



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**12th April 2026**

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**PEACE BE WITH YOU** - Full of the joy of the resurrection, the Sunday readings also stress the love and mercy the risen Lord has for all of his people. In the first we see the joy and enthusiasm of the young Church. The faithful are united in their belief, in their prayers and in the 'breaking of bread', as also in their care and attention to one another. In the Gospel, Jesus invests the disciples with the Holy Spirit. Thomas, who was absent from Jesus's first appearance to them, is challenged to believe. Thomas now professes his faith with the wonderful words, 'My Lord and my God!' This week, as we continue to rejoice in the Lord's resurrection, may we also reach out to others with compassion and understanding.

**DISCUSSION, REFLECTION, PRAYER** Many thanks to all who led and participated in our 'Baptised and Sent in Lent' gatherings in the ICA Hall. The discussion and sharing were sincere and thoughtful. The gatherings begin again this Monday, same time (7.30pm), same place (ICA Hall) to chat about Easter, the gospel and our story. Come along and bring a friend. All very welcome.

**Divine Mercy Sunday - Celebrating God's Merciful Love:** In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

**Prayer of Blessing of Divine Mercy Image:** Almighty, Eternal God, you have allowed pictures and statues of Your saints to be painted and carved, so that as often as we look upon them with our bodily eyes, we may recall with our more inward eyes their deeds and their sanctity and learn to imitate them. God of mercy, in your goodness, bless and sanctify this Image fashioned to reveal to us the great love of our Crucified and Risen Saviour, Divine Mercy Personified. Help us recall to our minds the streams of Blood and Water that had gushed forth from His pierced Heart to be for us a continuous fount of mercy. Grant to all who invoke Your Mercy with this Image before their eyes, the grace of true repentance, pardon, and peace. Shield them from every danger to soul and body.



### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Devotions in Honour of the Divine Mercy on Sunday 12th April at 2.45pm in St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick. The Image of St. Faustina and her Relic will be available for Veneration.



### **Grow In Love First Holy Communion May 2026**

Next weekend 18th & 19th April we welcome the children from our various '2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Seamus Sherlock, Kilmainham, mass on Tuesday April 14th at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Mass:** Timmy Young, Pattison Estate, mass on Thursday April 16th at 7.30pm.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Judy Wall, Derryguile, Jim Drumm, Emmet St., Mai O'Toole, Davin Park, Seamus Ed Hines, Kirwan Park, Jim Carroll, St. Joseph's Tce., Kathleen Cassidy, Upper Forest, Carol Conroy, Manchester, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Garrymore, Brenda Lawlor, Chapel St., Nicholas & Mary Anne Dunne, Frances Feely, Ashgrove, Bridie Conroy, O'Moore St., Dan Culleton, Hill 60, Michael Bogan, Chapel St., Avril & Michael Jnr Lawlor, Pattison Est., Thomas O'Neill, Emmet Tce., Anne Buggy, Acragar, Jackie Doyle Emmet St., Fintan & Teresa Lawlor, Parnell St., Tommy McDonald & Annie McDonald, Brittas, Ned Kelly, Derryguile, Joseph Molloy, **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/**

**April 18th & 19th:** Francis Utter, Mary Gorman (1st Anniversary) Emmet St.,

*Sunday Masses in St. Joseph's Church available on parish webcam or church radio.*

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH**

**Collections - Collections**

Saturday/Sunday April 5th & 6th  
Baskets: €965 Envelopes: €1,340



**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 April 18th & 19th**

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh  
Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Saturday/Sunday April 18th & 19th**

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh & Bernadette Clear  
Sun. 11.00am - Mary Walsh & Mona Conroy

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO**

Wednesday April 8th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 13:16:23:29:

No Jackpot winner.

10 Matched '3' - €100 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  
Aoife Dowling, Dublin**

"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 2 PLACES LEFT**

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

*Many thanks.*

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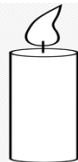
**BALCONY CINEMA**

presents "The Choral" at 8.00pm. on Wed April 15th.  
Adm: €5.

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**St. Bernadette of Lourdes  
Feastday Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, hence you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.



**Go Raibh Míle Maith Agaibh**

Many thanks to everyone who helped prepare for and participate in all our **Holy Week Liturgies**. The combined efforts help us pray, reflect and enter into the spirit of the week in a meaningful and contemplative manner. Well done and thanks.