



**Mountmellick Parish**  
**Newsletter**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 19th 2025**

**2025**  
 Jubilee  
 Year of  
 Hope

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The Synodal  
 Pathway



communion participation  
 mission

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 Of Hope 2025**



**THEY HAVE NO WINE Jn 2:3**

After his Baptism, Jesus now starts his public ministry by giving us a first 'sign' of his transformative love. At the wedding feast of Cana, he changes water into wine at the suggestion of his mother. Here we see Mary already interceding for others. As Pilgrims of Hope in this **Jubilee year**, the joyful image of wedding festivities might inspire us to think of all who suffer from food poverty. We pray that each one of us might use our different gifts generously to help those in need, so that all have sustenance. In this way, may we appreciate the transforming love that God has for everyone.



**Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools Week 2025 will be celebrated from Sunday, 19 January, to Saturday, 25 January, with the theme of 'Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ'. We pray for and support our local Catholic schools Scoil Phádraig Naofa, Scoil Iósaif Naofa, Clonaghadoo NS and The Rock NS so that, together with us, the parish community, they will be alive with the joy and hope that is Christ.

Good and gracious God, we pray that the focus and foundation of our schools will always be the person of Jesus Christ. May we remember that we are called to work together as part of your Church to build your kingdom in our midst. Help us to view every aspect of our world through the lens of the Gospel and the teachings of our faith and let every member of our Catholic school communities become a visible example of what it means to put faith into action.



**WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY**

You are cordially invited to our 'Christian Unity' prayer service in **St. Paul's, Church of Ireland, this Sunday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7.00pm.** At the heart of our reflections for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the question posed by Jesus to Martha: 'Do you believe this?' (*John 11:26*). Here is an opportunity to celebrate and draw strength and encouragement from the gift of our shared faith. In these troubled and turbulent times, we can take heart from the endurance of that faith. As we gather we are reminded of the transformative power of our faith which gives hope in suffering through the promise that all will be renewed in Christ.

*Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*



**GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion - Welcome**

This weekend we welcome the girls and boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> class and their parents/guardians to our First Holy Communion Preparation Masses (Sat. 7.30pm & Sun. 9.00am in Clonaghadoo). Our focus this month is on baptism. January is a time of new beginnings and a good time to think about when we began our lives as followers of Jesus - at our baptism. God of all, help us to be faithful to our baptismal calling to live as followers of Jesus. Amen.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Mass:** Margaret Gorman, Hill 60, mass on Tuesday January 21st at 7.30pm. Nora Philomena Callaghan, Tullamore, mass this Sunday morning (19th) at 9am in St. Mary's Church, Clonaghadoo.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Clare Murphy, Chapel St., Paddy Conroy, O'Moore St., Mary & Michael McCormack, Hill 60, Henry & Mary Jane Allen, Eyne, Bernard Dunne, Garrymore, Elizabeth Milmoie, St. Joseph's Tce., Liam, Michael & John Conroy, Derryguile, John Lynch, Portlaoise, Elizabeth Johnson, Lord Edward St., Peter Conroy, Harbour St., The Deceased members of the Conran Family, Teresa Angela Lynch, Chapel St., Thomas Curham, Killeen, Francis Conroy, Kilcavan, Liam Conroy, Rosenallis, Tom Gorman, Station Road, Elizabeth Gorman, Rosenallis, William Quigley, Derryguile, Jack Bacon, Connolly St., Leo White, Chapel St., Michael & Margaret Conlon, Derryguile, Michael Fitzpatrick, Cloncannon,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday January 25th & 26th:** Joseph Davis, Harbour St., Tony Smith & Bronte Smith, Twomey Park, Denis O'Rourke, Acragar, Ann Nancy Dunne, Chapel St.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Jan 11th & 12th  
Baskets: €855 - Envelopes: €1,610

**THANK YOU THANK YOU**

**DONATE ONLINE**

You can make your donation to support the parish via the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website, [www.mountmellickparish.ie](http://www.mountmellickparish.ie)



### St. Brigid's Camino Walk – Monasterevin, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the townland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin. To commemorate St. Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a 'Camino Walk' in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice (W34 X529) at 11am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 (the walk is approximately 6km long). The walk will be led by Bishop Nulty and will journey via Umeras, then along the Canal Blueway, finishing in St's Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin, with a Service of Light at 12.30 pm. All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camino Passport. St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day. For more information, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office – 045 525346.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

#### Designated Liaison Person &

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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](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday Jan 25th/26th

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday Jan 25th/26th

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

Sun. 11am - Mona Conroy & Bernie Reddin

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

**Welcome to our newly baptised...**

**Bonnie Ryan, Camira,**

"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."

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 15th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 8:20:29:30

No Jackpot winner. 9 Matched '3' - €112 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €20,000

Winner

Promoter

**No Mountmellick Winner**

### Clonaghadoo N.S. -

#### The Rock National School -

**St. Joseph's GNS & St. Patrick's BNS**

Admissions for 'Junior Infants' for September 2025.

Please contact the schools for Information & Admission Forms before Monday, Jan 27th.



### 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.

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "**Prisoners**" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday Jan 22nd.

Adm: €5. Refreshments served.