

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18th 2026

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Christian Unity Week Jan 18/25 Special Prayer Service

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4)

This Sunday (18th) evening at 6.30pm there will be a special ecumenical ‘Christian Unity Week Prayer Service’ in St. Joseph’s Parish Church. All are welcome. Marking the ongoing journey towards that unity which Christ himself prayed (John 17:21-23), with the theme: ‘There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling’ (Ephesians 4:4) the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is dedicated to reflecting on our unity in Christ and exploring ways to demonstrate love and support for one another. Over recent decades much progress has been made in building friendships, relationships and reconciliation along that pathway. Join us from 6.30pm as we pray together.

Catholic Schools Week 2026

Clonaghadoo NS, The Rock NS, Scoil Phádraig Naofa, Scoil Iósaif Naofa

Catholic Schools Week 2026 begins this Sunday, 18th Jan. This is a week to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contribution that our Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. This year’s theme is **Catholic Schools: Normal Lives, Called to Holiness**. Called to Holiness through Prayer, through Love and Friendship, in Family Life, through Service and Courage, through Joy and Mission. Holiness is not an achievement but a gift - a gift that God offers to each of us in the ordinary rhythm of our days. During Catholic Schools Week 2026, let us joyfully proclaim with Pope Francis: “Do not be afraid to be saints!”



A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, “Peace to you,” grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and fraternal love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen. *St. John XXIII*

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.



REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Masses: Noel O'Toole, Grove Park, Trish Kelley, Irishtown, mass on Thursday January 22nd at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Kevin Dempsey, Kirwan Park, Liam, Michael & John Conroy, Derrydavy, Clare Murphy, Chapel St., Thomas Curham, Killeen, Tom Gorman, Station House, Michael & Margaret Conlon, Derryguile, Teresa Angela Lynch, Chapel St., Mary & Michael McCormack, Hill 60, Eamonn Conroy, Dangans, Leo White, Chapel St., Elizabeth Milmoie, St. Joseph's Tce., Paddy Conroy, O'Moore St., Andrew & Andrew Jnr. O'Reilly, Connolly St., Carmel Flynn, Derrycloney, Bridget Moss, Derrycloney, Betty Johnson, Lord Edward St., James, Elizabeth & Josephine Fitzpatrick, Graigue, Patrick Quigley, Derryguile, Michael Fitzpatrick, Cloncannon,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 24th & 25th January: Joseph Davis, Harbour St., Tony & Bronte Smith, Twomey Park, Bernard Dunne, Garrymore,

Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 10th & 11th January

Baskets: €1,205 Envelopes: €1,305



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

MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 (JWT)

20th July 2026 - 7 Nights,

Hotel La Solitude. €1,120 per person sharing. 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.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

The opportunity to give blood will take place in the Killeslin Hotel, Portlaoise, on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd from 3.45pm to 8.00pm.

Check you eligibility & book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call 1800 222 111.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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www.safeguarding.ie

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday January 24th & 25th

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday January 24th & 25th

Sat. 7.30pm - Anna Reddin & Gillian Colgan

Sun. 11.00am - Ellen Coss & Mona Conroy

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 14th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 1:24:26:32:

No Jackpot winner:

5 Matched '3' - €200 each.

N/Ws Jackpot is €12,000

Winner

Promoter

No Mountmellick Winner

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "Lee" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday Jan 21st.

Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

BINGO - BINGO

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre

this Sunday evening at **8.00pm.** Check!!

ENROLEMNT FOR 2026 ADMISSION 2026

Clonaghadoo NS

Admission for Junior Infants 2026 from Tues 6th Jan - Tues 27th Jan. Please call to the school or phone 057 8628757/email clonaghadoons2020@gmail.com.

The Rock National School - Admissions for Junior Infants from Tues 6th Jan - Tues 27th Jan 2026. Please contact 057/8624490.

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: secretaryspnbs.ie