

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 31st Jan. - Sun. 1st Feb. Feast of St. Brigid

Patron Saint of our Diocese (Kildare and Leighlin)

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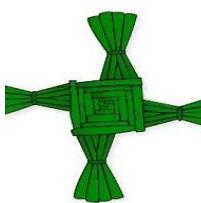
Name of Parish App. Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 31st Jan to Sun 8th Feb

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

Sat. 31st Jan. 7.00 pm

Bill Sinnott, Shannon Rd., 2nd Anniv.
Philip Murphy, Forest. 4th 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. 1st 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. 19th Anniv.

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

Wed. 4th Feb. 10.00 am

Thur. 5th Feb. 10.00 am

Fri. 6th Feb. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 7th Feb. 7.00 pm Anthony Heffernan, Ringstown. 3rd Anniv.
Patsy and Peg Keeshan, Patrick St., Peg's 6th Anniv.
Helen Phelan (nee Moore) Patrick St., 23rd Anniv.

Sun. 8th Feb. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**
John, Daniel and Marie Tynan, Clonkeen.

11.30 am Sr. Philomena Browne, Brigidine Sister. 1st Anniv.
Patrick Parkinson, Woodbrook. 2nd Anniv.
Tom Lalor, Portlaoise Rd., 2nd Anniv.
Elizabeth Russell, Patsy and Tim Ryan, Patrick St.,
James and Kathleen Tynan, Patrick St.,

(Extracts from Diocesan Liturgical Calander
for Feb. 2026)

Sun. 1st 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 6th 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. 3rd 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. 12th, Fri. 13th, Sat. 14th Feb.
8pm Nightly

World Day of Prayer

Fri. 8th March. Commencing 7.00 pm
Convent Chapel - Bloom HQ
Everyone most welcome.
Cup of tea - refreshments served

Tues. 3rd 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. 29th 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
Bermingham
(Formerly Paddock) R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died at his home in Bermingham on Tues. 13th 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 7th Feb 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Church

Sun. 8th Feb. 10.00 am