

***Paróiste Móinteach Mílic***  
***Nuachtlitir***

**Pentecost Sunday**

***24th May 2026***

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY: THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLING WITHIN US, ALLELUIA.**

On this great celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit, today's readings tell of the gifts of consolation and peace, and of the commissioning of the disciples. We pray this week, that we, like them, might receive what the Lord wants to give us and so respond in like manner.

**Bishop Nulty's Letter for First Holy Communions 2026**

Dear First Communicants, Parents and Families, warm greetings and blessings to you on this very special day.

Children, today you receive the Body of Christ for the first time. This is the gift you have been preparing for. Now, I also know that you will receive lots of gifts today from many people who love you and are so happy for you on this day. But I ask you to remember just one thing for me. Please, remember that the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion is the most precious gift of them all. And the wonderful thing is that after today you can come to Mass and keep receiving this gift, again and again. I very much hope and pray that you do.

Parents and families - you and your family are important members of the family of God and of this parish. You are loved, you are wanted and you are needed. And when you are not here you are missed. As Christians we need the nourishment of God's Word and Eucharist to bring meaning and peace to our lives. That is why Sunday matters and why Sunday Mass is so important.

As you celebrate this wonderful day as a family my parting request to you is to seriously think about making Sunday Mass here in the parish, (whether on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning), a part of your family life, if it is not already so. The first step might be simply deciding to make it a habit in your week.

I pray that today may be a treasured day in the life of all your families. And, for our First Communicants, that it is the first of a life time of receiving Jesus, the Bread of Life.

**Every blessing, +Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin.**

**Pray for Life Novena** The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Scoil Phádraig Naofa and Clonaghadoo National School who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.



Our class teachers Ms. Carey, Ms. Slevin, Ms. Wheatley, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Conroy and Mr. Bracken, have all done marvellous work with the children all throughout the school year and we thank them so much for that.

Thanks too to the children's parents and guardians for the encouragement and help they give.

**CLASS OF 2026 Mountmellick Community School**

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 who celebrated their graduation on Thursday (21st) evening. As the "house lights" go up on their next chapter may they be healthy, happy and ever blessed by God wherever life takes them. Well done all!

**REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES**

**Month's Mind Masses:** Rosa Caschera, Italy, mass on Thursday May 28th at 7.30pm.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** John Cooper, Pattison Est., Patsy Kelly, Davin Park, Joseph Conroy, Emmet St., Noel Goode, Wolfetone Court, Kathleen Byrne, Harbour St., Rita & Seamus Gorman, Borness, Martin Horan, Parnell St., Martin & Mary Delaney & Josephine Fennelly, Graigue, Veronica Dunne, Garoon, Paddy Styles, Pearse St., Mary Duffy, Hill 60, Phyllis & Denis Conroy, Kilcavan, Liam Lawlor, Aughans & Dublin, John Challoner, Graigue, Esther & Barney Flood, Elizabeth & George Sheehy, Brigid Parkinson, Connolly St.,

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

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH**

**Collections - Collections**

Saturday/Sunday May 16th & 17th

Baskets: €685 Envelopes: €900

**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

**CEMETERY MASSES 2026 CEMETERY MASSES 2026**

Castlebrack Cemetery, Sunday May 31st at 7.00pm.

Clonaghadoo Cemetery, Sunday July 5th at 1.00pm (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.

**MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 (JWT)**

20th July 2026 - 7 Nights, Hotel La Solitude.

**Full Payment now required**

Many thanks. *Enquiries and Details:*  
Ann 087-4186192

**Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING**

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**Ministers of the Word**

**Saturday/Sunday May 30th & 31st**

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Saturday/Sunday May 30th & 31st**

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh & Oliver Ging

Sun. 11.00am - Paddy Buggy & Bernie Reddin

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO**

**Wednesday May 20th 2026**

Jackpot Numbers: 9:12:21:27:

No Jackpot Winner.

22 Matched '3' - €46 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €19,000

**Winner**

Joe Grehan

Mary & Loretta

Michelle Forde

**Promoter**

Carol Lindley

Anne Weston

Mountmellick Pharmacy

**41st All Ireland Rosary Rally**

Takes place on Saturday 6th June in Knock Shrine. Visit [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com) for details. Talks begin at 9.20am. A Naomh-Mhuire, a Mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois agus ar uair ár mbáis. Amen.

**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.

**Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine 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.

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**BALCONY CINEMA** presents "Is This Thing On" at 8.00pm. on Wed May 27th. Adm: €5.