



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



**3rd Sunday of Lent
8th March 2026**

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CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the pupils from Clonaghadoo NS and the Rock NS who celebrated Confirmation this weekend. May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide them. Many thanks to all who helped with the preparations and with Saturday's ceremonies. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us.



GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS.

From this Sunday onwards, our Lenten Gospels come from St. John and focus on very personal encounters with Jesus. Today, Jesus risks scandal by approaching a Samaritan woman at a well. Seeing her deepest need for healing, he invites her to draw from the well of living water. He is the Messiah she has been waiting for, and her response is a model of Christian discipleship. She believes, and with joy-filled faith, invites others from her community to encounter Jesus (Gospel). Filled with this love and sustained by living water, we, too, are called to go out beyond our comfortable boundaries to pour out God's love on others. This week, we pray for the grace to respond generously to this love, and like the Samaritan woman, invite others to believe and be transformed by the healing love of God.



BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT the fourth of our five Lenten gatherings take place on Monday at 7.30pm in **in the ICA Hall, Davitt Rd.** Come along, bring a friend as together we explore, discuss and pray about what the gospel and baptism calls us to today. **Evening 4:** Mon March 9th, 7.30pm, ICA Hall, Davitt Rd. All welcome.

Daily (March 11th - 19th) Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, honouring our patron saint and asking his protection and guidance in all our needs.

Ever glorious St. Joseph, good and faithful servant, God was pleased to place God's own family in your care. We thank you for being such a wonderful example of humility and faith, of prayerfulness and courage, in your ordinary daily life. Through your intercession, may God grant us the blessing of continually living in God's presence and responding to God's love in our daily lives. When we have lived our days on earth, may God give us the great joy given to you - that of entering eternal life in the company of Jesus and Mary. Most loving St. Joseph, accept our prayers and obtain for us through your powerful intercession, the favours and graces we ask for in this Novena. Amen.

St. Joseph, gathered in prayer, we praise and thank God for your special role in God's plan of redemption. We greet you as Patron Saint of our community of faith here in Mountmellick and we entrust our families and our parish to your care and protection. Watch over us and intercede with Jesus and Mary for us.

St. Joseph, foster father, and friend of Jesus. Pray for us. St. Joseph, loving husband of Mary. Pray for us. St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family. Pray for us. St. Joseph Patron and Protector of the Universal Church. Pray for us.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Kathleen Sheil, Wolfetone Court, mass on Tuesday March 10th at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Andy Molloy, Irishtown, mass on Thursday March 12th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Mary McGlynn, Manor Lane, Maura Culleton, Garoon, William Thompson, Wolfetone St., Jim Quigley, St. Joseph's Tce., Thomas Masterson, O'Moore St., Bernard, Mary Ann, Har & Billy Dunne, Garrymore, Joseph & Rosie Fitzpatrick, Emmet Tce., Michael & Margaret Phelan, Clonterry, Anna Bergin, Graigue, Deceased members of the Walsh Family, Graigue, Conroy Family Graigue & Bergin Family, Treason, Patrick & Patsy Kelly, Lord Edward St., Ann Storey, Lord Edward St., Mary & Joseph Higgins, Manchester.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 14th & 15th: Nora Lawlor, Chapel St., Leslie Furlong, Lord Edward St.,

Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Feb 28th & March 1st

Baskets: €885 Envelopes: €1,200

Tap2Donate (February): €355

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...

Cían Fitzpatrick, Garoon.

"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 4 PLACES LEFT

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

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday March 14th & 15th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday March 14th & 15th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford & Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan & Mona Conroy

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 March 4th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 3:12:19:31:

No Jackpot winner. 17 Matched '3' - €59 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €15,000

Winner

Breda Comerford

Promoter

Eamonn Comeford

DAFFODIL DAY

The Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day takes place this year on Friday March 20th. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day please contact - Mary @ 087 7814754 or Bridie @ 086 2065720. Donations of fresh daffodils welcome.

Mission Alive Church Gate Collection for The Orphanage in Zambia takes place next weekend March 14th & 15th in Mountmellick & Clonaghadoo Your support will be much appreciated.

BINGO BINGO

There will be no bingo this Sunday evening March 8th all back as usual next weekend March 15th.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 1 - 17ú Márta.
Is le gach duine an Ghaeilge, is le gach pobal Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bain Triail Aisti - Surprise Yourself!