



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



**5th Sunday of Lent
22nd March 2026**

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UNBIND HIM AND LET HIM GO.....As we approach Holy Week, our readings focus on the theme of being restored to life. The Scripture is full of hope, inviting us to trust in God's promise of resurrection and eternal life. In the Gospel God's love and power over death are made known as Lazarus is raised by Jesus, the One who brings life where there is death. Jesus reveals himself as 'the resurrection and the life', calling us to believe and trust in him. Martha said, "Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world" (*Jn 11:27*). In our prayer today, we might reflect deeply on who Jesus really is, and what it is that he brings.

BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT Many thanks to all who led and participated in our 5 Monday evening Lenten gatherings in the ICA Hall. The discussion and sharing were sincere and thoughtful. We propose to hold 4 more gatherings at the same venue after Easter beginning on Monday April 13th. Come along and bring a friend. All very welcome.

HOLY WEEK: Next Sunday, March 29th is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. A full programme of ceremonies will be published here next week. **NB:** The Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' (April 3rd) will begin at 12noon in O'Connell Sq. Details below of this year's Diocesan Chrism Mass.



Diocesan Chrism Mass

Bishop Nulty will celebrate the annual Kildare and Leighlin 'Chrism Mass' on Monday, March 30th, at 7.30pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. During the mass the Holy Oils for use in the coming year will be blessed and the priests attending will renew the promises they made at their ordination. All are welcome as the Kildare and Leighlin family, its bishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful, young and old, gather in prayer and worship. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, March 25th, Feastday, Wednesday.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him . . . might have eternal life." (John 3:16) At the Annunciation, God revealed this good news to Mary. She was the first to hear and to believe that God would do what God promised. Her faith told her that nothing is impossible for God. Mary also heard God's invitation calling her to be the Virgin Mother of his Son. She replied, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38) In saying yes, Mary agreed to God's plan because she wanted what God wanted. She was willing to accept all the joy and pain, all the unexpected events. She was willing to bring Christ to a waiting world.

- V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
- R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary.....
- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- R. Be it done unto me according to your word. Hail Mary . . .
- V. And the Word was made Flesh.
- R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary . . .
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
- R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We pray: Pour forth we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: John Kenna, Bayview, Margaret (Maggie) Coss, Harbour Court and Alice Delaney, Derryguile, mass on Tuesday March 24th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Jim Delaney (1st Anniversary), Wolfetone Court, Seanie Molloy, Emmet Tce., Francis Sullivan, Davitt Road, Raef Scott, Esker, Ballyfin, Mary White, Patrick St., John & Mary Molloy, Lily & Brendan Kelly, Kilcavan, John Young, Aughans, Johnny Murphy, Emmet St., John McDonald, Derryguile, Sean O'Reilly, Connolly St., Daniel Hickey, Emmet St., Patrick Byrne, Cloncannon, Paddy Kavanagh, Carlow, Jimmy, Breda & Seamus Dunne & Amy Flynn, Emmet St., Michael Quigley, Emmet Tce.,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 28th & 29th: Bridget & Francis Gorman, Borness, Maureen & Thomas Davis, St. Joseph's Tce., Michael Murray. Graigue, Ann & William O'Connor, Portlaoise,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday March 14th & 15th

Baskets: €640 Envelopes: €700.

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

St. Joseph's Cemetery Mass

Sunday July 19th at 1.00pm.

2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

led by Bishop Nulty, Sunday June 7th.

Details to follow.

MISSION ALIVE

A sincere thank you for your contributions. To all who helped with the Mission Alive Church Gate Collection last weekend in Mountmellick & Clonaghadoo. Your support is much appreciated. The figure is now over €1,700.

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 28th & 29th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford, Sr. Ann Walsh & Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday March 28th & 29th

Sat. 7.30pm - Gillian Colgan & Fiona Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Noreen Savage & Paddy Buggy

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 18th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 2:6:13:25: 3 Jackpot winners: €5,334 each

Congratulations to our Mountmellick winner

Elizabeth Dunne

(Promoter: Andy Hickey).

9 Matched '3' - €112 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €10,000

Winner

Mary Thompson
Fr. MacNamara

Promoter

Mary Thompson
Carol Lindley

Clonaghadoo NS Parents Council

warmly invite everyone to stop by, enjoy some homemade treats, and help support our school. Donations of baked goods or prizes are also appreciated and may be dropped off at 9:00am. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 27th March from 9:30 am - 11am. Our Easter Raffle will take place on the day.

BALCONY CINEMA presents "Dead of Winter" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday March 25th. Adm: €5.

TABLE QUIZ: The Parents Council of Scoil Phádraig Naofa will hold a Table Quiz in Turley's Harbour Bar on Friday March 27th at 8.45pm. Table of 4 - €40. Quiz Master: Paddy Buggy.