



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Easter

19h April 2026

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Promoting faith in
a lively and
challenging way.



And their eyes were opened and they recognised him.....

The readings for this week are full of reminders of what Jesus's resurrection has brought for us. Joy, wonder, glory, praise, and hope are all woven through each reading, inviting us to share again in the Eastertide celebration. In the first reading, Peter reminds the crowd that, in spite of the terrible injustice done to Jesus, God has shown victory over death and raised Jesus to glory. With this comes the power of the Holy Spirit, now outpoured for us all. We join two of Jesus's disciples in the Gospel on their journey to Emmaus, blind to the identity of the risen Lord as he walks with them. When Jesus reveals himself to them in the breaking of bread, they finally recognise him, just as he disappears from their sight. Jesus opened their eyes to recognize him; he opened the Scriptures so they could better understand him; and he opened their hearts in such a way that their once shattered hope was now rekindled. He does the same for us. Whenever we strive to know him, Jesus is already seeking us, opening our eyes, advancing our understanding of the Scriptures, and opening our hearts so we may know and love him, enkindling our desire to be like him.

DISCUSSION, REFLECTION, PRAYER....

Our follow-up to the 'Baptised and Sent' gatherings in the ICA Hall before Easter continues this Monday evening (20th), 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.



First Communion **Grow In Love, First Holy Communion 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 the celebration of First Holy Communion. This is a great and special year for them so let's keep them in our prayers.

Pope Leo's Pastoral Visit to Africa.

This Sunday, April 19, Pope Leo will celebrate Mass for 200,000 people at Quilamba in Angola. Afterward, he will travel by helicopter to Muxima, 70 miles from Luanda, to pray the rosary at the Marian shrine of "Mama Muxima" ("Mother of the heart") on a hill overlooking the country's largest river—the Kwanza. Here there is an ancient and revered statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, and some 2 million Angolans come to pray here each year, including Protestants and Muslims. Pope Leo's visit to Africa concludes in Equatorial Guinea on April 23rd.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: Jack Cussen, Derryguile, mass on Thursday April 23rd at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Mary Gorman (1st Anniversary), Emmet St., Noel Bentley, The Rock, Seamus Gorman, Graigue, John & Eileen Deffew, Emmet St., William, Elizabeth & Edith Deffew, O'Moore St., Frank Quigley, St. Joseph's Tce., Sean Comerford, Davin Park, Liam & Una Brophy, Bay Road, Mary Nolan, Emmet St., Elizabeth Delaney, Manor Lane, John & Bridie Greene, Connolly St., John O'Brien, Esker Gate, Bridie Healion, O'Moore St., Tom & Vera Mullins, Geashill, Anthony O'Neill, Twomey Park, Elizabeth Gorman, Hill 60, Anthony Conroy, Derryguile, Thomas Lawlor, Harbour St., Elizabeth O'Rourke, Derryguile, Sr. Catherine O'Rourke, Derryguile, Patrick Lawlor, Wolfetone Court, Mary Bergin, Emmet Tce., Michael & Harry Dempsey, Emmet St.,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ April 25th & 26th: Gregory Murray, Graigue,

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

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday April 11th & 12th

Baskets: €1,210 Envelopes: €775

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

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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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday April 25th & 26th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ann Conroy

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday April 25th & 26th

Sat. 7.30pm - Dolores Fitzgerald & Orla Ambroziak

Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan & Noreen Savage

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 15th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 2:16:20:26.

No Jackpot winner.

17 Matched '3' - €59 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €14,000

Winner

Margaret Bradford

Edel Malone

Promoter

Margaret Bradford

Catherine Malone

ALONE

Alone work with all older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, frail or ill, homeless, living in poverty, or are facing other difficulties. We provide an integrated system of Support Coordination, Practical Supports, Support & Befriending, a variety of Phone Services, Social Prescribing, Housing with Support, and assistive technology. If you or someone you know needs support call us on 0818 222 02.

We're looking for Volunteers in your area, Join us and let's combat loneliness together. It feels amazing to make someone feel amazing! To sign up please visit alone.ie/volunteers or call 0818 222 024.

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "I Swear" at 8.00pm. on Wed April 22nd.

Adm: €5 includes a cup of tea and a biscuit.

BINGO

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre

this Sunday evening at **8.00pm. Check!!**

THANK YOU

PATH would like to thank all who gave so generously to their April collection.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
