



**Mountmellick Parish**  
**Newsletter**  
**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 23rd 2025**

**2025**  
 Jubilee  
 Year of  
 Hope

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The Synodal  
 Pathway



communion participation  
 mission

**Jubilee Year**  
**Of Hope 2025**



Our scripture readings this week encourage us to be compassionate, towards ourselves, towards others, and in all that we do. In the first we see how David does not give way to revenge when he finds Saul asleep, vulnerable and under his power. David has a choice, and acts with loyalty and restraint. Saul has persecuted him, but David now spares his life because Saul is the Lord's anointed one. In today's Gospel Jesus encourages us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hurt us, to lend without expecting a reward, to love without counting the cost. Pondering on these texts as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we may wish to pray particularly for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness in our own lives, our communities, our country, and in all the situations of war, strife, injustice and suffering in our world.

**Franciscan Brothers, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.**

We welcome Bro. Brian Johnston, OSF, to all our masses this weekend to speak about the work of the Franciscan Brothers and make an appeal for your support.

**GROW IN LOVE**  
**First Holy Communion**

Next Saturday evening (March 1st) in the Parish Church and/or next Sunday morning (March 2nd) in Clonaghadoo we look forward to welcoming the girls and boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> class and their parents/guardians to our masses (you are welcome to attend which ever mass suits you best). The journey to First Holy Communion Day continues, with the children and their families joining us at mass when we all get the chance to walk with them and support them in their preparations.

**Jubilee of Deacons Feb 22/23**

Ordained to be ministers of the Gospel, deacons are called to minister in close co-operation with priests and members of the lay-faithful in the areas of Charity, Word and Altar. This weekend's 'Jubilee of Deacons' theme is: 'Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope'.



**LOURDES 2025 PILGRIMAGE**

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.  
 1st July, 2025 for 6 nights.  
 €1,000 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing.

For information, bookings and details contact Eleanor @ 087-7670915.

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

**V. Rev. Fr. Tommy O'Shea, RIP.**

**Kindly remember in your prayers Fr. Tommy O'Shea, who died on Friday (21st) morning. Fr. O'Shea was a curate in Mountmellick between 1960 to 1972. May he rest in peace. Funeral arrangements available on [www.rip.ie](http://www.rip.ie)**

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**Month's Mind Mass:** Trish Kelley, Irishtown, mass on Tuesday February 25th at 7.30pm.

**1st Anniversary Mass:** Michael Reddin, Twomey Park, mass on Thursday February 27th at 7.30pm.

**Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:** Patricia (Pat) Conroy, O'Moore St., Michael Scott, Sarsfield St., Kathleen Buggy, The Commons, Ian Quigley, Salthouse Lane, David Tuohy (1st Anniversary), Twomey Park, Michael Keegan, Garryhinch, Mary Deegan, Derryguile, John Comerford, Manor Lane, Patricia Lynch, Chapel St., Maureen & Seamus Marron, Lord Edward St., Dan Kavanagh, The Commons, Joe Maher, Harbour St., Michael Coss, Harbour Court, Elizabeth Meehan, Garoon, Michael Carroll, Pattison Est., James Brennan, Josephine Lalor, Portlaoise, Joseph & Ellen Byrne, Wolfetone St., Rosie Moylan nee Lawlor, Michael, Elizabeth & Oliver Byrne, Newry, John Geoghegan, Emmet Tce.,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday March 1st & 2nd:** Andrew & Kathleen Turley, The Harbour, John, Evelyn & John Jnr Dillon, Emmet St.

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday Feb 15th & 16th  
Baskets: €820 Envelopes: €945

**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)

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

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

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

**Christopher Gorman, The Rock.**

### SUNDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

All are welcome between 6.30pm and 7.00pm this Sunday evening in the Parish Church for devotions and prayers. There will also be time for quiet personal reflection and adoration before The Blessed Sacrament. **Please note the earlier starting time of 6.30pm.**

**MOUNTMELICK PUBLIC ROSARY:** Our next monthly public Rosary will be on Saturday March at 1st 4.00pm in O'Connell Square, Mountmellick. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

#### Designated Liaison Person &

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

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#### Local Enquiries.

**Parish Office: Tel. 057/8624390.**

**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 March 1st/2nd

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday March 1st/2nd

Sat. 7.30pm - Oliver Ging & Anna Reddin

Sun. 11.00am - Noreen Savage & Paddy Buggy

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer will take place in the Methodist Church (beside Glanbia) at 11am on Friday March 7th. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian Women in the Cook Islands. The theme chosen this year is 'I made you wonderful' based on Psalm 139. All are welcome.

Lord God, we ask you to look with favour on your servant Pope Francis. During this time of illness help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace and help him to heal quickly. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

### Diary Date - MARCH 5th

Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday February 19th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 3:13:16:30:

No Jackpot winner.

17 Matched '3' - €59 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €13,000.

#### Winner

Gemma M & The 4 of Us

#### Promoter

Frances Hibbitts

### Pro Life Campaign Collection

Thanks to all who contributed and collected at last weekends collection. Total amount collected €850.

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#### MOUNTMELICKM DRAMA GROUP

are delighted to present "Geraldine" 3 One-Act Plays by Geraldine Aaron: Olive & Hilary - A Galway Girl - The Donohue Sisters in Mountmellick Community Arts Centre on **Thursday & Friday 27th & 28th Feb** at 8.00pm each night. Tickets €12/Concessions €10. Tickets available at the door.