



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st February 2026

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St. Brigid's Day – Lá Fhéile Bríde – celebrates Ireland's only female patron saint. Spring is known as Imbolc in ancient Ireland and St. Brigid's Day was an important Irish festival in folk tradition, celebrating fertility, blessings and protection. For our ancestors, it signalled an end to the darkness of winter and ushered in a new season of hope and growth.

Prayers to Brigid

Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled or anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all that God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Muire na nGael guí orainn go léir. Amen.

A Naomh Bríd a Mhuire na nGael, scar orainn do bhrat.

A Naomh Bríd, a chroí na féile, stiúir sinn ar an mbóthar ceart.

A Naomh Bríd gheanúil ghrástúil, ar ár namhaid cosain sinn.

A Naomh Bríd, a bhean rialta álainn, ar uair ár mbáis glaoigh orainn.



GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion

Next Saturday evening (7th) in the Parish Church and/or next Sunday morning (8th) in Clonaghadoo we look forward to welcoming the girls and boys from 2nd class and their parents/guardians to our masses (you are welcome to attend which ever mass suits you best). The journey to next May and First Holy Communion Day is well on its way and with the children and their families joining us at mass we all get the chance to walk with them and support them in their preparations.

Feast St. Blaise: Tuesday Feb 3rd. Blessing of Throats

The traditional 'blessing of throats' associated with the Feast of St. Blaise will take place after the 7.30pm mass on Tuesday evening (and after 10am mass on Wednesday 4th) in the Parish Church



ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2026 - Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in honour of St. Brigid. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice W34X529 on the Monasterevin – Rathangan Road (R414) at 11.00am on Monday 2nd February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross. The walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty and will journey via Umeras along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, Drogheda Street, Monasterevin (W34KD61) with a Service of Light at 12.30pm.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Patrick Mortimer, Harbour Street, and Mary McGarr, Hill 60, mass on Tuesday February 3rd at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Masses: Sr. De Sales Egan, Presentations Sisters, Bridge St., mass on Thursday February 5th at 7.30pm. Tommy Fitzpatrick, Harbour St., mass on Saturday/Sunday 7th & 8th February.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Larry O'Rourke, O'Moore St., Mary Jo, Con & Jimmy Garty, Patrick St., Beatrice Cushen, O'Moore St., Eoin Dooley, Brittas, Jack Kelly & Ann Cox nee Kelly, Portnahinch, George & Elizabeth Sheehy, Barney & Esther Flood, Brigid Keenan, Harbour St., Kathleen Weston, St. Joseph's Tce., Eugene Quigley, Derryguile. Jack, Molly & Martina Brophy, Davin Park, Alice McCann, The Bourness.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 7th & 8th February: John Strong, Bourness, Peggy Morris, Acragar, Bernard Kavanagh, Wolfetone St., Ollie Kelly, Acragar,

Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 24th & 25th January
Baskets: €780 Envelopes: €1,085

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

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday February 6th

Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



MOUNTMELICK PUBLIC ROSARY

Our next monthly public Rosary will be on Saturday February 7th at 4.00pm in O'Connell Square, Mountmellick. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

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.

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday Feb 7th & 8th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ann Conroy

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Feb 7th & 8th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh & Sebastian Kopijka

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin & Mary Walsh

Dates to Remember:

Ash Wednesday Feb 18th, the beginning of Lent:

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

Easter Sunday April 5th.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 28th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 4:11:19:21:

Jackpot winner: John Coughlan, Clonbullogue

59 Matched '3' - €17 each. N/Week's Jackpot is €10,000

Winner

Sheelagh Coyle

Pauline Geoghegan

Ruth Williams

Mary Donoher

Michael Gormley

Promoter

Carol Lindley

Frances Hibbitts

McElwee's

Mary Donoher

Michael Gormley

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "Mr. Burton" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday Feb 4th. 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

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

presents "ALBERTINE IN FIVE TIMES"

the Community Arts Centre on Thursday 12, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 February, 2026.

CURTAINS UP 8.00 P.M. – TICKET PRICE €15.00 each (available at door). "Albertine in Five Times" a play from the renowned Quebecois writer, Michel Tremblay, translated by John Van Burek and Bill Glassco.

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