



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th February 2026

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BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT is a five session Gospel reflection series for Lent. Each session offers a simple structure for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversations that are linked to key insights from a national Church document called 'Baptised and Sent'. The themes for each week, such as belonging, healing, renewal, and mission, all come from that document. This Lent, you are invited to participate in this series. **Mountmellick parish will host this series of meetings in the ICA Hall, Davitt Rd, for five Monday evenings (7.30pm/9.00pm) beginning on Mon Feb 16th.** 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 1: Mon Feb. 16th, 7.30pm, ICA Hall, Davitt Rd.**



PASTORAL LETTER from Bishop Nulty, Feb. 2026.

In 2022 the diocese took its theme from St. Luke's gospel, where the first disciples were asked to put out their nets for a catch (Luke 5:4). Now, early in 2026, we simply draw in the nets momentarily to reflect on what has been caught and to decide where our next journey might take us.

.....As Church there will always be a need to refocus on our core mission, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. For too long we have been overly attentive to the 'maintenance' responsibilities to the neglect of evangelisation, spreading the Word. It is clear that all the baptised have a role in this mission and we must do all we can to foster that sense of mission among all the faithful. All of us are called; all of us are chosen.

.....We should be under no illusion about the challenges ahead and the changes they will bring. With the reduction in the number of priests, it is not going to be possible to sustain the same number of Masses in every church. The Sunday Mass is what sustains a community, and we must consider a schedule of Masses that is more manageable for our clergy and our Pastoral Areas. I believe that lay led liturgies will become a feature of parish life now and into the future, giving parishioners a vital opportunity to come together in prayer.

.....I ask you all to continue to support and pray for our priests and parish groups and to be generous and welcoming to those who volunteer to take on additional roles in our parishes. May St. Brigid, St. Conleth, and St. Laserian guide our next steps as we continue to put out our nets for a further catch.

+Denis Nulty.

(The full text of Bishop Nulty's Pastoral Letter is on www.kandle.ie)



Grow In Love First Holy Communion May 2026

This weekend we welcome the children from our various '2nd 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.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Masses: Michael Farrell, Pattison Estate and Daniel Luttrell, Derrydavy, mass on Tuesday February 10th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Lil Kelly, Davin Park, Grainne Drummond, Pond Lane, Rory Hyland, Debbicott, Cora & Dan Barrett, Wolfetone St., Edward Comerford, Manor Lane, Moira Conroy, Derrycloney, John Dunne Davitt Road, Kathleen & Peter Bracken, Garoon, Michael Oxley, Wolfetone St., Donal Keenan, Manor Road, Betty Deffew, Emmet Tce., Joe Fennelly Harbour St., Christopher Dunne, Emmet Tce., Margaret Moran, St. Joseph's Tce., James & Mary Scott, Chapel St., Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family, Garrymore, Michael & Ann Ryan, Bay Road, John Conroy, Davin Park, Anne Josephine Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce., Esther Burke, Harbour Court, Peter Allen, Eyne, Elizabeth McDonald, Derryguile, Mary & Jane Bergin, Cloncannon,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday 14th & 15th February: Annie Dempsey, Clonterry, Julia Bracken, Portnahinch, Annie Payne, Emmet St., Austin Bentley, The Rock. **Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.**

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 31st Jan & 1st Feb

Baskets: €790 Envelopes: €1,115

Tap2Donate (January): €390

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 14th & 15th

Sat. 7.30pm - Michael Feely

Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Feb 14th & 15th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford & Gillian Colgan

Sun. 11.00am - Paddy Buggy & Pascal Hanrahan

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 February 4th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 4:5:22:24:

No Jackpot winner. 12 Matched '3' - €84 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €11,000

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...

Cahir Hanrahan, New Road.

"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 10 PLACES LEFT

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

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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BALCONY CINEMA

presents "The Naked Gun" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday
Feb 11th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

presents "ALBERTINE IN FIVE TIMES"

the Community Arts Centre on Thursday 12th, Friday
13th and Saturday 14th February, 2026. Curtains Up at
8.00 pm. - Tickets €15.00 each (available at door).

MOUNTMELICK MEN'S SHED

The above will hold their AGM on Monday February 9th
at 8.15pm in the Shed. New members are welcome to
attend. Membership now due €10.

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 collection is next Sunday February 15th.
Further details: Annette @ 085 1018988, Ann @ 085
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