



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



2nd Sunday of Lent
1st March 2026

Fr. Micheál Murphy, P.P. Tel: 057 8679302
Fr. Noel Dunphy, P.E. C.C. Tel: 057 8624141
Deacon Sebastian Kopijka
Facebook... mountmellick parish

**The Synodal
Pathway
Communion,
Participation,
Mission.**



He was transfigured before them .“There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun,” wrote the monk and mystic, Thomas Merton, who on an ordinary day in an unremarkable shopping district in Louisville, had a profound experience of the glory and solidarity of the human family. “It was as if I could suddenly see the secret beauty of their hearts,” he wrote. In today’s gospel the disciples witness Jesus transfigured. Has he changed or have their eyes been opened to see him as he truly is? Here is an invitation to us to see the world in a new light. What if we could, like Thomas Merton, suddenly recognise the belovedness of every person? Or if we could see the signs of God’s power to bring new life, just as the digging, weeding and pruning of a patient gardener is rewarded by glimpses of beauty as shoots sprout and buds open? In this season of Lent, as we seek to listen more deeply to Jesus, may we strive to see to see each person through God’s eyes, recognising the beauty in our sisters and brothers. *(Cafod)*



BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT the third of our five Lenten gatherings take place on Monday at 7.30pm in **in the ICA Hall, Davitt Rd.** 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 3:** Mon March 2nd, 7.30pm, ICA Hall, Davitt Road. All welcome.



CONFIRMATION CEREMONY OF LIGHT: This Monday (March 2nd) evening we look forward to welcoming the Confirmation pupils from Scoil Phádraig and Scoil Íosaif 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 next Saturday March 7th and Saturday week March 14th.

Lenten Stations: Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to our ‘Lenten Stations’. The Lent ‘Station’ contributions can be handed in at the church, using our usual boxes, our post-box or the Parish Office. Please use the envelope from your parish box or an envelope clearly marked 'Lenten Station' to make your contribution. The Lenten Station contributions go towards the salary of the priests and we appreciate your kindness. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.

Trócaire

Meet the Family on this Year’s Trócaire Box. Three generations of strong women are battling the elements in rural Rwanda - Uwamahoro (28) lives with her mum, Verediana (68) and her two children, Ineza (7) and Vanessa (12). The biggest threat to the family right now is flooding. Last year, the floods swept through their home, destroying many of their things, including Ineza and Vanessa’s clothes and copybooks. With your support, Trócaire and their partners can help women like Uwamahoro to repair their home and support their family. Please support families like Uwamahoro’s today through the Trócaire Box Appeal. Trócaire boxes are available in both churches. Thank you.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Isty Anniversary Mass: Anthony (Tony) Christie, Connolly Street, mass on Thursday March 5th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Kathleen Gibson, (1st Anniversary), Emmet St., Patricia Conroy, O'Moore St., Andrew & Kathleen Turley, Harbour St., Nora Baker, O'Moore St., John Comerford, Manor Lane, Joe Maher, Harbour St., Margaret Joyce, Derrydavy, John & Margaret Conroy, Dangan, James Brennan, Portlaoise, Michael Reddin, Twomey Park, Annie & Patrick Fitzgerald, Manor Lane, Josephine Lalor, Portlaoise, Elizabeth Meehan, Garoon, Paddy Dunne, St. Joseph's Tce., Sam & Josie Kelly, Borness, Una Bloomer, St. Joseph's Tce., Jim Murphy, Irishtown, Jack Flanagan, Derrylamogue,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 7th & 8th: Christy Dempsey, Davitt Road, Thomas Donohar, The Rock, Annie Dalton, Lought, Eoin Gorman, Derrycloney,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 21st & 22nd Feb

Baskets: €900 Envelopes: €1,210

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

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

Welcome to our newly baptised...

Charlie Ryan, Summergrove.

Friday March 6th
First Friday.

Masses: 10am Parish Church &
8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

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

ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT

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

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

Telephone: 085 8021633.

Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

Deputy DLP: Telephone: 086 1710643.

Local Enquiries. Parish Office: Tel. 057/8624390.

www.safeguarding.ie

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday March 7th & 8th

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday March 7th & 8th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sebastian Kopijka & Orla Ambroziak

Sun. 11.00am - Antoinette Makim & Ellen Coss

DURING LENT JOIN US

TUESDAY Morning Mass: 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 at **6.30pm 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.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 25th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 17:20:23:25:

No Jackpot winner. 8 Matched '3' - €125 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €14,000

Winner

Dinny Lynch

Promoter

Carol Lindley

MOUNTMELICK PUBLIC ROSARY

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

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "**Bonhoeffer**" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday March 4th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

The Rock GAA training resumes on Sunday the 8th of March 2026 at 10.30am. Academy (U5s) – U11s.

Come along and enjoy the fun at your local GAA Club

New players at all age groups are welcome.

Registration Information, Tea/Coffee available on the morning.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 1 -17ú Márta.

Is le gach duine an Ghaeilge, is le gach pobal Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Bain Triail Aisti - Surprise Yourself!