



# Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

1st Sunday of Lent

March 9th 2025

Parish Office: Tel 057 - 8624390



The Synodal  
Pathway

Jubilee Year  
Of Hope 2025

## Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

All of the readings this week encourage us to keep our gaze fixed on God, wherever we are. The Lord will always hear our cry of distress. God will lead us to a land of peace, just as was done for the Jewish people when they were enslaved in Egypt. As the devil tempted Jesus, we too may be tempted. Perhaps we sometimes rely on ourselves rather than on God or even find ourselves lusting for power. But like Jesus, we will be able to overcome these temptations if we are open to the Spirit and place our trust in God.

### PRAYER

Faithful God, you are with us as we set out on our pilgrim journey of hope this Lent. Help us to be attentive to your word and the hope to which it calls us as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ. May our time of prayer and reflection draw us deeper into his healing and loving presence, so that we may recognise him as our hope and our salvation. Amen.

### Lenten Stations

Many thanks to all who contribute very generously to our 'Lenten Stations'. The Lent 'Station' contributions can be handed in at the church, using our usual boxes, our post-box or the Parish Office. Please use the envelope from your parish box or an envelope clearly marked 'Lenten Station' to make your contribution. The Lenten Station contributions go towards the salary of the priests and we appreciate your kindness. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Dunphy.



### St. Patrick's Day, Monday week, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Masses next Monday at 9.00am in Clonaghadoo and 11.00am in the Parish Church.  
Bígí linn.

**Thank You.** Many thanks to the priests and people of Mountmellick/Clonaghadoo for their recent kind welcome and generous support. Let's continue to pray for one another.

Bro. Brian Johnson, OFM.

# LENT

DURING LENT JOIN US ....

**TUESDAY Morning Mass:**

Beginning next Tuesday, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, and continuing then on each Tuesday morning of Lent there will be a 7.30am mass in our Parish Church.

**Station of the Cross for Lent:** All are welcome each Sunday evening during Lent (beginning Sun 9th) at 6.30pm to the Parish Church for a praying of The Stations of the Cross.

**After the 10am mass on the Fridays of Lent** there will be a short praying of the stations for those who are available to join in.



## 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.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

*Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:* Patrick Kelly, Ann Storey, Patsy Kelly, Maura Culleton, Garoon, Christy Dempsey, Davitt Road, John & Margaret Conroy, Dangan, Jack Doyle, Emmet Tce., Mary & Joseph Conroy, William Thompson, Wolfetone St., Jim Quigley, St. Joseph's Tce., Thomas Donohar, The Rock, Annie Dalton, Lought, Mary Finlay, Bay Road, *For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ March 15th & 16th:* Nora Lawlor, Chapel St., *Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.*

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday March 1st & 2nd:  
Baskets: €995 Envelopes: €1,040

**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)

#### 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...**

**Lily Rose Webster Dempsey.**

"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."

### DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodil Day takes place this year on 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.

Donations of fresh daffodils are also appreciated.



### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

**Designated Liaison Person & Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

**Telephone: 085 8021633.**

**Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)**

**Deputy DLP: Telephone: 086 1710643.**

#### 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)

**::Cúpla Focail::** Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire, atá lán de ghrásta, tá an Tiarna leat, is beannaithe thú idir mná agus is beannaithe toradh do bhroinne, Íosa. A Naomh-Mhuire, a mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois, agus ar uair ár mbáis. Amen.



### Ministers of the Word

**Saturday/Sunday March 15th/16th**

Sat. 7.30pm - Ger Rochford

Sun. 11.00am - Ann Storey

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Saturday/Sunday March 15th/16th**

Sat. 7.30pm - Bernadette Clear & Gillian Colgan

Sun. 11.00am - Pascal Hanrahan & Mary Walsh

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday March 5th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 5:16:17:21: No Jackpot winner.  
24 Matched '3' - €42 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €15,000

#### Winner

Ber Breen

Me Fein

Kathleen Phelan

#### Promoter

C. Lindley

Frances Hibbitts

Marian Phelan

**MISSION ALIVE:** The Annual Mission Alive Church Gate Collection will take place on Sat/Sun March 22nd & 23rd in Mountmellick & Clonaghadoo. Money collected will go directly to the Orphan Project in Lusaka, Zambia. In January the group's joint treasurers send €2,500 to project being the proceeds of Table Quiz and donations made at Christmas.

14	20	38	52	73
4	18	32	46	62
7	16	★	60	71
9	27	44	51	67
12	23	35	47	72

**No Bingo, this Sunday (Drama Festival). See you all next week (16<sup>th</sup>). Check!!**

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### THE BALCONY CINEMA

There will be no film shown on Wednesday March 12th.

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### MACRA WINNERS

Many congratulations to Mountmellick Macra 'national' winners of the FBD Macra Capers Finals last weekend. Well done to all involved!!

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**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday March 10th.**