7.30pm - Anna Reddin & Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Ellen Coss Mary Walsh

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday October 8th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 3:5:7:19:

Jackpot winner: Tom Kelly, Kildare

40 Matched '3' - €25 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €10,000

Winner

Frances Hibbitts

Niall Dunne

Imelda Burke

Dermot Styles

Promoter

Frances Hibbitts

Joe Dunne

Emmett Stores

Andy Hickey

Prisoners Sunday Oct 12th

Please pray for prisoners, their families and their victims using the prayer below. Pope Leo asks us as Christians to reach out to those who live in the margins of society, we can do this through our prayers and raising awareness.

We pray your grace Lord Jesus for prisoners and their families, who walk their sentence with their loved one. We pray your healing Lord for the trauma that has caused them to hurt themselves, their families and their victims.

We pray they will turn to You and begin their journey of recovery, finding compassionate support in our Christian society. Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.

BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday October 15th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and biscuits.

MOUNTMELICK ARTS CENTRE

We are delighted to bring a burst of early Christmas cheer to the town of Mountmellick with the announcement that the legendary Phil Coulter is bringing his Tranquillity by Candlelight production to Mountmellick Community Arts Centre on December 13th. A great night is promised with a candlelit performance of timeless classics and fan favourites performed with Phil's inimitable style. Details of the event can be found on the Arts Centre's website **mountmellickcommunityartscentre.ie**