

The Word
of God

Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25th 2026

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The 7th 'Sunday of the Word of God' is marked this Sunday with the motto: "The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16). Observed each year the day invites us to reflect on, celebrate, and share the Word of God in our daily lives. The celebration was established by Pope Francis in 2019 emphasizing the essential connection between the Risen Lord, Christian communities, and Sacred Scripture. The Pope calls on all believers to make the Word of God a living presence in their hearts,

guiding their actions and inspiring their witness. The Seventh Sunday of the Word of God is a reminder that Scripture is not just to be read or studied, it is to live within us, bearing fruit in our lives and communities. Find your Bible at home today or find one online and take time to allow God's Word echo in your heart and soul and mind.

**The People Who
Walked in
Darkness have
seen a Great light.**

Today's readings deliver a promise of hope, joy and light to those living in darkness. The prophet Isaiah reflects on how the Lord brought hope and unity to places of profound and enduring conflict. In the Gospel, Matthew recounts the very beginning of Jesus's ministry and the appointment of his first disciples. We witness the simplicity of his methods: he meets us where we are at; sees and values us for who we really are; and invites us to abandon old habits and ways that weigh us down so that we can truly follow him. In this last week of January 2026, we ask for God's grace and guidance to celebrate and reconcile our differences so that we may share in his abundant love for the next eleven months of the year.

Christian Unity Week Prayer Service. Many thanks to all who were part of last Sunday evening's 'Christian Unity Week Prayer Service' in our parish church. A total of €545 was collected for the UNICEF Gaza Children's Appeal, many thanks. May almighty God bless all who walk the way of Christ and live his gospel every day.

Lenten Scripture Sharing – 'Baptised and Sent' in Lent

What will you do for Lent? This Lent parishes, schools, groups and individuals are invited to journey through a set of reflective resources, grounded in the Sunday Gospels. Each week offers a simple format for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversation. More details to follow.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026

In thanksgiving for Catholic Schools Week, for the gift of Catholic education, and for all who teach, support and learn in our schools, may the spirit of faith, care and inclusion continue to shape daily school life.

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

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Pat Conroy, Dangans, Michael Haverty, Irishtown, Sid Dunne, Harbour St., Tom & Bredeen Scott, Strahard, Kathleen Holohan, St. Joseph's Tce., Fintan Gorman, Hill 60, Jake Connolly, Connolly St., Nora Fitzpatrick & Brigid Hatchell, Strahard, Larry Dowling, Acragar, Michael Farrell Snr., Davin Park, Thomas Lalor, St. Joseph's Tce., Michael, Margaret & Nora Byrne, Briar Lane, Eileen & Peter Riano, Briar Lane, Pat (Park) Moore, Pond Lane, Denis O'Rourke, Acragar,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 31st Jan & 1st Feb: Ann Nancy Dunne, Chapel St.

Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 17th & 18th January
Baskets: €860 Envelopes: €1,160

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.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Baptism: For details of available dates/times please
contact the Parish Office, 057/8624390. Parents are
required to fill out our 'Baptism Registration Form'
before the details of day/time can be confirmed.

Weddings: Couples are required to give the parish no
less than three months' notice. Your preferred date
and time can only be confirmed after you have
contacted the Parish Office and completed the
preliminary booking form.

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

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday Jan 31st & Feb 1st

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford
Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Jan 31st & Feb 1st

Sat. 7.30pm - Carol McAuley & Dolores Fitzgerald
Sun. 11.00am - Antoinette Makim & Noreen Savage

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 21st 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 7:10:14:24:

No Jackpot winner:

20 Matched '3' - €50 each.

N/Ws Jackpot is €13,000

Winner

Ray McEvoy
Paddy Murphy

Promoter

Marion Phelan
Joe Dunne

Dates to Remember:

St. Brigid's Day, Feb 1st:

Ash Wednesday Feb 18th, the beginning of Lent:

St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday Mar 17th:

Easter Sunday April 5th.

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "The Colour Room" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday
Jan 28th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

We also have "The Human Touch" Ireland's No.1 Bruce
Springsteen tribute band performing at the Balcony
Cinema on the 7th of February at 8pm, tickets can be
purchased on willwego.com

BINGO - BINGO

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre
this Sunday evening at **8.00pm. Check!!**

P.A.T.H.

Clonaghadoo PATH Support Group will accept donations
of practical and non-perishable items for their work with
homeless people across Dublin and the surrounding
area. A basket, for donated items, is located inside the
door of Clonaghadoo Church (Tayto, Pot Noodles,
Sweets, Wipes and Socks) would be greatly appreciated).
Our next collection is February 15th. Further details:
Annette @ 085 1018988, Ann @ 085 8427064, Dolores
@ 087 6255735.