

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 10th - Sun. 11th Jan. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Mass Times – Anniversaries Fri. 9th to Sun. 18th Jan.

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

Fri. 9th Jan. 10.00 am Pauline Whinnery, 1st Anniv.

. Bridie Nicholson (Nee Higgins) Oxford,

. Formerly The Knocks. 2nd Anniv.

. Paddy (P.J.) Higgins, The Knocks 9th Anniv.

. Kathleen Higgins, Oxford, Formerly The Knocks 10th Anniv.

Sat. 10th Jan. 7.00 pm Anne Farrell (Nee Lowry) Patrick St., M. M.

. Richard Maybury, Fr. O'Connor Cr., 1st Anniv

. John Connor, Cappagh South. 5th Anniv.

. Joseph, Mary and John Byrne, Redcastle

Sun. 11th Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** Feast of Baptism of the Lord.

11.30 am John McDermott, Trumera. 1st Anniv

. Peter and Mary Redmond, Redcastle

. and deceased family members

. Peter's 2nd Anniv. Mary's 8th Anniv.

. Andy Sinnott, Lower Sconce. 6th Anniv.

Tues. 13th Jan. 10.00 am James McSpadden, Redcastle.

. Matt, Teresa and Edward O'Donovan, Roscrea.

Wed. 14th Jan. 10.00 am Andrew and Mairead Nichol and

. Eilish Mc Manus (Late of Main St..)

. Thur. 15th Jan. 10.00 am

Fri. 16th Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 17th Jan. 7.00 pm Noel Ryan (Jnr) Patrick St., 5th Anniv.

. Jackie Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cr. 5th Anniv.

Sun. 18th Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

11.30 am Kathleen Holland, Trumera, 2nd Anniv.

Month Mind Masses Sat. 24th Jan. 7.00 pm

John Delaney, Kiln Lane R.I.P.

Phina and Pat Kavanagh, Clonard, Kilbricken R.I.P.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish. Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins.

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes c/o

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John Delaney, Kiln Lane. R.I.P.

We pray for John who died unexpectedly at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Sun. 28th Dec. John's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 31st Dec. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to daughters Rachel and Ruth and their partners Dillon and Andrew, grandchildren Séan and Riley, mother-in-law Detta Reynolds and family, Patrick St., brothers and sisters, Mike, Joe, Billy, Finty, Noel, Eddie, Patsy, Breda, Maura, Sheila and families, Uncles, Liam, Jimmy, Johnny and families, nieces, nephews and families, cousins, relatives, extended family, his wide circle of friends, neighbours and many work colleagues over the years. *May John rest in the peace of Christ.*

Catholic Schools Week 2026 18th to 24th January

Catholic Schools Week 2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on Saint Carlo Acutis, recently canonised as the first millennial saint— This year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible.

Holiness is not for the few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent - and grandparent ! - living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ.

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis

Sat. 24th Jan. after 10.00 am Mass For Confirmation Candidates and their parents in Mountrath Parish.

2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from 18 to 25 January. The theme this year is "One Body, One Spirit", based on Ephesians 4. For '26, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

Mountmellick, Ballyfin Mountrath Lourdes Pilgrimage '26

Spiritual Director Fr. Micheál

Murphy (P.P. Mountmellick)

20th July - 7 Nights Hotel La Solitude

€ 1,120.00 per person sharing

[See Online Newsletter for Details](#)

... A New Year Thought

Guide us, O Lord ... Grant us, O Lord:

The hope to envision new dreams;

The strength to rise above our limitations, our fears and whatever holds us down;

The courage to stand on our own, to stretch our imagination and to experience being fully human, fully alive;

The faith to live our lives in your image and likeness. Guide us, O Lord, this new year, every way, every day. Amen.

"Do This In Memory"

Masses This Weekend

Mountrath Ch Sat 10th Jan. 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Ch. Sun. 11th Jan. 10.00 am

Mountrath Parish Lotto

1st Draw of 2026

Thurs 8th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 7 8 23 26

No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3 Rec. € 91 each

1 Local Winner, M. Hanlon

Promoter, M. Farrell

Next Week's Jackpot. €12,000

I wish to extend my very sincere appreciation to you for your loyal support of Mountrath Parish Lotto throughout 2025

Fr. Joe Brophy - Parish Priest.