

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 25th Sun. 26th July 17th Sunday in Ord. Time

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 25th to Sun. 2nd Aug.

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

Sat. 25th July 7.00 pm Paddy, Maura and Billy Kerwin, Clonard.
Úna and Vinny Kelly, Main St., - Golf Links Road.

Sun. 26th July 9.00 am *The Hollow Church*

11.30 am *Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne*

Florrie Phelan, St. Fintan's Terrace. 4th Anniv.
Tom Lanham, Kiln Lane.

Tues. 28th July 10.00 am

Wed. 29th July 10.00 am

Thur 30th July 10.00 am

Fri. 31st July 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

Sat. 1st Aug. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass - 18th Sun. in Ord. Time.

Sun. 2nd Aug. 9.00 am *The Hollow Ch.*

11.30 am Billy Bergin, Redcastle. 4th Anniv.

1st Anniversary Mass

Sun. 16th Aug. 11.30 am Helen Keenan (Nee Conroy) Church St.,

Best wishes to all who are sick or unwell, in Hospital, Nursing Home or in their own homes, at this time. we wish you a speedy recovery
Remembering also our carers who give so generously of their time, energy and love

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

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Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 23rd July

Jackpot € 16,000

Nos. Drawn 2 10 11 15

No Jackpot Winner

12 Match 3's Rec. € 84 ea

1 Local Winner

Rose Cunningham

Promoter Frances Byrne

Next Week's Jackpot

€ 17,000

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Mountrath Parish Weekly Lotto and Mountrath Parish Collections. Your kind and generous support is always much appreciated

Message from Bishop Denis on 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Eldery

World Day for Grandparents and the Eldery was inaugurated by Pope Francis on 26th July 21 *Lord, for your faithful people, Life is changed, Not ended.* Jim and Anne. This is the first year the d t day - Sun. 26th July 2026.

I am encouraging as many Parishes as possible to celebrate this special feast this year
In his message for this day Pope Leo reflects on the theme from the prophet Isaiah: "I will never forget you" (Is.49:15). The Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He says "God's love, which forgets no one, offers itself as an act of justice and a response to the anonymity in which human life all too often ends up lost". He speaks of homes where loneliness reigns and care facilities where each person's uniqueness risks being "being reduced to a bed number or an illness". I encourage you to read the letter itself (attached). I thank you for all you do to support the promotion and celebration of the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly this Sunday in the Diocese.. + Denis Wed. 22 July 2026

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly This Sunday

Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne (Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary)

'I will never forget you' (Is 49:15) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which aims to emphasise how God's love for each person never fails, even in the fragility of old age. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July and is an opportunity to bring the Church closer to the elderly and to value their contribution to families and communities. This year, the date coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Sunday 26 July, and the Holy Father invites everyone to celebrate the Day with a Eucharistic liturgy in the Cathedral Church of each Diocese.

Timothy (Tim) Lowry, Cappanarrow, Camross. R.I.P.

We pray for Tim who died peacefully at his home on Thurs. 6th July. Tim's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fergal's Church, Camross on Sun. 19th July, followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his family, Mary, Kathleen, Breda, Seán, Margaret, Anna, Angela, Nuala, Martin, Tim, Brendan and Andrew, and their families, his 39 grandchildren and their families, 35 great-grandchildren, his brother Jack and family, Deerpark, his nieces and nephews, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Tim's wife Mary died on Fri. 29th May of this year (just seven weeks ago)

Timothy Lowry, Deerpark and Mary Sinnott, Lower Sconce, were married in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on 20th Dec. 1952, their bridesmaid was Mary Kate Delaney, best man, Patrick Sinnott and the celebrant was Fr. Patrick Brennan, C.C. In 1952, weddings during Advent were not the norm and as Tim and Mary were married on 20th Dec. they first had to obtain a dispensation from the Bishop of the day (Bishop Tom Keogh) as 20th Dec. was in Advent. Tim and Mary now reunited forever in the Lord after almost 74 years of marriage. *May Tim and Mary rest in the peace of Christ*