

## St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Easter

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

### Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Church unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Apr. 7.00 pm Helena (Lena) McEvoy, Trumera. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Maura and Frank Byrne, Patrick St.,

And their daughter-in-law, Paula Byrne.

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Apr. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

11.30 am Marie Tobin, Churchfield Heights, Month's Mind

Andy O'Connor, Dysartbeigh 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

James (Jim) Wall, Woodbrook. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> Apr 10.00 am

Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 10.00 am

Thur. 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 10.00 am

Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> Apr 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm Eugene Lalor, Trumera. Month's Mind

Christy Cullen, Cloncourse. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Thomas and Dorothy Connor, Cappagh

Thomas' 54<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Dorothy's 34<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Apr. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

11.30 am

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass Remembrances.

Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.00 pm Paddy Lowry, Kiln Lane.

Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.00 pm Margaret Connor, Clonbarrow.

### Confirmation Catechesis

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> April after 7.00 pm Mass In Mountrath Church,

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April. after 10.00 am Mass (Ballyfin Church) for all

Confirmation Candidates and their parents.

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The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) with Confirmation  
Candidates Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am (Mountrath Church)

### Pope Francis R.I.P.

We remember Pope Francis this weekend as we mark the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death - which occurred on 21<sup>st</sup> April of last year.

### Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne  
Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

### Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,  
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Ms. Ailish Higgins is on Maternity Leave

### Daffodil Day. A Note of Thanks

The 2026 Daffodil Day Collection for the Irish Cancer Society was a huge success. With € 11,032.00 raised locally. Special Thanks to everyone involved. To all who gave fresh daffodils, sellers and helpers. Retail premises, co-ordinators, all who facilitated and donated very generously to Daffodil Day. The Funds gathered in Laois support cancer patients in Laois with vital services such as night nursing and patient transport to treatment centres. Thanks to everyone who made this happen. *Bernie and the Mountrath Daffodil Day Team.*

### Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> April

Nos. Drawn 11 20 26 31

No Jackpot Winner

7 Match 3's Rec. € 143.00 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 16,000

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day

St. Fintan's Ch., Mountrath. Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April 11.30 am

With girls and boys of Scoil Bhride

and St. Fintan's Boys School.

### Confirmation Day. Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> April

Mountrath Church 11.00 am Ballyfin Church. 2.30 pm

Main Celebrant - Bishop Denis Nulty

With children of Scoil Bhride - St. Fintan's Boys School  
Gaelscoil Thromaire and Clonenagh N.S.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Ballyfin Parish

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May and Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am

### Patrick Fanton, Charleville. Shannon St., R.I.P.

We pray for Patrick who died peacefully at Charleville Nursing Home on Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> April. Patrick's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Holy Cross Church, Charleville. on Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. followed by burial in Holycross Cemetery, Charleville. We extend sympathy to his wife Mary and family, brother Frank and his family, niece Ashley, relatives, neighbours and friends.

*May Patrick rest in the peace of Christ.*

### Pope Leo's Visit to Africa

Pope Leo XIV has embarked on an 11 day, four nation tour of Africa, emphasizing peace, interfaith dialogue, and the growing importance of the continent to the Catholic Church, visiting 11 cities and travelling nearly 18,000 kilometers on 18 flights. This is the first major international tour of his papacy and marks the first ever papal visit to Algeria, a Muslim majority country with fewer than 10,000 Catholics among its 48 million people.

#### Itinerary Highlights

**Algeria (April 13-15):**

Visits include Algiers, the Martyrs Memorial, the Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, and Annaba (ancient Hippo), connecting to St. Augustine, whose teachings inspire Pope Leo.

**Cameroon (April 15-18):**

Focus on peace meetings in conflict affected regions, including Bamenda and large public Masses, with an expected attendance of around 600,00 in Douala.

**Angola (April 18-21):**

Visits to the Sanctuary of Mama Muxima, hospitals, and youth focused events, including a public rosary expected to draw approximately 2 million pilgrims.

**Equatorial Guinea (April 21-23):**

Engagements include visits to prisons and memorials, highlighting human rights and social justice concerns in one of Africa's most Catholic nations.