



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter



Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday December 29th, 2024

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Jubilee Year Of Hope 2025



**Bishop Nulty will
open the Jubilee
Year at the 7pm
Mass in the
Cathedral of The
Assumption,
Carlow, this**

Sunday evening (Dec 29th). All are welcome.

In the document proclaiming the Jubilee,
Pope Francis says:

“Surely we need to “abound in hope” (cf. Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope.

What Is a Jubilee Year?

A ‘Jubilee Year’ is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life. This 2025 Jubilee will be centred on the theme “Pilgrims of Hope” and runs to January 6, 2026.

The Jubilee Logo (above left) shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life’s pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. The lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. The cross in the logo bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

Feast of the Holy Family. Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house.

God of all, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we turn to you in prayer for our family and for families throughout the world. We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Protect all families with your loving care. Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life we share, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy New Year

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honour rather than destroy. May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

1st Anniversary Mass: Baby Jimmy McInerney, Portlaoise, mass on Thursday January 2nd at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:

Marie Fennelly, (1st Anniversary) Ashgrove, John O'Donnell, Ashgrove, Ronan Culleton, Cloonagh, Seán Peake, Ashgrove, Bridie & Chris Fitzpatrick, Connolly St., Joseph Fitzgibbon, Irishtown, Baby Ódhran Murphy, Irishtown, Dylan Kidney Quinn, Willow Grove, Noel Lynch, Chapel St., Bridget Culleton, Emmet St.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend **Saturday/Sunday January 4th & 5th:** Dora Mitchell. Clonterry, Attracta (Trac) O'Brien, Cappalug, P.J. Dempsey, Davin Park, All Masses broadcast 'live' on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday December 21st & 22nd

Baskets: €905

Envelopes: €1,315

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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".

** Ministers of the Word **

Saturday/Sunday January 4th & 5th

7.30pm: Ger Rochford

11.00am: Bernie Reddin

** Ministers of the Eucharist **

Saturday/Sunday January 4th & 5th

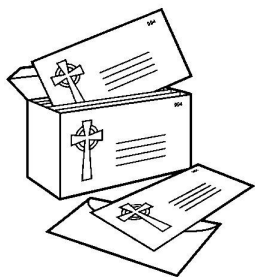
7.30pm: Oliver Ging & Anna Reddin

11.00am: Therese Wall & Paddy Buggy

Friday January 3rd . First Friday.

Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo.

2025 Box of Envelopes



Please take your 2025 box of envelopes as you leave after mass. Many thanks to all who generously and regularly return their weekly envelopes.

For the next few weeks, as you return your envelope contributions, please write your name on the front of the envelope as this will help us record your contributions correctly. Míle buíochas.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

The next parish lotto draw will take place on **Wednesday January 8th 2025.**

Give a 'gift subscription' to our Parish Lotto. 1 year, 6 month or 3 month Gift Cards available. It could be you!!

BALCONY CINEMA: Weds Jan 1st present "Breathe" at 8.00pm. Adm: €5. Refreshments Served.

MOUNTMELICK MENS SHED - 2025 Calendar

MMS would like to thank the following for their kind sponsorship: Irishtown Garden Centre, Druid Bar, Dowling's Bar, Phillips Bakery, Christy Men's Shed, Stewart's Delivery Service, Doggy Style Grooming, M.D.A., Dan Kane, Balcony Cinema, Paint Store, Hare's Corner, and a special thank you to our Men's Shed member **Shay Keenan** who designed the calendar. Calendars now on sale €5.

2025 PARISH CALENDAR

The 2025 Parish Calendar will be available to pick up this weekend at the back of both churches.

SUNDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS 7pm/7.30pm.

Time for quiet, personal reflection, adoration, devotions and prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.
Parish Church

The Parish Office will be closed on Mon. 30th, Tues. 31st, & Wed. 1st. Open again on Thursday 2nd January, 2025 at 10.30am.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

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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