

## St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

### Mass Times -Anniversaries Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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

Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm	Martin Mulhall. Derrough, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am	James and Kate Fitzpatrick and deceased members of Fitzpatrick Family, Forest <b>The Hollow Church</b>
11.30 am	Patsy Conroy, Redcastle. Month's Mind
	Tom Fitzpatrick, Derrylusk. 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
	Pat McCormack, Dublin. 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm	Vigil Mass for Feast of Epiphany.
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am	<b>Feast of Epiphany</b> (Mountrath Ch).
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am	Eamon Cranks, Ballyfin Rd., Birthday Rem.
Thur. 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am	
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm	Richard Maybury, Fr. O'Connor Cr., 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
	John Connor, Cappagh North. 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am	<b>The Hollow Ch.</b> Feast of Baptism of the Lord.
11.30 am	John McDermott, Trumera. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
	Peter and Mary Redmond, Redcastle
	and deceased family members
	Peter's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv. Mary's 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
	Andy Sinnott, Lower Sconce. 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.

### Blessing

May this New Year be a time of renewal and reflection, where every sunrise brings new hope and inspiration

### Mountrath Parish Lotto

1<sup>st</sup> Draw of '26 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Jackpot € 11,000

### An Ideal New Year's Gift

½ Year Voucher € 50.00  
Full Year Voucher € 100.00

### 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

Bishop's Hse, Dublin Rd, Carlow Phone 085 802 1633

## New Year Blessing

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

*From Minnie Louise Haskin's - Gate of the Year*

### Phina (nee Maher) and Pat Kavanagh, Clonard, Kilbricken. R.I.P.

We pray for Phina who died peacefully at her home on Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. and for her husband Pat who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Phina's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Pat's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Phine and Pat were laid to rest in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Mary, Fenton, Michael, Ronan and families, Phina and Pat's 10 grandchildren, Conor, Ryan, Aoife, Aisling, Séan, Ruaidhrí, Katie, Eoin, Tadhg and Lucy. Phina's sisters Nora and Mary, Pat's sister and brother, May and Séan and their families, nieces and nephews and their families, relatives and a wide circle of friends. Phina and Pat were highly involved in Parish and Community over their lifetime. Phina was Minister of Holy Communion and Reader at Church of the Sacred Heart, The Hollow for many years. Many will know Phina as Principal at Killanure National School where she taught for 35 years. I first met Phina when I was appointed curate to Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes, when I, as Chair of the Board of Management of Gaelscoil Thromaire reappointed her as Community Rep. on the School's Board of Management Committee in 2012. Pat, very well known to many of us as the "voice" of Mountrath Co Op. Marts on the Rushin Road where he was a member of the Auctioneering team for thirty years. At Parish level Pat was Chair of the Pastoral

Council and was always so willing to help where he could and t'was many a Charity Auction he brought to life with his distinctive and special auctioneering skills. Pat, I understand was a founding member of Mountrath Macra in the 1960's and was one of the team who instigated (and indeed built) the building we know as "The Macra Hall" on Main St.,(before the days of cement blocks or Readymix) (Mountrath Macra Hall is still going strong) Pat and the Macra Team of his day were skilled debaters and it's many a trophy they brought home after winning many a debating competition around the country.

### Margaret (Maggie) O'Rourke (nee Bowe) Lower Sconce. R.I.P.

We pray for Margaret who died peacefully at Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Christmas Day (Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec). Margaret's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Carmel (Fitzpatrick) Dysart, Michael and John and their families, 6 grandchildren, Patrick, Breda, Ciara, Aoife, Meg and Kim, brother Mick and family, New Road, Mountrath, sister-in-law, Ann Grehan and family, New Line Rd., nephews, nieces, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. *May Phina, Pat and John rest in the peace of Christ.*

### Mountmellick, Ballyfin Mountrath Lourdes Pilgrimage

Spiritual Director Fr. Micheal Murphy (P.P. Mountmellick)

20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - 7 Nights Hotel La Solitude

€ 1,120.00 per person sharing

[See Online Newsletter for Details or to book ticket](#)

I wish to extend my very sincere appreciation to you for your loyal and most generous support of Mountrath Parish Lotto and Mountrath Parish Collections throughout the year. Your generous support is deeply appreciated. *Fr. Joe - Parish Priest.*