



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**10th May 2026**

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**COMFORTING PRESENCE:** In these final weeks of Eastertide, the thought of the liturgy turns increasingly to the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. This is foreshadowed today both in the First Reading, which tells of a 'mini-Pentecost' occurring in Samaria, and in the Gospel, where Jesus speaks of 'another Paraclete' which the disciples are to receive. During this special Easter period, may we be strengthened, comforted and inspired by the Holy Spirit to know what it is to be called children of God. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

### **WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS FOR THE COMING WEEKS....**



Bishop Nulty and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invite parishioners across the diocese to reflect on the letter from the Irish Bishops, '**WHY SUNDAY MATTERS**', for these remaining weeks of Eastertide up to the 'Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ' on June 7<sup>th</sup>. From next weekend we will post a short excerpt from the letter each week for you to think about, with a link to the full text. '**Sunday Matters**' – it's good every now and again to stop and remind ourselves why.

See <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass. Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account to see this weekend's highlighted material, including a video message from Bishop Denis.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

**First Holy Communion dates are as follows:**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11.00am The Rock NS - 2.00pm Scoil Íosaif Naofa.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11.00am Scoil Phádraig Naofa - 2.00pm Clonaghadoo NS.

### **CEMETERY MASSES 2026 CEMETERY MASSES 2026**

Castlebrack Cemetery, Sunday May 31st at 7.00pm.

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.

### **Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Kildare & Leighlin Pilgrimage Day in Knock, Sunday June 7th.

Join Bishop Nulty and the Kildare and Leighlin family in Knock on Sunday June 7th. Names now being taken call to the parish office or phone 057 8624390. Bus leaving Mountmellick at 8.30am. 2.30pm - Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the Anointing of the Sick. 3.00pm - Pilgrimage Mass, followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction. Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5.00pm.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Mary Dunne, Clonaghadoo, Mike Joe & Helen Mahon, Moira & Georgie Leech, Rynn, Michael & Margaret Conlon, Derryguile, John Quigley, Emmet Tce., Patrick & Kathleen McGarr, Hill 60, Grace McGarr, Cullenbeg, Larry McDonald, Mary Flanagan, Derrylamogue, Ernie Graham, Garoon, Abraham Joseph, Mary Lawlor Aughans, John Joe Lawlor, Aughans & London, Elizabeth Byrne, Sandymount,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ May 16th & 17th:** Paddy Lynch, Emmet St.,

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

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday May 2nd & 3rd  
Baskets: €755 Envelopes: €890  
Tap2Donate (April): €355



#### DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via (1) the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website ([www.mountmellickparish.ie](http://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 May 16th & 17th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford  
Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

### Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday/Sunday May 16th & 17th

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear & Gillian Colgan  
Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan & Noreen Savage

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO Wednesday May 6th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 10:17:20:29:

No Jackpot Winner.

11 Matched '3' - €91 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €17,000

#### Winner

Edwina Hoey  
Stephen & Frances

#### Promoter

Eleanor Duff  
Frances Hibbitts

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office.



Welcome to our newly baptised  
**Tommy Murphy, Francis Dunne Court,  
Arianna Keogh, Hawthorn Avenue**

"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 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Many thanks.

*Enquiries and Details: Ann 087-4186192*

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &  
Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

**Telephone: 085 8021633.**

**Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)**

**Deputy DLP: Telephone: 086 1710643.**

**Local Enquiries. Parish Office: Tel. 057/8624390.**

**[www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)**

**Sunday Rosary For May:** All welcome at 6.30pm in the Parish Church on Sunday evening 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 on Sunday evening to pray the Rosary.



### BALCONY CINEMA

presents "Hamnet" at 8.00pm. on Wed May 13th.

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

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**WANTED:** Kind, reliable experienced carer required to support and assist elderly person in Killenard.

Contact: 087/1335673.

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### 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.

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