



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**December 14th 2025**

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**The Synodal  
Pathway  
communion  
participation  
mission  
Jubilee Year  
Of Hope 2025**

### **Happy Christmas, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"**

The refrain the angels sing gives glory to God as do we all this Christmas time. God's Son becomes one of us gracing, healing and blessing us in ways beyond what we could ever have dreamt of or imagined. Our prayer is that you and your family will know all those blessings and sing of God's love from your hearts. In a special way we all hold in prayer the families that are mourning the loss of a loved one during the past year, those who are lonely for family abroad and those for whom these days, for one reason or another, may be difficult. With thanks for all your kindness and support we wish you a very blessed and safe Christmas. "Gloria in excelsis Deo".

*Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy, Fr. MacNamara.*

**Our Christmas Confessions Service will be incorporated into our evening mass on Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup>).** Visiting priests will attend to help out. "O my God I am heartily sorry....."

Portarlinton Parish hold their Christmas Penance Service in St. Michael's Church on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm.



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



**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** On Christmas Eve, 1775, Nano Nagle and three of her companions took vows as religious sisters in the city of Cork. From then until now generations of Presentation Sisters have worked tirelessly to further her inspiring and sacred vision. Her legacy has spread throughout the world with Presentation schools in every continent. We congratulate our own Presentation Community here in Mountmellick on this special significant anniversary for their Order.

### **Christmas 2025 Christmas 2025**

**Christmas Carol Service:** Sunday Dec. 21st 7.00pm.

**Christmas Eve, Dec 24th:**

**Confessions,** 11am to 1.00pm in Parish Church

**6.00pm -- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE**

**MASSSES:** 9.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish.  
9.00pm in Clonaghadoo.

**Christmas Morning Masses, Dec 25th:**

9.00am and 11.00am in St. Joseph's Parish Church.  
10.30am in St. Mary's, Clonaghadoo.

**Masses Christmas Week.**

Fri. Dec 26th: 10am St. Joseph's Parish Church. (St. Stephen's Day)  
Saturday Dec 27th: Vigil 7.30pm, St. Joseph's Parish Church.  
Sunday Dec 28th: 9.00am, St. Mary's, Clonaghadoo -  
11.00am, St. Joseph's Parish Church.



## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

*Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:* Mai O'Riordan, Davitt Road, Nancy Connolly, Ashgrove, Patsy & Angela Walsh, Irishtown, John & Mary Molloy, Mary Dempsey, Kirwan Park, Micheal & Frances Payne, Station Road, Joseph O'Rourke Snr., Derryguile, Deceased members of the O'Rourke Family, New Mills, Kathleen Conroy, Chapel St., Kitty Kelly, Irishtown, Michael O'Neill, Emmet Tce., John & Nancy Dunne, Emmet Tce., Vena McEvoy, Patrick St., William Carroll, Manor Grove, Sr. Marie Walsh, Bridge St., Bridie & Christopher Fitzpatrick, Connolly St., Deceased members of the Whelan Family, Connolly St., Clement Lynch, Straboe, Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons, Thomas & Brigid Culleton, Emmet St., Tim Keenan, Harbour St. Eddie Bracken, Garryhinch, Catherine Delaney, Salthouse Lane, Andrew & Margaret O'Neill, Connolly St., John Geoghegan, Emmet Tce.,

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday December 27th & 28th:* Ódhran Murphy, Irishtown, Joseph Fitzgibbon, Irishtown, Alice McCann, Borness.

*Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 13th & 14th December

Baskets: €660 Envelopes: €770

#### 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' 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

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

Welcome to our newly baptised...

**Noah McRedmond, Drinagh,**

**Leo McRedmond, Drinagh,**

**Mabel Rochford, Bay Road,**

"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."

The Mission Alive Group wishes to thank local businesses and all the people who donated prizes for raffle for our recent table quiz. Also thanks to all who attended the quiz and to those who gave generous donations to the group recently. The total amount collected from quiz and donations is €2,500. The joint treasurers have sent money to the Orphan Project in Lusaka.

### 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)**

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday December 27th & 28th

Sat. 7.30pm - Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday December 20th & 21st

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

Sun. 11.00am - Ellen Coss & Mona Conroy

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday December 17th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 9:17:27:31:

Jackpot winner: Fergal Johnson, Newbridge.

14 Matched '3' - €72 each. Jackpot is €10,000.

#### Winner

Carmel Melia

#### Promoter

Ber Murray

*The next Parish Lotto Draw will take place on Wednesday January 7th.*

### 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.

### The Rock National School

Admissions for 'Junior Infants' for September 2026.

Admissions from 6th January - 27th January 2026. Please contact 057/8624490 for Admission Forms.

### BALCONY CINEMA

There will be **no film** on the **24th or the 31st of December**, but we do have a special showing of **"The Santa Clause"** which will be shown on **Monday 22nd of December at 7pm** and admission will be €5.

### 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. To book please contact: Ann 087-4186192.