



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14th 2025

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Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 4.30pm.**



**The Synodal
Pathway**

**communion
participation
mission**

**Jubilee Year
Of Hope 2025**



Third Sunday of Advent, 'Gaudete' Sunday.

The desert shall rejoice, and blossom abundantly

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called 'Gaudete Sunday'. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's

Mass: **"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near"** (top left-hand corner of newsletter). The readings for today are full of hopeful joy in anticipation of Christ's arrival. This will bring an end to all sorrow and mourning, because through Christ will come salvation and new life. The Lord is near, but to perceive the signs of his coming requires from us both patience and openness of eyes and ears (Gospel). On this third Sunday of Advent we pray that by receiving the Lord's lifegiving and transformational grace, we will have the strength and courage to blossom abundantly in all the areas of our life.



Grow In Love – First Holy Communion – May 2026

This weekend we welcome the children from our various '2nd class' primary school groups, and their parents/guardians, as they continue of their (and our) journey to May 2026 and the celebration of First Holy Communion. This is a great and special year for them so let's keep them in our prayers.



Christmas Carol Service - Presented by St. Joseph's Sunday Choir, Director: Tatyana Vykhodtseva, Sunday Dec. 21st 7.00pm, St. Joseph's Parish Church. **"O come all ye faithful, come and behold him, Christ the Lord"**. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection. Please support the annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection this weekend. As there are many calls on the conference at this time of the year your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Penance Services.



Portarlinton

Mon Dec 22nd 7.30pm.

Mountmellick

Tues Dec 23rd 7.30pm.

WE WAIT. WE PREPARE. Advent Holy Hour, 6.30pm, St. Joseph's Church Sun. Dec 14th and Christmas Carol Service (7.00pm) Sun Dec 21st. Join our final prayerful and reflective 'holy hour' for Advent at 6.30pm this Sunday. Give yourself a small space on a Sunday evening to embrace and treasure the meaning of this special time of the year. Next Sunday Dec. 21st we will have our Christmas Carol Service at 7.00pm. All welcome.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Masses: Annie Kelly, Acragar, Margaret Gorman, Hill 60, mass on Thursday December 18th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: John Ging, Brittas, Maura Flanagan, Patrick St., Kay Dunne nee Bracken, Garoon & Sligo, Peter Corcoran, Clonmoylan, Margaret & John Conroy, Dangans, Anne & James Furlong, Emmet St., P. J. Mitchell, Pearse St., James & Tom Phillips, Patrick St., Frank Lawlor, Wolfetone Court & Aughans, Thomas & Kathleen Ward, Acragar, Ursula O'Reilly, Mullaghanard, William & Bridget Keane, Thomas, William and Peter Flanagan, Patrick & Kate Conroy, Manor Lane, Patrick Conroy, Bay Road, Kathleen Culliton, Grange Lodge, Elizabeth Dowling, The Hollow, Des Byrne, Irishtown, Bill Lalor, Lord Edward St., Martin, Hugh & Kathleen Hibbitts, Acragar, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Cloncannon, Kevin & Johnny Martin, Emmet St., Joe & Ignatius Mangan,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday December 20th & 21st: Paddy Lee, The Rock, Meryl McNabb, Emmet St.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 6th & 7th December

Baskets: €905 Envelopes: €810

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 December 20th & 21st

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday December 20th & 21st

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear & Orla Ambroziak

Sun. 11.00am - Noreen Savage & Pascal Hanrahan

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

Welcome to our newly baptised...

Anna Davis, Grange Manor.

"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."



DEPT. OF EDUCATION NEW SURVEY ON PRIMARY SCHOOLS - HAVE YOUR SAY!!!

The 'Department 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 a very important survey and the first time that one of this scale is being run. The results will help the department plan how to provide education at primary level. Please use the following link to take part: www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey. It closes on Tuesday next (Dec 16th).

HAVE YOUR SAY!!!

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MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday December 10th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 5:9:16:30. No Jackpot winner.

16 Matched '3' - €63 each. N/W Jackpot is €19,000


No Mountmellick Winner

CONCERN CHRISTMAS FAST A sincere THANK YOU for your contributions, to all who helped, and to SuperValu. All your support for CONCERN FAST has been much appreciated. The figure is now over €3000.

Ideal Christmas Gift

Give a 'gift subscription' to Mountmellick Parish Lotto as a Christmas gift for 1 year, 6 months or 3 months. Gift Cards available in the Parish Office.



 If you would like to donate flowers, holly, ivy and/or poinsettia for the Altar in St. Joseph's Church for Christmas, they can be left into the Parish Office by Monday Dec 22nd. Thank you.

Mountmellick Men's Shed Art Display

will take place in Mountmellick Arts Centre on Tuesday Dec 16th at 6pm. All welcome.

TABLE QUIZ: Mountmellick Meals on Wheels will hold a Table Quiz in the Hollow Bar on Friday Dec. 19th. Quiz Master: Michael Linehan.