



# Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

## The Holy Family

**December 28th 2025**

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The Synodal  
Pathway

**communion  
participation  
Mission**

**Jubilee Year  
Of Hope 2025**

### Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Dioceses across the world will mark the closing of the 'Jubilee Year of Hope' this Sunday, December 28th. Bishop Nulty celebrates a special mass in Carlow Cathedral today to close the Jubilee here in our diocese. This coincides with the closing of Holy Doors in the Roman Basilicas of Saint Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. The Jubilee Year will officially conclude with the closing of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Leo on January 6.

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen*

### Feast of the Holy Family

On this feast of the Holy Family, it is good to pray in gratefulness and thanks for our own parents and family.

May God's Holy Spirit show us how to love one another more deeply, support one another each day, and forgive one another generously.

Holy Family of Nazareth bless, guide and protect all our families, now and always.  
Amen.

### A New Year Prayer

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead. Amen.

### 2026 Envelopes

**Please take your 2026 box of envelopes as you leave after mass.**



**Many thanks to all who generously and regularly return their weekly envelopes.**

**For the next few weeks, as you return your envelope contributions, please write your name on the front of the envelope.**

**Míle buíochas.**

*Happy  
New Year  
2026*

**REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES**

**1st Anniversary:** Trish Byrne, Emmet St., mass on Thursday January 1st at 7.30pm. Paul Quigley, Swords, mass on weekend Sat/Sun 3rd & 4th January.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Roanan Culleton, Cloonagh, Denis & Margaret Whelan, Clonsaughey, Peg Williams, Parnell St., Thomas Scott, Acragar, Jim Scott, Parnell St., Noel Lynch, Chapel St., Michael & Ellen Murphy, Chapel St., Marie Fennelly, Ashgrove, Anne Dunne, Emmet St., Margaret Harrison Ball, formerly Emmet St. & Sunney, Margaret Kearney, Irishtown, Dillon Kidney Quinn, Willow Grove, Sean Peake, Ashgrove, Jack Hunt, Emmet Tce., Kathleen Delaney, Sandymount, Joe Scully, Lord Edward St., Molly Walsh, Emmet Tce., Pat Mulpeters, Emmet Tce., John O'Donnell, Ashgrove.

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 3rd & 4th January:** William Horan, Strahard, John (Jack) Delaney, Irishtown & Pattison Est., Frank White, Emmet St., Attracta (Trac) O'Brien, Cappanlug,

**MOUNTMELLICK PARISH**

**Collections - Collections**

Saturday/Sunday 20th & 21st December  
Baskets: €770 Envelopes: €870

**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 January 2nd.  
First Friday.**



**Masses:** 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

**MOUNTMELLICK, 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.*

**Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING**

**Designated Liaison Person &**

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

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**Ministers of the Word**

**Saturday/Sunday January 3rd & 4th**

Sat. 7.30pm - Michael Feely

Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Saturday/Sunday January 3rd & 4th**

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear & Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Noreen Savage & Paddy Buggy

**MOUNTMELLICK PUBLIC ROSARY**

Our next monthly public Rosary will be on Saturday January 3rd at 4.00pm in O'Connell Square, Mountmellick. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday 1st & 2nd January**

**MOUNTMELLICK PARISH LOTTO**

**The next lotto draw will take place on**

**Wednesday January 7th 2026.**

**2026 PARISH  
CALENDAR**



The 2026 Parish Calendar will be available this weekend to pick up at the back of the churches.

**ENROLEMNT FOR 2026**

**The Rock National School - Admissions for 'Junior Infants' for September 2026.**

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

**St. Joseph's Girls NS - Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2026 from Tuesday Jan 6th - Tuesday Jan 27th.**

Please call to the school office to collect application form between 9am and 2pm or Phone 057 8624540/email www.stjosephsgns.ie.

**St. Patrick's BNS - Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2026 from Tuesday Jan 6th - Tuesday Jan 27th.**

Please call to the school office to collect application form between 9am and 2pm or Phone 057 8624760/email: secretaryspnbns.ie