



## Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

Christ King of the Universal

November 23rd 2025

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



The Synodal  
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Jubilee Year  
Of Hope 2025

### Bishop Nulty Appoints new Permanent Deacons

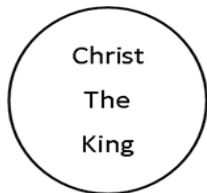
On Sunday 26th October last, I was delighted to ordain five more Permanent Deacons for ministry in the diocese. Our new deacons are most welcome to the diocesan family, and they will take up their appointments this weekend (22nd /23rd November).

**Sebastian Kopijka** is appointed to Mountmellick and the Pastoral Area which includes Rosenallis, Clonaslee, Portarlinton & Emo.

The first named parish is the lead parish in relation to each deacon's appointment. Appointing each one of them to a Pastoral Area shows the importance of working together, collaboratively.

The diaconate is an ordained ministry which is rooted in scripture. The essence of the ministry of deacons is to serve those in our community who are poor and overlooked, whatever form their poverty may take. I often remind deacons that their ministry is to those on the margins. With regard to liturgy and sacraments, a deacon can baptise, preside at marriages and funerals, along with assisting the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist, including proclaiming the gospel and preaching.

I wish the new deacons every blessing in their ministry, and I know they will be heartily welcomed wherever they serve. +*Denis Nulty*



**JESUS REMEMBER ME** Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.



### ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>

All parishioners who have died since last November will be especially remembered in our Annual Remembrance Mass next Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Family members will be invited to attend and light a commemorative candle as we name and pray for their faithful departed. (Candles will be provided).



**ADVENT – WE WAIT WE PREPARE** Advent Holy Hour, 6.30pm, St. Joseph's Church Sun Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, Sun Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, Sun Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Carol Service (7.00pm) Sun Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. Join our prayerful and reflective 'holy hours' this Advent. Give yourself a small space on a Sunday evening to embrace the meaning of this special time of the year. Pray Advent.

Pray Preparation. Pray Sunday evenings, beginning 6.30pm, next Sunday evening, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 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

*Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:* Joe Brophy, St. Joseph's Tce., Michael Dunne, Patrick St., Kathleen Westman, Connolly St., Nancy Westman, Wolfetone Court, Patrick & May Murphy, O'Connell Square, Catherine McCabe, Tuam, Terry, Mena, Colm & Margaret Mullen, Emmet St., Maureen Phillips, Patrick St., Edward (Eddie) Dunne, Davitt Road, Margaret (Peg) Horan, Irishtown, Ollie Payne, Pattison Est., Mary (Maureen) Delaney, Kirwan Park, Eddie Keogh, Borness, James Lawlor, Rawmarsh & Aughans, Michael & Frances Doyle, Salthouse Lane, Mary Tierney, Portlaoise, Bill & Edie Lawlor, Canal House,

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday November 29th & 30th:* Noreen Lawlor, Chapel St., Patrick Deffew, Twomey Park,

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 15th & 16th November

Baskets: €630 Envelopes: €1095

#### 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



### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday November 29th & 30th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ann Conroy

Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday November 29th & 30th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh & Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin & Mona Conroy

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday November 19th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 14:18:24:27:

No Jackpot winner:

8 Matched '3' - €125 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €16,000

**No Mountmellick Winner**

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NEW SURVEY ON SCHOOL

#### PATRONAGE - HAVE YOUR SAY!!!

The current Department of Education and Youth survey on the future of patronage in the primary school sector (etc) is important. Please participate if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a primary school student. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/> It closes on 16th December 2025.

### REMEMBRANCE TREE

During November we remember our faithful departed. Place the names of your deceased loved ones on our remembrance tree and as a community we unite in honouring and thanking God for them. May the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

#### Designated Liaison Person &

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

### A 24-hour FAST & COLLECTION to support CONCERN's work

will take place in SuperValu on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.

You can also donate online at [https://](https://fundraise.concern.net/alice-culliton-2)

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This year's Concern Fast is raising vital funds for families in the Central African Republic (CAR), where children are battling severe malnutrition after years of conflict and climate-related crises.

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### BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "Lee" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday November 26th.

Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and biscuits.

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

Tuesday, December 2nd at 8pm in The Rock GAA Club. Over €1500 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; €20 for a double book. All proceeds go towards our ASD Classroom. Join us for a night of fun, big wins and bingo madness! Bring your lucky markers. Books on sale from 7.10pm. Eyes down 8pm!

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### COFFEY MORNING & CAKE SALE

Old School Pearse Street (St. Paul's Church).

On Saturday November 29th from 10am to 1.00pm.

Your support would be appreciated.

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Thursday November 27th, Feast of St. Catherine Labouré, honouring her life and her devotion to the

Miraculous Medal. "O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee".