

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 18th – Sun. 19th Dec. 2021 4th Sun. of Advent – Year C

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Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 18th – Sun. 26th Dec.

Sat. 18th Dec. 7.00 pm Maura Kelly (nee Lalor) Main St., 10th Anniv.

Ann Grincall, Spring Gardens 3rd Anniv.

Simon Walsh, Clonard - 3rd Anniv.

Tom Taylor, Moanbaun.

Sun. 19th Dec. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

Michael and Ann Heffernan, Clonkeen

Joseph and Mary Ann (Ciss) Culliton, Gurteen

11.30 am Tom Meade, Ringstown. 20th Anniv.

Mon. 20th Dec. 10.00 am Tom and Margaret Byrne, Derrough.

Tues. 21st Dec. 10.00 am

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

Wed. 22nd Dec. 10.00 am

7.00 pm

Thur. 23rd Dec. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Fri. 24th Dec. 10.00 am

Christmas Eve Masses at 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm

Sat. 25th Dec. Christmas Day

Masses 9.00 am The Hollow 11.30 am Mt.Rath

Sun. 26th Dec. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

Michael Seale, Clonadacasey. 6th Anniv.

11.30 am Feast of the Holy family.

Safeguarding Children Parish Representatives

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Ms Kathleen Sherry

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We remember in our Prayers

People, their families and
carers, who are ill – at
home, in Hospital or in a
Nursing Home at this time

Month's Mind Masses

Wed. 29th Dec. 10.00 am

Patsy O'Connor, Kiln Lane

Sat. 1st Jan. '22 7.00 pm

John Keenan, Castletown Rd.,

Sun. 2nd Jan. 11.30 am

Paddy Carter, St. Fintan's Tce.

Brigid Dunne, (Nee Lalor Woodbrook

Sun. 9th Jan. 11.30 am

Margaret (Madge) Kelly, Mountrath

Inter-Diocesan Carol Service

From both Kildare & Leighlin and

Ossory Diocese will be broadcast from

KCLR at 6.15 pm this Sun evening

KCLR Broadcasts on 96.00 Mhz.

Mountrath Lotto

Nos. Drawn 11 28 29 31

No Jackpot Winner €13,000

7 Match 3 Rec. €143 each

1 Mountrath Winner

William and Lucy Byrne

Promoter, Lucy Byrne

New Jackpot € 14,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in
Mountrath 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. We extend a
very sincere "thank you" for your loyal
support and your unending generosity.

Arrangements for Christmas

Individual Confessions

Christmas Eve.

Mountrath Church. After 10.00 am Mass

Ballyfin Church 10.00 am – 11.00 am

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve (Both Parishes)

Fri. 24th Dec. 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm

Christmas Day

Ballyfin Church - 8.00 am and 10.00 am

Mountrath Parish

The Hollow - 9.00 am

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath. 11.30 am

Christmas letter from Bishop Denis to the Children of the Parish

When I wrote in September I wrote about how special our school days are: the friends we make; the lessons we learn; the ways that we grow; and the fun that we have. December days are even more special!

These are the most enjoyable of school days. These are exciting days to be with your friends getting ready and making plans. The excitement is starting to build. By now we have lit two candles on our Advent Wreaths in our churches - maybe you have a wreath in your school or classroom too.

We light these candles to mark the weeks between now and Christmas - special weeks when we get ready for the arrival of someone really special: He comes with his arms outstretched ready to embrace us so much; He comes with gifts; He comes to teach us the importance of giving;

He comes to teach us about love; He is the reason we celebrate this time of year. He is the reason that St Nicholas - Santa - gives gifts to us at this time - to remind us that this is a special birthday. It is the birthday of Jesus. He comes to us at Christmas.

He came to the world at that first Christmas, in a stable welcomed only by shepherds and yet we celebrate his arrival every year since that first Christmas night. How are you getting ready? What will you do in the weeks ahead?

What traditions has your family for this time of year? What are you doing in school to get ready? What gifts do you think Jesus wants to bring us? Why are his arms outstretched?

What does he want to tell us? In the weeks ahead: ask questions; have fun; sing songs; tell stories; make memories. Get ready for Christmas.

Make it so that Jesus is welcomed in your school and at home in your house.

+ Denis Nulty - Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin