



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



1st Sunday of Lent

22nd February 2026

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NULTY

“Sunday, February 22, is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. The National Child Safeguarding Policy is called ‘A Safe and Welcoming Church’ and that is what our diocese is and our parishes are, a safe and welcoming church. Safeguarding Sunday is a reassurance to all that being involved in the parish is governed by best practices in safeguarding.” Bishop D. Nulty, Feb 2026. (*Read Bishop Nulty’s complete message on www.kandle.ie*) Copies of the ‘Safeguarding Sunday Newsletter’ are available in both churches.

Towards Healing is an independent organisation providing free professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. Their helpline is open: Tues to Fri 9am -5pm. Freephone: 1800 303 416. Hearing-impaired Text Line Number: 085 8022 859.

Email: info@towardshealing.ie Web: www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Provides spiritual support in a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Tel: 01 505 3028 / 086 771 0533. Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie Web: www.towardspeace.ie



BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT the second of our five Lenten gatherings take place on Monday at 7.30pm **in the ICA Hall, Davitt Road.** Learn. Chat. Grow. Come along, bring a friend as together we explore, discuss and pray about what the gospel and baptism calls us to today. **Evening 2:** Mon Feb. 23rd, 7.30pm, ICA Hall, Davitt Rd. All welcome.



CONFIRMATION CEREMONY OF LIGHT: This Monday (23rd) evening we look forward to welcoming the Confirmation pupils from Clonaghadoo NS and The Rock NS to the Parish Church at 7.30pm for their ‘Ceremony of Light’. As their parents/guardians hand over their Candle of Faith the young people accept their responsibility, aided by the support of others, for keeping the flame of faith alive throughout their lives. Our Confirmation ceremonies this year are on March 7th and March 14th.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Leon De Barra, Sarsfield Street, mass on Tuesday February 24th at 7.30pm.

Isty Anniversary Mass: Sean Mahon, Harbour Street, mass on Thursday February 26th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Peter Conroy, Emmet Tce., Danny Doyle, Pond Lane, Mary Deegan, Derryguile, Michael Carroll, Pattison Est., Michael Coss, Harbour Court, Ian Quigley, Salthouse Lane, Ellen & Jack Delaney, Garoon, Rosie Moylan nee Lawlor, Ellen Byrne, Wolfetone St., Dan Kavanagh, The Commons, Patrick McEvoy, Patrick St., Peter (Pe) Dunne, Straboe, Ellen & Sean Delaney, Esker Gate, Kathleen Buggy, The Commons, Deceased members of the Byrne Family, Pat Hartnett, Acragar,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 28th February & 1st March: Patricia Lynch, Chapel St., James McGlynn, Bay Road, Martin, Paddy & Sean Tracey, Roskeen,

Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 14th & 15th Feb

Baskets: €875 Envelopes: €2,389

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

Ministers of the Word
Saturday/Sunday Feb 28th & March 1st

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Feb 28th & March 1st

Sat. 7.30pm - Oliver Ging & Dolores Fitzgerald

Sun. 11.00am - Noreen Savage & Paddy Buggy

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 18th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 17:26:31:32.

No Jackpot winner.

5 Matched '3' - €200 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €13,000

Winner

Promoter

No Mountmellick Winner

CELEBRATING BAPTISM
please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.



Welcome to our newly baptised...

Darci Mai McInerney, Kirwan Park.

"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."

MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 (JWT) - 20th July 2026 - 7 Nights, Hotel La Solitude.€1,120 per person sharing.

ONLY 5 PLACES LEFT

To book please contact: Ann 087-4186192 without delay. Many thanks.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Local Enquiries. Parish Office: Tel. 057/8624390.
www.safeguarding.ie

DURING LENT JOIN US

TUESDAY Morning Mass: Beginning on Tuesday Feb 24th and continuing then on each Tuesday morning of Lent there will be a 7.30am mass in our Parish Church.

Stations of the Cross for Lent: All are welcome each Sunday evening during Lent (beginning Sun 22nd) at 7.00pm to the Parish Church for a praying of The Stations of the Cross.

After the 10am mass on the Fridays of Lent there will be a short praying of the 'Stations of the Cross' for those who are available to join in.

THANK YOU

Pro-Life would like to thank all who contributed to their Church Gate Collection last weekend. Also thank you to the collectors. Amounted collected: €511.24

THANK YOU

PATH would like to thank all who gave so generously to their February collection. Their next collection will be on Sunday April 5th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

BINGO - BINGO

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

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "The Ballad of Wallis Island" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday Feb 25th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.