

## St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. - Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Feast of St. Brigid

Patron Saint of our Diocese (Kildare and Leighlin)

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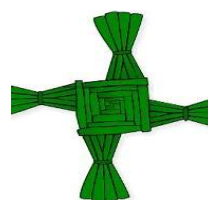
Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

### Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan to Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

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

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm Bill Sinnott, Shannon Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv  
Philip Murphy, Forest. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Teresa O'Keeffe, Woodbrook.

And her son, Bernard O'Keeffe (Jnr)  
George and Alice Tobin, Woodbrook.  
May and Billy Tynan, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.  
Dan and Anne Costello, Mountrath



Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.. St. Brigid's Day. Patron Saint of our Diocese  
Blessing of Candles at our weekend Masses  
Blessing of throats at all Sunday Masses

9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** Mass of Feast of St. Brigid.

**11.30 am** Cathal Keegan, Dunmasc, Portlaoise. 19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 10.00 am Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats  
Ann McCarthy, Knockanina. 38<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am

Thur. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am

Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm Anthony Heffernan, Ringstown. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

Patsy and Peg Keeshan, Patrick St., Peg's 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Helen Phelan (nee Moore) Patrick St., 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

John, Daniel and Marie Tynan, Clonkeen.

**11.30 am** Sr. Philomena Browne, Brigidine Sister. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Patrick Parkinson, Woodbrook. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

Tom Lalor, Portlaoise Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

Elizabeth Russell, Patsy and Tim Ryan, Patrick St.,

James and Kathleen Tynan, Patrick St.,

*Lord, for your faithful  
people, Life is changed,  
Not ended*

(Extracts from Diocesan Liturgical Calander  
for Feb. 2026)

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Feast of St. Brigid

St Brigid is the female patron saint of Ireland. Irish people have prayed to her for many hundreds of years. St. Brigid was Abbess of the monastery at Cill Dara (the Church of the Oak) in the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

Tradition tells us that as Brigid explained the passion and death of Christ to the dying pagan chieftain, she took some rushes from the floor of the bothán and fashioned a cross.

### Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Feast of St. Blaise

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with people suffering from objects stuck in their throat.

Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the Acts of St. Blaise.

Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a physician of souls. He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was chocking to death on a fish bone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith and killed him.

**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

*We extend our best wishes to Ailish  
at this time*

### Safeguarding Message

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

### Mountmellick Drama Group Presents

Albertine in Five Times, -

A Play by Michael Tremblay

Mountmellick Arts Centre -

Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup>, Fri. 13<sup>th</sup>, Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.

8pm Nightly

### World Day of Prayer

Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> March. Commencing 7.00 pm

Convent Chapel - Bloom HQ

Everyone most welcome.

Cup of tea – refreshments served

### Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Feast of St. Blaise Rite of Blessing of Throats.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise,  
bishop and martyr, may God deliver  
you and free you from every disease  
of the throat, and from every other  
disease. In the name of the Father and  
of the Son,  
+ and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

### Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Nos. Drawn 5 12 24 27

No Jackpot Winner

**19 Match 3 Rec. € 53 each**

**5 Local Winners**

**Winner Promoter**

Michael Heffernan Frances Byrne

Rian Cripps Celine Cripps

Hannah Phelan Gerry Dooley

John Gosling Rita Watkins

Callie, Holly and Noah Phelan

Promoter, E. Phelan

**New Jackpot. € 15,000**

**Patrick (Paddy) Heffernan  
Birmingham**

**(Formerly Paddock) R.I.P.**

We pray for Paddy who died at  
his home in Birmingham on  
Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. We extend  
sympathy to his sister,  
Margaret O'Brien and family,  
Fr. O'Connor Cresc. and all the  
Heffernan family.

### "Do This In Memory" Masses Next Weekend

Mountrath Church

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb **7.00 pm**

Ballyfin Church

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. **10.00 am**