



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2026

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THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CORNER-STONE..... Today's Gospel comes from the Last Supper event, where Jesus prepares his friends for his departure. Thomas and Philip find it hard to follow his words, but they will never be alone, for Jesus will be alongside them. He is the way, the truth and the life.

This week, we pray for all who are unable to accept Jesus as the cornerstone of their life. As we go about our own lives in the coming days, we might use the response to the psalm: 'May your merciful love be upon me, as I hope in you, O Lord'.

LIAM LAWTON GALA CONCERT..... A celebration of Fr. Liam's music with orchestra, soloists, choirs and MC, Mary Kennedy, will take place on Sunday, May 24th, at 8.00pm in St Mary's Church, Edenderry. Tickets available via Facebook, Instagram, the Edenderry Parish website, and in limited supply at the Parish Centre, tel 046/9733311. High demand is expected, so early purchase and arrival are advised, as some seating will have restricted views.

FIRST CONFESSIONS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the girls and boys who celebrated their First Confession during the week. Their upcoming First Holy Communion dates are as follows:

May 16th, 11.00am The Rock NS - 2.00pm Scoil Iósaif Naofa.

May 23rd, 11.00am Scoil Phádraig Naofa - 2.00pm Clonaghadoo NS.

DISCUSSION, REFLECTION, PRAYER....For All

Our follow-up to the 'Baptised and Sent' gatherings in the ICA Hall before Easter continues this Monday evening (4th), 7.30pm, ICA Hall to chat about Easter, the gospel and our story. Come along and bring a friend. All very welcome.

CEMETERY MASSES 2026 CEMETERY MASSES 2026

Clonaghadoo Cemetery, Sunday July 5th at 1.pm (Please note there will be no 9.00am mass in Clonaghadoo that Sunday morning).

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar - Sunday July 19th at 1.00pm.

Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 3rd at 7.30pm.

Graigue Cemetery - Friday August 21st at 7.00pm.

Please share these dates and times with those who may wish to attend. Thank You.

Wedding Celebration.....



Congratulations to **Rachel Forde & Laurence Kenny** who were married here on Friday, May 1st. May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love. Amen.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 7th June 2026, ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. More details to follow.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Kieran Deegan, Kirwan Park, mass on Tuesday May 5th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Patrick & Marie Conroy, Twomey Park, Paddy & Mary Conroy, Twomey Park, Tom Molloy, Twomey Park, Thomas Lee, Chapel St., Bernadette O'Rourke, Acragar, Kathleen Stapleton, Seamus & Maureen Marron, Lord Edward St., Sarah Hartnett, Connolly St., Pat Lillis, Portlaoise, Edward & Annie Payne, Emmet St., Margaret Fitzgibbon, The Rock, Kathleen Hickey, Emmet St., Patrick Moss, Esker Gate, George Webster, Chapel St., Matthew Corcoran, Clonmoylan, Pat Delaney & Sr. Elizabeth Delaney O.P., Upper Forest, Peter Delaney, Four Roads, Esther Fitzpatrick, Mary Conroy, Derryguile, Margaret Lynch, Portlaoise, Kathleen Dollard, Mountrath.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ May 9th & 10th: Martin & Stasia Mulhall, Emmet Tce., Noel Storey, Derryguile,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday April 25th & 26th
Baskets: €905 Envelopes: €750

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
Liliana Kunda, Portlaoise,
Avery McEvoy, Emmet Street,
Cara Horan, Esker Gate,

"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.

...Bookings Now Closed...

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

Enquiries and Details: Ann 087-4186192

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday May 9th & 10th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday May 9th & 10th

Sat. 7.30pm - Geraldine Goode & Sebastian Kopijka

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin & Ellen Coss

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday April 29th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 10, 15, 17, 30

No Jackpot Winner!!

Matched '3' - €100 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €16,000

Winner

May Lynch

Promoter

May Lynch

Sunday Rosary For May: All 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.



Castlebrack Cemetery: All welcome at 7pm in the Cemetery for the five Sunday evenings of May to pray the Rosary.

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "Song Sung Blue" at 8.00pm. on Wed May 6th.
Adm: €5 includes a cup of tea and a biscuit.

A NIGHT OF HARMONY AND HERITAGE

Friday, 8th May 2026 - MDA Building, Irishtown.

Join us for an evening featuring The Wesley Choir (Birmingham), local heritage speakers, and poetry by local students.

7:00pm: Pre-concert reception at Hare's Corner

8:00pm: Concert at the MDA Building (Irishtown, R32 A0PK). **Admission:** €10 (payable at the door)

Event Hosts: Beverley Barbour @ 087 934 7910
MDA (057) 8624525/

reception@mountmellickdevelopment.com

WANTED: Kind, reliable experienced carer required to support and assist elderly person in Killenard.
Contact: 087/133673.