



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 23rd 2025

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The Synodal
Pathway

**Jubilee Year
Of Hope 2025**

‘Giving Sunday 2025’ Dear Parishioners our annual ‘Giving Sunday’ is here!!! Thank you to everyone who contributes, all very much appreciated. ‘Giving Sunday’ asks you, as your means will allow, to make a special significant contribution once a year to help pay off our debt. Special envelopes for this year’s contributions are available in both churches. If you can pass out some of these envelopes to family members or neighbours who would like to contribute please do. Thank you for your support. *Micheál Murphy, PP.*



CONFIRMATION Congratulations to the pupils of Scoil Íosaif and Scoil Phádraig who received their Confirmation this weekend. Thanks to their parents/guardians, sponsors and teachers for their help in all the preparations. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on all.

First Confession & Holy Communion: We continue to welcome in a particular way those children who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time later this year. Our focus this weekend is on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which, of course, we are all invited to celebrate during the holy season of Lent. Pope Francis urges us to ‘Be courageous and go to confession’. He tells us, ‘Jesus (will be) there, and...he will receive you with much love!’



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

‘24 HOURS FOR THE LORD’

St. Michael’s Church, Portarlinton

Friday 28th March 7pm - Saturday 29th March 7pm

24 Hours Adoration..... (Including the following)

FRIDAY

7.00pm Mass including Penitential Service.

8.00pm Rosary.

10.00pm Stations of the Cross.

SATURDAY

3.00am Divine Mercy & Rosary.

10.00am Mass including Penitential Service.

1.00pm Stations of the Cross.

3.00pm Divine Mercy & Rosary.

6.15pm Vigil Mass.

All are welcome. Those wishing to volunteer for one (or two) hours of Adoration time, please call in to the Sacristy today after mass or in to the Parish Office during the week.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month Mind Mass: Sean Mahon, Harbour Street, mass on Tuesday March 25th at 7.30pm., Kathleen Gibson, Emmet Street, whose month's mind will be on Saturday/Sunday 29th & 30th March.

1st Anniversary Masses: Johnny Murphy, Emmet Street, Ned Mahon, Derryguile, mass on Thursday March 27th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Ger Horohan, Clonsaughey, Raef Scott, Ballyfin, Lillian O'Neill Corcoran, Clontyglass, John McDonald, Derryguile, Daniel Hickey, Emmet St., Sean O'Reilly, Connolly St., Patrick Byrne, Cloncannon, Michael Quigley, Emmet Tce., Jimmy, Breda & Seamus Dunne & Amy Flynn, Emmet St., Maureen Lee, Pattison's Est., Paddy & Jamsie Dempsey, Emmet Tce., Kit Hickey, Chapel St., Mary & Patrick Fennelly, O'Connell Square.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ March 29th & 30th: Ann & Billy O'Connor, Portlaoise, Pat Joyce, Derrydavy, Michael Murray Jnr, Graigue.

Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday March 15th & 16th

Baskets: €945 Envelopes: €1,545

DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website, www.mountmellickparish.ie

CHEQUES CHEQUES

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

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

Welcome to our newly baptised...

Casper Keogh, Esker Gate,

Florence Kelly, Connolly Street.

RAFFLE: Be in with a chance to win two unique, handcrafted prizes. Tickets €2 per strip or 3 strips for €5. Available from - Parish Office, Frances Hibbits or Ger Dunne's Gala. All proceeds to St. Joseph's Parish.

Daffodil Day takes place next Friday March 28th. Volunteers are needed for street sales on the day. If anyone would like to help please contact: Mary @ 0878 7814754 or Bridie @ 086 2065720.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

Telephone: 085 8021633.

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New Child Safeguarding Policy 2024

"A Safe and Welcoming Church – Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2024". www.safeguarding.ie

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday March 29th/30th

Sat. 7.30pm - Ann Conroy

Sun. 11.00am - Mona Conroy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday March 29th/30th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh & Bernadette O'Toole

Sun. 11.00am - Noreen Savage & Paddy Buggy

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday March 19th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 1:2:10:31.

No Jackpot winner:

17 Matched '3' - €59 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €11,000

Winner

John Phelan

Promoter

Marian Phelan

LOURDES 2025 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

1st July, 2025 for 6 nights.

€1,000 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing (18 places remaining). For information, bookings and details contact Eleanor @ 087-7670915.

....With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope, 2025....

"Thank You Mountmellick"

You are cordially invited to a screening of 'The Old Oak' – a thought provoking and moving film, directed by Ken Loach, in the Balcony Cinema on Friday next March 28th at 8.00pm. The screening, sponsored by Wilf and Ingrid Deverell, is free of charge to all and offered as a 'thank you' to the people of Mountmellick for the care and support they have given to many families and individuals who had to flee war etc in their native countries and subsequently find safety and peace here in Mountmellick. Donations to the UNICEF Gaza Children's Appeal can be made on the night.

LADIES KNITTING GROUP RAFFLE

held in Supervalu last Friday March 14th raised €2,050 and was presented to Fr. Dunphy for his Mission Alive Fund. (List of winners on the notice boards in the church). Thank you for your support.