

**Baptism of the Lord**

**January 11th 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)*

Next Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>) evening at 6.30pm there will be a special ecumenical ‘Christian Unity Week Prayer Service’ in St. Joseph’s Parish Church. All are welcome. 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. It represents the essence of the Church’s calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity.

**Catholic Schools Week 2026**

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



This year, Catholic Schools Week will run from 18 to 24 January with the theme, **Normal Lives, Called to Holiness**. Inspired by Pope Francis’ reflection on Blessed Carlo Acutis, the 2026 theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Catholic schools are communities where every pupil can discover that their life matters, that they are loved by God, and that they are called to be saints - not in some distant way, but right now, today, in the classroom, the playground, and at home.



**Grow In Love  
First Holy Communion  
May 2026**

This weekend we welcome the children from our various ‘2<sup>nd</sup> class’ primary school groups, and their parents/guardians, as they continue on their (and our) journey to May 2026 and the celebration of First Holy Communion. This is a great and special year for them so let’s keep them in our prayers.



**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. *Mile buíochas.*

**2026 CALENDAR**

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

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Mass:** Frank O'Sullivan, Wolfetone Court & Roskeen, mass on Tuesday January 13th at 7.30pm.  
**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Mary Lavin, Lord Edward St., Fr. Con Phelan, Strahard, Paul Goodwin, St. Joseph's Tce., David McDonald, Derrydavy, Mary Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's Tce., Paddy & Maura Bishop, St. Joseph's Tce., Joe & Ellen Daly, Wolfetone St., Joseph, Jane & Michael Delaney, Manor Lane, Michelle Oxley, Lord Edward St., Mary Deegan, Twoomey Tce., Owen Lawlor, Cloncosney, Kathleen & Joseph McNamara, Kathleen & Thomas Hall, Elizabeth Reynolds, Daniel Williams, Patrick St., Teresa O'Sullivan, St. Joseph's Tce., Martin & Mary Delaney & Josie Fennelly, Graigue, Dessie Conroy, Harbour Court, Elizabeth Gorman, Rosenallis & Wolfetone Court, Bill Weston, St. Joseph's Tce., Liam Conroy, Rosenallis, Richard Coss, Emmet Tce., Maura Murphy, Irishtown, Mick & Alice Lennon, Armagh, Henry & Mary Jane Allen, Eyns, Essie Forde, Acragar, Ted Carbury & Loughlin Moran, Emmet St., Charlie & Johnny Cahill, James Gormley, Parnell St., Fint Burton, Connolly St., Martin Dunne, Connolly St., Peter Conran, Harbour St., Bridget & Edward Murphy, Emmet St., Margaret Masterson, O'Moore St., **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 17th & 18th January:** Rose Dempsey, O'Moore St.

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

### MOUNTMELLICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 3rd & 4th January

Baskets: €600 Envelopes: €1,550



#### 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...

#### Emma & Áine Dalton, Geashill

"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."

### MOUNTMELLICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 7th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 3:6:25:26;

No Jackpot winner:

12 Matched '3' - €84 each.

N/Ws Jackpot is €11,000

**No Mountmellick Winner**

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

#### Designated Liaison Person &

#### Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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[www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

#### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday January 17th & 18th

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday January 17th & 18th

Sat. 7.30pm - Carol McAuley & Oliver Ging

Sun. 11.00am - Mary Walsh & Pascal Hanrahan

**BALCONY CINEMA** presents "The Roses" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday Jan 14th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

**MOUNTMELLICK MEN'S SHED** will be launching an Art Exhibition next Tues Jan 13th at 6.00pm in Mountmellick Library. All are welcome.

**Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre, Killenard, Portarlington** is looking for experienced people to join our Team at this busy Centre. Job Vacancies: Domestic Assistants Duties include: cleaning, vacuuming, preparing bedrooms for overnight guests, assisting in the Kitchen when required, etc. Chef Duties include: prepare and serve fresh food daily, create menus, ensure the Health and Safety of the kitchen environment is maintained in line with HACCP, keep accurate records within HACCP and MSA policies and handbook. Please email your CV to: [operationsmanager@mountstannes.com](mailto:operationsmanager@mountstannes.com) For information about the Centre visit our website: [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

### ENROLEMENT 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:secretaryspnbns.ie)