



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

Baptism of the Lord

January 12th 2025

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The Synodal Pathway



communion participation
mission

Jubilee Year Of Hope 2025



“HERE IS MY SERVANT WHOM I UPHOLD”

This feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is another ‘epiphany’: a manifestation of God. The 1st reading from Isaiah is joyous. God will save his people. Like a shepherd he will care for them and bring them home from exile. In the Gospel (*Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*) we hear God’s voice proclaiming Jesus as his beloved Son, and the Spirit descends upon him as he is baptised by John.



WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY

You are cordially invited to our ‘Christian Unity’ prayer service in **St. Paul’s, Church of Ireland, next Sunday, Jan 19th, 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

‘Mission Parish’ and New Diocesan Appointments – January 2025

Having been approached by the leadership team of the Kiltegan Fathers (SPS) with the offer of creating a Mission Parish in our diocese Bishop Nulty has announced this week that Baltinglass is to be that parish. Fr. John Heinhold, SPS is to become PP Baltinglass and will be assisted by Fr. Laurence Kurgat, SPS (Kenyan) and Fr. Vincent Agundiade, SPS (Nigerian). The team will also assist in the wider Pastoral Area including Rathvilly. Fr. Ger Ahern PP, Baltinglass, is to become PP Tullow. Further to the announcement Bishop Nulty said “I wish to record my appreciation and thanks to all involved in and affected by these appointments for their support and cooperation. I wish them God’s blessing, good health and happiness as they take up their appointments on Sunday, February 23rd 2025”.



Kildare and Leighlin Pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis 25th - 29th April. This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims’ sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter’s Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first ‘Millennial Saint.’ Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages (*Tel: 01-8788159*): booking forms, and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.



GROW IN LOVE - First Holy Communion

Next Saturday evening (18th) in the Parish Church and/or next Sunday morning (19th) in Clonaghadoo we look forward to welcoming the girls and boys from 2nd class and their parents/guardians to our masses (you are welcome to attend which ever mass suits you best). The journey to next May and First Holy Communion Day has begun and with the children and their families joining us at mass we all get the chance to walk with them and support them in their preparations.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Annie Kelly, Acragar, mass on Tuesday January 14th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Mary Lavin, Lord Edward St., Maura Horan, Strahard, Fr. Con Phelan, Strahard, Dinny Quinn, Harbour St., Daniel Williams, Patrick St., Mary Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's Tce., Kathleen & Joseph MacNamara, Kathleen & Thomas Hall, Elizabeth & Colm Reynolds, Martin & Mary Delaney Graigue & Josie Fennelly, Paul Goodwin, St. Joseph's Tce., Bill Weston, Michelle Oxley, Lord Edward St., Mary Deegan, Twoomey Tce., Charlie & Johnny Cahill, Essie Forde, Acragar, Dessie Conroy, Harbour Court, Annie Coss, Drinagh, Jane, Joseph & Michael Delaney, Manor Lane, Kevin Dempsey, Kirwan Park, Owen Lawlor, Cloncosney, Eamon Conroy, Dangans, Carmel Flynn, Derrycloney, Timmy Lawlor, Emmet Tce., Jack Lawlor, Chapel St., John & Tommy Palmer, Briar Lane, Paddy Blanch, Briar Lane, Pat Moore, Salthouse Lane, Moira Mullin, The Rock, Ted Carbery & Loughlin Moran, Emmet St., Richard Coss, Emmet Tce.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday January 18th & 19th: Rose Dempsey, O'Moore St.

Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Jan 4th & 5th

Baskets: €530 - Envelopes: €1,255

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

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...

Ben Doolan, Kirwan Park,

"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."

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.

DANA'S

Cross & Cloak Concert

7.30pm, The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Sun. Feb 2nd.



In aid of the Sacred Heart Crusade.

Tickets €25 available on eventbrite.ie
Enquiries to Antoinette 086 - 080 3047.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday Jan 18th/19th

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday Jan 18th/19th

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear & Ger Rochford

Sun. 11am - Pascal Hanrahan & Ellen Coss

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

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday January 8th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 3:14:19:21:

No Jackpot winner. 24 Matched '3' - €42 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €20,000

Name

Conor Conroy

Promoter

Dowling's Butchers

The Rock National School

Admissions for 'Junior Infants' for September 2025.

Please contact 057/8624490 for Information & Admission Forms before Monday, Jan 27th.

Thank You.

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "The Apprentice" at 8.00pm. on Wednesday Jan 15th. Adm: €5. Refreshments served.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

St. Patrick's B.N.S., Davitt Road, on Thursday January 16th from 4.30pm to 8.30pm