

## St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

### Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm Noel Ryan (Jnr) Patrick St., 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Jackie Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cr. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Seamus (Seamie) Osborne, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Kathleen Lalor (née Delaney) Northgrove, Mountrath. R.I.P.

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**  
11.30 am Kathleen Holland, Trumera, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
Billy Brophy, Woodbrook. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am

Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Ann Farrell (nee Lowry) Patrick St., R.I.P.  
Ann died on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
(Mass at request of Mountrath St. Vincent de Paul Society)

Thur. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Peter, Brigid and Kieran Farrell, Dysartbeigh

Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm John Delaney, Kiln Lane. Month's Mind  
Phina and Pat Kavanagh, Clonard, Kilbricken. Month's Mind  
Bernadette (Bernie) Tynan (Nee Carroll) Fr. O'Connor Cresc.  
Bernadette (Bernie) died on Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 2025  
(Mass at request of Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Residents Assoc)

*Lord, for your faithful people, Life is changed.*

Lyla Lynch, Kiln Lane / Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
Peter and Molly Rice, Val and Vera Rice  
And Rosie Kenny

Kay Downey (Nee Delaney) The Hermitage  
Formerly, Trumera. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Joseph (Joe) Dowling, Clonard. 18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.**  
Elizabeth (Liz) Seale, Clonadacasey.  
11.30 am Séan and Eileen Moore, Woodbrook.  
Jimmy Lalor Fitzpatrick, Kiln Lane. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

## Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke Peter Byrne  
Mountrath Parish. Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh  
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins.  
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## 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.

## Tom (Tommy) Cripps, Roskelton. R.I.P.

We pray for Thomas who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. Thomas' Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen on Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. followed by burial in Raheen Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his sister Christina, brother Seamus, their families and all the Cripps family, nieces, nephews and their families, gran-nieces, gran-nephews, relatives, neighbours and friend. Tom joined us for Mass in the Hollow Church every Sunday morning over many years. One tribute on r.i.p.ie described Tommy as a dedicated and dependable member of Laois Co. Co. Machinery Yard Staff, a pleasant and likeable gentleman.

*May (Tommy) Tom rest in the peace of Christ.*

## Catholic Schools Week 2026

### 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. after 10.00 am Mass For Confirmation Candidates and their parents in Mountrath Parish.

## A Note of Thanks

To everyone involved in Mountrath Parish Lotto, Organising Committee, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week.

I extend a very sincere "thank you" for your continued loyal support and generosity.

## Ministries Rota

### Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Readers** Sat. 7.00 pm Pauric Tobin  
Sun. 11.30 am Niamh Cahill

### Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 7.00 pm Mary Kerwin,  
Niamh O Hara, Paulo Jacob

Sun. 11.30 am Dolores Mulhare,

Elaine Doheny, Rachel Hill

### Collectors

Sat. William Fitzpatrick Joe Hosey  
Sun. Anthony Deegan

## Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Nos. Drawn 4 9 10 21

No Jackpot Winner

16 Match 3 Rec. € 63 each

2 Local Winners, Celine Cripps

Promoter, Celine Cripps

Eileen, Joan, S.C and D

Promoter, Joan Bergin

Next Week's Jackpot. €13,000

## Table Quiz

Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

The Deadman's 8.00 pm

Ballyfin NS

Parents Council

€ 5 per ticket

Your Support much Appreciated.

Raffle on the Night