

## St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May Feast of Pentecost

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

### Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May

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

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.00 pm Robert (Bobby) Mulhall, Portlaoise Rd.,  
5th Anniv. (Robbie died on 25th May 2021)  
Sarah (Sally) Osborne, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.  
4th Anniv. (Died on 27th May 2022)

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 am **The Hollow Church** Feast of Pentecost  
John, Julia, Andy and Sheila O'Connor, Coolnareen  
11.30 am Paddy Carroll, Cappagh  
James and Ann Brennan, Tom and Ellen Berry.

Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am

Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am

Thur. 28<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am

Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 pm Liam McRedmond, Forest. 39<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

Michael (Mick) Holland, Trumera. 16<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

11.30 am Feast of Most Holy Trinity.

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

### Note From the Diocesan Office Retired Priests Collection

This collection takes place at all Masses – throughout the Diocese – on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May. The generosity of Parishes and parishioners in supporting this Collection is deeply appreciated.

### Knock Diocesan Pilgrimage Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

2.30 pm Ceremonies begin (In the Basilica) with  
Anointing of the Sick 3.00 pm Pilgrimage Mass  
Main Celebrant, Bishop Denis  
Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5pm.

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

### Ballyfin Vintage Rally

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Something for All the  
Family.

Dog Show Tug o' War.

*And Loads more*

Venue Eircode R32 AD92

### 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 on Maternity Leave

### Cemetery Masses 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Cemetery

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> June

Mountrath Cem.

Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> June

Clonenagh Cem.

Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Cemetery on Left Mountrath / Portlaoise**

Clondarrig Cem.

Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Boughlone Cem.

Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

### Luke O'Grady, Castletown. R.I.P. *May Luke rest in the peace of Christ*

We pray for Luke who died at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> May. Luke's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> May followed by burial in Churchtown Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his parents, Tom and Brenda, sister, Emma, son Cian, aunts, uncles, and their families, cousins, relatives, relatives, neighbours and friends.

### Mountrath Parish Lotto

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May

Nos. Drawn 11 13 14 31

No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3's Rec. € 250 each

1 Local Winner

Tina Feighery Promoter, Breda Conroy

**Next Week's Jackpot €12,000**

The Month  
of May

The Month  
of Mary

### Ministries Rota

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May

Reader Sat. 7.00 pm Geraldine Moore

Sun. 11.30 am Michelle McCarthey

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 7.00 pm Sheila Cullen

Mai Murphy Cait Tobin

Sun. 11.30 am Peter Middleton

Bernie Phelan

Collectors During May

Sat. Niamh O'Hara

Sun. Donal Doheny Pat McSpadden

### WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US

SUNDAY MASS CREATES AND CELEBRATES COMMUNION

AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

'Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and communion with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.'

*What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?*

*What does Sunday and Sunday Mass mean to you?*