



Paróiste Móinteach Mílic Nuachtlitir

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2026

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**“Is not this what
God asks of
you?”**

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‘The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts in Christ Jesus’ The ‘Season of Creation’ draws to a close today on the

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In today’s Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the vineyard to illustrate how God’s radical message of love, professed by ancient

prophets and by himself, has been ignored and rejected. Despite this, Jesus can confidently proclaim the truth: that what people have ignored will become the foundation of a new covenant of love. May Christ Jesus, who forever guards our hearts and sustains us in his love, give us the courage and strength to lead lives centred on truth, justice, peace and compassion for all.



BLESSING OF PETS, 3.00pm, this Sunday (4th)

front yard of the Parish Church.

All Welcome....

Synod News Synod News Synod News

Ireland’s ‘National Synodal Assembly’ of the Catholic Church will take place in Gormanstown, Co. Meath on 17th October next. The seven Delegates to the Synod from our diocese are: Fr Ger Ahern, Sr. Ann Walsh, Deacon Jody Callan, Cathríona Kelly, Matt Lawlor, Deacon Patrick Roche and Victor Souza. More details to follow.

We pray: *Lord Jesus, You have called us together through Baptism and faith. Make us a Church that proclaims your Gospel, accompanies all who seek you, heals the wounded, walks with people on their journey, and empowers all the baptised to share in your mission. Guide the National Synodal Assembly and all who participate in it. May we listen to one another, discern your will, and courageously follow where your Spirit leads. Amen.*

SPECIAL FEASTDAYS October 4th (Sun) is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, although this year, because it falls on a Sunday, the Sunday celebration takes precedence. St. Francis heard that specific call from the Lord to “Go and repair my church”, not what he first thought, to repair a building, but to renew all people spiritually, his mission continues today worldwide – make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred let me bring your love.....

St. Faustina was key to promoting devotion to “Divine Mercy” and since her death in 1938 it has grown steadily. Faustina, and other saints like her were simple and unassuming people. What makes them extraordinary is God’s grace. Her feastday is Monday (5th)

Wednesday’s (7th) feast of ‘Our Lady of the Rosary’ is the main reason that October is often called “Rosary Month”. The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. She encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary beads. As Bernadette prayed Mary joined in on the Glory Be prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace. In Knock and Medjugorje it continues to be one of the main devotions of their pilgrims.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: James Meehan, Garoon, mass on Tuesday October 6th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Martina Brophy, (1st Anniversary), Willow Grove, Joseph O'Rourke Jnr., O'Moore St., Noel Delaney, Derryguile, Brigid (Bridie) Holohan, Davin Park, Seamus Lynch, Straboe, Dolores Lawlor, St. Joseph's Tce., Rita Conroy, Lord Edward St., Tom & Brendan Conroy, Davin Park, Nancy Horan, Harbour St., Mary & Patrick Goodwin, Emmet Road, May Hibbitts, Harbour St., Sean Dowling, Twomey Park, Joan Bland, Portlaoise, Maureen Delaney, Manor Lane,

Sunday Masses in St. Joseph's Church available on parish webcam.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday September 26th & 27th

Baskets: €680 Envelopes: €910

Tap2Donate (August): €268

DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via



- (1) the 'Donate' button on our Parish Websit (www.mountmellickparish.ie),
(2) our 'Tap-to-Donate' units (inside the main door) or (3) by using our dedicated 'QR Code' on the left.

(3)

CHEQUES CHEQUES

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to "Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account".

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

OCTOBER ROSARY

Praying of the Rosary every Sunday evening for the month of October at 6.30pm in St. Joseph Church. Starting this Sunday October 4th. All welcome.

The Rosary will be recited in **Castlebrack Cemetery** every Sunday at **4.00pm** for the month of October (Sun 4th). All welcome.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for October

Pope Leo XIV asks the faithful to pray the Holy Rosary in October specifically for peace in the world and an end to conflict, and he also designates

October's monthly intentions as prayer for collaboration among different religious traditions.

HAVE YOUR SAY



Laois County Council public consultation on 'Smiths Field Masterplan' - MDA Building, 4.00pm to 7.00pm this Monday, Oct 5th. Drop in to share your thoughts and observations.

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Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday October 11th & 12th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ann Conroy

Sun. 11.00am - Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday September 11th & 12th

Sat. 7.30pm - Orla Ambroziak & Sebastian Kopijka

Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan & Bernie Reddin

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 6:16:23:29:

No Jackpot Winner.

N/Week's Jackpot: €11,000

15 Matched '3' - €67 each.

Winner

Promoter

No Mountmellick Winner

The October Stations 2026

Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to the 'October Stations'. These contributions go towards the salaries of the priests, and we are very grateful for each one. Station Contribution Envelopes can be left in the usual church boxes or in the post-box at the office door anytime during the month. In appreciation of your kindness masses will be offered for you throughout October.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.

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BALCONY CINEMA

presents "You Me and Tuscany" at 8.00pm. on Wed October 7th. Adm: €5, includes a cuppa and biscuits. We also have the Apex Singers coming to host a Choir Workshop and then a concert on the 27th of October workshop tickets are €32 and regular tickets to the concert are €20.

Tickets can be purchased at theapexsingers.com

BINGO - BINGO

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre

this Sunday evening at **8.00pm.** **Check!!**

WILLS/BEQUESTS

Occasionally the Parish receives bequests from wills. A bequest reflects someone's desire to make a contribution to the parish from their will. Please remember Mountmellick Parish in your will. Thank you.