

## St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

### Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Ch. unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Michael (Mick) O'Brien, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Gertrude Phelan and Martin Phelan, Bham and Saggart. 46<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9.00 am *The Hollow Church*

*Lord, for your  
faithful people,  
life is changed  
not ended*

11.30 am Fiona Wallis (Nee Walsh) Derrycouch. M.M.  
Bernard (Benny) Phelan, Portarlinton 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
Martin and Mary Donohue, Clonad.

Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am

Feast of St. John Henry Newman – Canonised on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2019

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am John Wall, Woodbrook and England.

Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am Phil and Seán Croke,  
and Helena Gallagher, Main St.,

Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Donal Kirwan, Clonard. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.  
Seamus Ryan, Patrick St., 12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Mick and Betty Farrell,

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9.00 am *The Hollow Church*

11.30 am Annie Patterson, Patrick St., and her  
daughter, Margaret (Peg) Maguire. New Line Road.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Bernie Tynan, 44 Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

### Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Nos. Drawn 5 9 21 27 No Jackpot Winner

20 Match 3's Rec. € 50 each 4 Local Winners

Winner Williams Sisters Promoter Mai Murphy  
Chris Russell Jerry Dooley  
Mick Six Smith Breda Conroy  
Peter and Paudie Pam Killeen

Next  
Week's  
Jackpot  
€ 17,000

## "Do This In Memory" Parish Programme 2026 – 2027

Enrolment of Candidates for 1st Holy Communion in Mountrath Parish will take place on Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. during 7.00 pm Mass. All "Do This In Memory" Masses will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. (Unless otherwise indicated)

- Any change of dates for "Do This In Memory" Masses will be highlighted on Parish Newsletters and online before hand. - 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Candidates are expected to attend all "Do This In Memory" Masses

### Mary Arthur (Nee Conroy) Portlaoise Rd., (Dangans, Mountmellick) R.I.P.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully at The Residence Nursing Home, Portlaoise on Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. Mary's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. Main celebrant at Mary's Funeral Mass on Wed. was Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald, SPS. assisted by Fr. Pat Hennessy, former P.P. and Fr. Andrew Kavanagh, O.P. Dominican College, Newbridge. We extend sympathy to Mary's family, husband Jim, daughter Colette, sons Michael, Tony and Raymond, grandchildren Caitlin and Conor and their families, her sisters, and their families, nieces, nephews and their families, extended family, neighbours and friends.

Mary truly gave us a lifetime of dedicated service as Sacristan at Mountrath Church for 40 years, for which she was awarded the Benemerenti Medal by Pope Frances in 2022 on her retirement as Sacristan. – through her involvement in the Golden Years Club and Laois Hospice Coffee Mornings at St. Fintan's Hall and her involvement in Sunflower Days Collections. I have two abiding early memories of Mary, one, Mary kneeling at the entrance doors of Mountrath Church cleaning the brass plates at the base of the doors, and secondly, Mary sitting at the front of Centra Supermarket, (Ann Martyn's) selling tickets for Mountrath Parish Lotto. – Mary was also a Promoter for Mountrath Parish Lotto since its inception and I read from a tribute on [r.i.p.ie](http://r.i.p.ie) that Mary had the remarkable distinction of being the seller of no less than 5 Jackpot-winning tickets during her watch. Mary was involved in many Clubs and Organisation in the Parish during her years with us. (Mary, Jim and family joined us here in Mountrath in 1981) She was a most generous person, who contributed a life-time of selfless giving of her time, energy and her many talents, as Sacristan at Mountrath Church, during her time in Brigidine Secondary School and Mountrath Parish Lotto and was always so willing to offer a hand to help when and where-ever she could - and always with a smile - Mary Arthur, a gentle presence in Mountrath Parish and Community, over a lifetime. *May Mary rest in the peace of Christ.*

### A Note from Detta Reynolds

Following a successful Coffee Morning in Mountrath last Thursday, a total amount of €2,392.00 was raised for Laois Hospice. It was a joint effort between Alan and Ruth at BloomHQ and Detta Reynolds. Many thanks to everyone involved who supported this worthy cause.

Service of  
Commemoration  
of Faithful Departed  
Mountrath  
Cemetery  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.  
2.00 pm

This weekend we extend a very special welcome to our 17 Candidates from Gaelscoil Thromaire, St. Fintan's Boys School and Scoil Bhride, their parents / guardians as we set out on our journey of preparation for the Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

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