

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 14th - Sun. 15th Feb. 6th Sun. In Ord. Time

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 14th to Sun 22nd Feb.

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

Sat. 14th Feb. 7.00 pm Patrick Murphy, Spa Hill. 5th Anniv.

Richard, Kathleen and Marie Kirwan, Forest

Dan, Nora, Martin and Kathleen Ryan, New Line Rd.

Sun. 15th Feb. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

Brendan Fitzpatrick, Clonboyne, 26th Anniv.

11.30 am 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Tues. 17th Feb. 10.00 am Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

Ned Meade, Cloncourse.

Ash Wednesday (The Season of Lent begins)

Wed. 18th Feb. Masses at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at both Masses.

Thur. 19th Feb. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Fri. 20th Feb. 10.00 am Rita Moloney, Avondale. Portlaoise Rd.,

Sat. 21st Feb. 7.00 pm Matty Byrne, Patrick St., 2nd Anniv.

Sun. 22nd Feb. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

11.30 am 1st Sunday of Lent.

Lord, for your
faithful people,
Life is changed, not ended

Francis McKenna. R.I.P.

London - Formerly Mountrath

We pray for Francis who died recently. Ceremony of Committal of Francis' ashes took place at Clonenagh Cemetery on Fri. 13th Feb.

A Brief Note on Francis.

Francis McKenna was one of seven siblings born to Francis senior and Nora McKenna all born and raised in Mountrath. The family moved to London in 1963. Francis is survived by his sisters Mary, Clare and Eilish. We extend sympathy to all his family, and their families, relatives and friends in London and Mountrath

May Francis rest in the peace of Christ.

Laois Co. Co. Travelling to Work Survey

Laois County Council are conducting a survey on commuting and have us asked to circulate it - www.laois.ie/survey.

It focuses on people working outside of the County, so only takes a few seconds to complete for those of us who work within the county.

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,
Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

Maternity Cover for Diocesan DLP.,

Ailish Higgins, is being provided on a part-time basis by Michelle Hughes, our current deputy DLP.



World Day of Prayer

Fri. 6th March. Commencing 7.00 pm

Convent Chapel - Bloom HQ

Everyone most welcome.

Cup of Tea - Refreshments served

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 12th Feb.

Nos. Drawn 3 4 24 30

No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3's Rec. € 91 each

3 Local Winners

Winner - Promoter

Pam Killeen Pam Killeen

S Birney S McDowell

Marie Kirwan Catherine Kearns

New Jackpot. € 17,000

Thank you for your continued support of Mountrath Lotto

Temperance Sunday, 15th February '26

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to

visit www.pioneers.ie or to speak to a Pioneer in the Parish. "Off the drink for Lent" is a reminder that "the bonds of friendship and affection do not unravel with death" ... or with addiction or sickness.

Prayer and penance have been part of the response by many Irish families to the challenges which they have met across the centuries. The short-term Pioneer pledge for Lent is a gesture of solidarity with people

who are living "one day at a time" according to the 12 Step AA Programme.

(Mountrath) Hall AGM

The annual general meeting of the committee of St. Fintan's Community Hall will be held on Wed. Feb. 25 at 8pm. Extra helpers for our Monday night Bingo are very welcome to come along and join the committee. All in the Parish who have an interest in the hall or interested in how its run are very welcome to come along. (Rita McMahon)

Lenten Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis

Bishop Denis has penned a Pastoral Letter to coincide with the beginning of the Season of Lent. Bishop Denis has asked me to circulate copies of this letter in the Parishes, so Copies of this Letter have been printed off and are available in the Back of Church . - Also available online - on online Newsletter. You are invited to take a copy home with you.

Trócaire Boxes are now available to collect (from Back of Church)

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis

Sat. 21st Feb. after 7.00pm Mass (Mountrath)

Sun. 22nd Feb. after 10.00 am Mass (Ballyfin)

For Confirmation Candidates and their parents in Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes.