



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday of Easter

26th April 2026

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I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Christ is the Good Shepherd, who leads, protects, and cares for his flock.

He warns his listeners against the voices of strangers who prey on the vulnerable and weak, leading to confusion and fear rather than the life that Jesus offers.

Today is also kept as Vocations Sunday. As we consider how each of us responds to the voice of the Good Shepherd, we pray for the grace to respond to God's invitation, always trusting in God's loving care and guidance through any struggles.

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD - What if God is calling you? If you're thinking about it . . .

Let's talk. . . Vocations Director, Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin, Fr. Ruairí Ó'Domhnaill, Newbridge, tel: 083 3343744.



CELEBRATING FIRST RECONCILIATION

We look forward to celebrating First Confession/Reconciliation with the pupils of our primary school 2nd classes next week. Mon, Clonaghadoo NS; Tues, The Rock NS; Weds, Scoil Phádraig and Thurs, Scoil Iósaif.

Act of Sorrow: O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen



DISCUSSION, REFLECTION, PRAYER...For All

Our follow-up to the 'Baptised and Sent' gatherings in the ICA Hall before Easter continues this Monday evening (27th), 7.30pm, ICA Hall to chat about Easter, the gospel and our story. Come along and bring a friend. All very welcome.



MARCH FOR LIFE - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

The '*March for Life*' is a peaceful and positive gathering, offering an opportunity for individuals and families to witness publicly to the value of every human life. At a time when Ireland's abortion rate continues to rise, it is more important than ever that we come together in solidarity and hope.

Date: Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May 2026.

Time: March Begins at 2.00pm.

Location: Dublin City Centre.

MAY – the Month of Mary. St. John tells us that it was because of the miracle that Christ performed, at his mother's request, at the marriage feast at Cana, that 'his disciples learned to believe in him.' Our Blessed Lady is always interceding with Jesus her Son, so that he may attend to our needs and show himself to us in such a way that we can cry out, 'You are the Son of God!' As the month of May approaches we might consider renewing our devotion to Mary, praying the Rosary, the Angelus, the Memorare and imitating her in her compassion and love.

Sunday Rosary For May: All are welcome at 6.30pm in the Parish Church for the five Sunday evenings of May to pray the Rosary for your own intentions and the intentions of the Church and the world. O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: Lill Maher, Harbour St., mass on Thursday April 30th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Seamus Ed Hines, Kirwan Park, Brianna Cooper, Pattison Est., Ellen Dunne, The Harbour, Oliver J. Flanagan, Irishtown, Michael Dunne, Connolly St., Mary Williams, Parnell St., Dympna Ward Kelly, Loughrea & Acragar, Elizabeth & George Sheehy, Esther & Barney Flood, Tommy Murray, Sharon Tabb, Michael O'Connell, Kilcavan, Philomena (Phil) Farrell, Acragar, Matthew Farrell, Lord Edard St., Margaret Chambers, Emmet Tee., Patrick & Mary McCabe, Tuam,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ May 2nd & 3rd: Bernie Bracken, Portnahinch, Andre Utter, Jenny McGlynn, Twomey Park, Paddy Lee, Bay Road,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday April 18th & 19th
Baskets: €715 Envelopes: €735

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
Billy Allen, The Commons.**

"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."



Friday May 1st - First Friday.
Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 (JWT)

20th July 2026 - 7 Nights,

Hotel La Solitude. €1,120 per person sharing.

...Bookings Now Closed...

Full payment to be made before Friday May 22nd
Many thanks.

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Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday May 2nd & 3rd

Sat. 7.30pm - Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday May 2nd & 3rd

Sat. 7.30pm - Anna Reddin & Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Antoinette Makim & Paddy Buggy

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 22nd 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 7:11:20:30:

No Jackpot winner.

24 Matched '3' - €42 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €15,000

Winner

Margaret Comerford

Promoter

Eamonn Comerford

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 PUBLIC ROSARY

Our next monthly public Rosary will be on Saturday May 2nd at 4.00pm in O'Connell Square, Mountmellick.

All are welcome to join us in prayer.

DAFFODIL DAY

On behalf of the Irish Cancer Society the local organisers would like to thank everyone who helped or supported Daffodil Day in any way. Special thanks to Pat & Mary Culleton for the use of their premises which is invaluable. The total raised was €12,930.11. Thank you all.

The Commemorative Committee of Mountmellick Development Association invite you to attend another evening of stitching on Sat 2nd May, in the MDA from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. We are completing a Commemorative Piece to celebrate Mountmellick Embroidery 200th Anniversary. This evening is for everyone whether you are a beginner or have experience in Mountmellick Embroidery Please book by emailing;

mountmellickmuseum@gmail.com or phoning 057 86 24525.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from April 29th to May 4th. Notices, anniversaries etc for the May 2nd & 3rd newsletter should be left into the post box at the office door or email stjosephs1878@gmail.com