



Paróiste Móinteach Mílic **Nuachtlitir**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th August 2026

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Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all

that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

Theme: "Living Water"

This year's Biblical text is drawn from the Old Testament Book of the prophet Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together..

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." (Ezek 47:9,12)

PRAYER: Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love. Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment.

We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow. Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations. May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. **Amen.**



PORTNAHINCH CEMETERY MASS this Sunday Aug 30th at 6.00pm. Please pass on word to family members, neighbours or friends who may wish to attend. Many thanks.
All welcome.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Agnes Conroy, Dangans, mass on Tuesday September 1st at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary: Margaret Hyland, Emmet St., mass on Thursday September 3rd at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Sheila Kearney, Sarsfield St., David Conroy, Derrycloney, Mary Ann Turner, Harbour St., Leo & Brigid Deffew, Emmet St., Paddy Feery Snr., Pattison Est., Marie Coss, Twomey Park, Julia Cahill, Twomey Tce., Ellen Quigley, Emmet Tce., Jacinta Bracken, formerly St. Joseph's Tce., Jo Byrne, Irishtown, Deirdre Lawlor, Parnell St., Christy Ging, Irishtown, John Delaney, Derrycloney.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/September 5th & 6th: John & Philomena Delaney, Garrymore & Pádraig Brennan,

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday August 22nd & 23rd

Baskets: €570 Envelopes: €745

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

Ryan Marum, Grove Park.

Annie Cleary, Harbour Street.

"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.

CONCERN Worldwide

Thank You. Your generous contributions and the help of collectors for CONCERN's Church Gate Collection in Clonaghadoo & Mountmellick has been much appreciated. Almost €1,286 was collected (of which, over €260 was collected in Clonaghadoo).

MOUNTMELICK PUBLIC ROSARY

Our next monthly public Rosary will be on

Saturday September 5th at 4.00pm in

O'Connell Square, Mountmellick.

All are welcome to join us in prayer.



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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday September 5th & 6th

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday September 5th & 6th

Sat. 7.30pm - Gillian Colgan & Dolores Fitzgerald

Sun. 11.00am - Antoinette Makim & Ellen Coss

First Friday - Friday September 4th -

Masses: 10am Parish Church &
8.00pm Clonaghadoo.



PASTORAL LETTER - AUGUST 2026

Bishop Denis Nulty's Pastoral Letter will be available at the back of the church after all masses this weekend.

The Pope's prayer intention for September:

"for the care of water - that there be a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it."

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday August 26th 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 4:17:23:27:

Jackpot Winner - Lisa Hickey, Rhode

24 Matched '3' - €42 each.

N/Week's Jackpot is €10,000

Winner

Noel & Charlie

Promoter

Anne Weston

Mission Awareness

Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles

Sr. Mary Usifoh O.L.A, will visit the parish next weekend to speak at all masses about the missionary apostolate of her Order. Today O.L.A. Sisters serve in 21 countries across four continents present in communities where life is fragile, where hope is tested, and where presence offers what words cannot. Africa remains at the heart of their mission, where their roots are deeply planted and continue to grow.

BALCONY CINEMA

presents "**Glenrothan**" at 8.00pm.
on Wed September 2nd. Adm: €5.