



Paróiste Móinteach Mílic **Nuachtlitir**

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14h June 2026

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12 **JESUS SUMMONS THE TWELVE DISCIPLES.** They are very different people: Jews and Greeks; Matthew, a tax collector who fraternised with Rome; wealthy fishermen (James and John have their own business); and poor fishermen (Simon and Andrew); an ultra-nationalist revolutionary (Simon the Zealot); and Judas Iscariot, whose surname is thought to be a corruption of an Aramaic word meaning liar or deceiver. There are two pairs of brothers. This disparate group transcends the tensions found in Israelite society of the time. All are welcome, even political enemies. Jesus summons the twelve and gives them authority to heal and supports them in their helplessness. This week, we focus our prayer especially on those people in the world who feel harassed and helpless, trusting that the Lord will look after them.



Pope Leo XIV began his visit to the Basilica of Sagrada Família (Holy Family) in Barcelona (Wednesday) by praying before the Blessed Sacrament and visiting the tomb of Antoni Gaudí, whose vision shaped the Basilica into a monumental expression of Christian faith through architecture, light, colour, and symbolism.

Greeting King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia, who welcomed him alongside the Spanish Prime Minister, as well as political and ecclesiastical authorities, Pope Leo stressed that the Basilica of the Sagrada Família opens its doors like outstretched arms, inviting everyone to this altar, to listen to the Word of God, which makes us a family beloved by the Lord and nourished by His very life in the Eucharist. He urged the faithful not only to raise their eyes toward Christ but also to uplift those who are marginalized and suffering, allowing the Basilica's message of hope and charity to guide Christian life and witness. (*Vatican News*)

Parishes Alive - Becoming Synodal: Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invites you to the third annual Parishes Alive Day on Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated by Dr Oonagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team.

The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making. Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes. This promises to be a very engaging and interesting day and will appeal to anyone who is interested in how Parishes and Pastoral Areas develop into the future. Much of it will be interactive and workshop based. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality. Because these are "roundtable" sessions, numbers are limited so early booking is advised. To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, on parishdevelopment@kandle.ie or phone (office hours) 083-8305681. ALL WELCOME.

Direction for Our Times (DFOT), is an organisation promoting the writings of the Apostolate of the Returning King. Jesus calls this a rescue mission for souls. This Saturday evening (13th) free books/booklets from the apostolate will be available after evening mass in the Community Arts Centre. On Sunday (14th) after the 11am mass members of DFOT, will be in the Community Arts Centre to give a short presentation of their mission and distribute free books/booklets. All are welcome.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st anniversary Mass: Anne Conroy, Emmet Street, mass on Thursday June 18th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: William Murphy, Emmet St., Cherry Delea, Lord Edward St., Jim, Mary & Liam Kinch, St. Joseph's Tce., Christina Quigley, St. Joseph's Tce., Des Masterson, O'Moore St., Sean Dunne, Nyra, Peter Holohan, St. Joseph's Tce., Deceased members of the Foran Family, George Graham, Garoon, Mary Farrell, Davin Park, James Anthony Goodwin, St. Joseph's Tce., Tom Conroy, Upper Forest, Marcella & Patrick Byrne, Wolfetone St., Jackie Geoghegan, Garrymore, Michael & Dan Byrne, Mary Callaghan, Twomey Park, Deceased members of the Callaghan Family, Garrymore, Patrick Holohan, Brockview, Joan Kelly, Derry, Rosenallis, Johnny Allen, Eyne, Deceased members of the Conroy Family, Graigue, Ellen & Thomas O'Connor, Harbour St., Bernard & Susan Dalton, Nyra, John McEvoy, Bay Road, Abraham Joseph,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ June 20th & 21st: Richard Blanc, Emmet St.,



MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday June 6th & 7th
Baskets: €725 Envelopes: €770

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

CEMETERY MASSES 2026

Clonaghadoo Cemetery, Sunday July 5th at 1.p.m
(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.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

**Welcome to our newly baptised
Jamari Onalimi Nguyen, Drogheda.
Michael Lewis, Davitt Road.
Clodagh Dempsey, 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."

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday June 20th & 21st

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Bernie Reddin

Ministers of the Eucharist

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Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh & Gillian Colgan

Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan & Noreen Savage

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday June 10th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 12:25:26:32: No Jackpot Winner.

5 Matched '3' - €200 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €20,000

No Mountmellick Winner

MISSION ALIVE

The annual Mission Alive Cake Sale and Coffee Morning will be held in the ICA Hall on Friday June 26th at 10.30am. There will be a great selection of freshly baked confectionery on sale. Tea and coffee will be served too. A raffle will be held and any donations of prizes are welcome. Confectionery can be handed in on the morning of sale. Proceeds of sale will go directly to the orphan project in Lusaka in Zambia.

P.T.A.A. Member Consultation Meeting in the Killeshin Hotel, Dublin Road, Portlaoise on Saturday June 20th at 2pm. All welcome.

Fundraising Night at the Dogs in aid of Mountmellick & Coolbanagher C of I Union of Parishes, in Newbridge Greyhound Stadium on Friday, 19th June. Admission is €10 with children under 12 free.

Doors open at 6.30pm and the first race is at 7.40pm approx. Tickets can be purchased online at the following link <https://buy.stripe.comdRmcN578O3Hy7Nwdjbbsc0v>

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. This Sunday (14th) from 12 noon to 3.30pm, Monday (15th), Tuesday (16th), Wednesday (17th) & Thursday (18th) from 3.45 pm to 8.00pm. Book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call 1800 222111.

BALCONY CINEMA presents "Kangaroo" at 8.00pm. on Wed June 17th. Adm: €5.