



Mountmellick Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 16th 2025

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The Synodal
Pathway

Jubilee Year Of Hope 2025

“This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. Today's readings are full of hope, encouraging us to reflect on faith and transformation, and to trust in God's promises. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that, like Peter, James and John, we may have a deeper trust and faith in Jesus, as we focus on listening to him.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig – St. Patrick's Day

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig.

Masses at 9.00am Clonaghadoo & 11.00am Parish Church.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me shield in the strife, Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life. *(Adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate)*



CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to the pupils of Clonaghadoo NS who received their Confirmation last Saturday (8th). Next weekend (22nd) it will be the turn of the pupils from Scoil Íosaif and Scoil Phádraig. Thanks to their parents/guardians, sponsors and teachers for their help in all the preparations. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

2015/2025 DEBT CAMPAIGN 'Giving Sunday'

Dear Parishioners our annual 'Giving Sunday' takes place next Sunday March 23rd. 'Giving Sunday' asks you, as your means will allow, to make a special significant contribution once a year to help pay off our debt. Special envelopes for this year's contributions are now available. If you can pass out some envelopes to family members or neighbours who would like to contribute please do.

Last year a total of €29,210 was donated on Giving Sunday. Revenue's Charitable Donation Tax Refund Scheme realised a total of €14,410 for us in 2024. Many thanks to all. A more complete statement of Parish Finances will be published before the end of May. Thank you for your support. *Micheál Murphy, PP.*



LOURDES 2025 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin,
Mountrath.

1st July, 2025 for 6 nights.
€1,000 (plus travel insurance) per
person sharing (18 places
remaining).

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

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

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.*

**March 19th Feast of
St Joseph.** Our 10.00am
mass on Wednesday next
(19th) will be celebrated
in honour of our
Parish Patron, St. Joseph.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

Month Mind Masses: Nuala Kinch, Lord Edward Street, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Harbour Street, mass on Tuesday March 18th at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Annie & John Phelan, Strahard, Mai Flanagan, Irishtown, Elizabeth Coss, Emmet Tce., Betty Dunne, Emmet St., Elizabeth (Lil) & Brendan Kelly, Kilcavan, John Young, Aughans, Leslie Furlong, Lord Edward St., Julia Whelan, Salthouse Lane, Dolores Crofton, Harbour St., Michael & Bridie Dempsey, St. Joseph's Tce., Joseph Sheils, O'Connell Square, Martha & Sean Treacy, Roskeen, Joe & Nell Daly, Wolfetone St., Jim & Sarah Westman, Denis Delaney, Manor Lane, May Farrell, Lord Edward St., Paddy Connolly, Acragar, William Quigley, Bernard, Mary Ann, Har & Billie Dunne, Garrymore, Margaret & Daniel Gorman, Derrycloney, Joe Bergin, Emmet Tce., Nina, Bernadette & Terence Byrne, Wolfetone St., Eleanor Lawlor, Harbour St., Thomas Culleton, Derrycloney, Frank Delaney, Salthouse Lane, Pat Conlon, Parnell St.,

Sunday Masses available on parish webcam or church radio.

MOUNTMELICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday March 8th & 9th:
Baskets: €870 Envelopes: €1,060

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...

Fionn O'Gorman, Manor Court.

"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."

RAFFLE: Be in with a chance to win two unique, handcrafted prizes made right here in Mountmellick. Tickets €2 per strip or 3 strips for €5. Available from - Parish Office, Frances Hibbitts or Ger Dunne's Gala.

All proceeds to St. Joseph's Parish.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &

Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.

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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

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday March 22nd/23rd

Sat. 7.30pm - Sr. Ann Walsh

Sun. 11.00am - Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday March 22nd/23rd

Sat. 7.30pm - Fiona Walsh & Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Ellen Coss & Bernie Reddin

MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday March 12th 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 7:15:22:31:

Jackpot winner: Nellie & Jody Nolan, Clonbullogue

19 Matched '3' - €53 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €10,000.

Winner

John Scott

Gary Maher

Promoter

C. Lindley

Andy Hickey

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.

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.

March 2025 For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

"BINGO BINGO"

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre
this Sunday evening at **8.00pm. Check!!**

THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "**Big George Foreman**" at 8.00pm. on
Wednesday March 19th.