

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 3rd Sun. 4th Oct. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 3rd to Sun. 11th Oct.

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

Sat. 3rd Oct. 7.00 pm John Doheny, Portlaoise Rd., 2nd Anniv.

Sun. 4th Oct. 9.00 am *The Hollow Church*

11.30 am Sr. Catherine Geoghegan, Castletown Rd. 2nd Anniv.

Maria O'Rourke, Kiln Lane. 9th Anniv.

John Finlay, Clondouglas. 23rd Anniv.

St. Francis of Assisi - This year marks the 800th Anniv. of the death of St. Francis - Patron saint of Animals, Merchants and Ecology

Tues. 6th Oct. 10.00 am Paddy Carroll, St. Fintan's Tce., 18th Anniv.

12.00 Midday (In Mountrath Church)

Mountrath Community School - Beginning of New School Year Mass

Wed. 7th Oct. 10.00 am Martin and Catherine Ryan, Patrick St.,

Thurs. 8th Oct. 10.00 am (Ossory) Feast of Dedication of Cathedral

Fri. 9th Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Feast of St. John Henry Newman - Canonised on 13th Oct. 2019

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

Gertrude Phelan and Martin Phelan, Bham and Saggart. 46th Anniv.

Sun. 11th Oct. 9.00 am *The Hollow Church*

11.30 am Fiona Wallis (Nee Walsh) Derrycouch. M.M.

Bernard (Benny) Phelan, Portarlinton 1st Anniv.

Martin and Mary Donohue, Clonad

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

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

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

Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 1st Oct.

Nos. Drawn 2 3 12 26 No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3's Rec. € 91 each 1 Local Winner

Lily and Aidan Moore Promoter Breda Conroy

Next Week's Jackpot € 16,000

Service of Commemoration

of Faithful Departed
Mountrath Cemetery
Sun. 1st Nov. 2.00 pm

Ann Phelan (née Moore) Rathmore Road, Stradbally. R.I.P.

We pray for Ann who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Tues. 25th Aug. Ann's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of the Sacred Heart, Stradbally on Thurs. 27th Aug. followed by burial in Oakvale Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all her family, Sylvester, Josephine, John, Dr. Ailish (Portlaoise Rd.,) Donnacha, Sinéad and James and their families. grandchildren; Vivienne, Annabel, Alice, Rachel and Daniel. Sister, Brigid (Burke), nieces, nephews, neighbours and friends. May Ann rest in the peace of Christ.

"Do This In Memory" Parish Programme 2026 - 2027

Enrolment of Candidates for 1st Holy Communion in Mountrath Parish will take place on Sat. 10th Oct. during 7.00 pm Mass. All "Do This In Memory" Masses will be on the 2nd 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

1st Holy Communion Candidates candidates are expected
To attend all "Do This In Memory" Masses

Synod News Assembly in Gormanstown on 17th Oct.

The National Synodal Assembly will take place in Gormanstown, Co. Meath on 17th Oct. Delegates to the assembly have received a preparatory working document in advance of the day. Kildare and Leighlin Delegates met with Bishop Denis on the evening of 24th Sept. and will do so again on 7th Oct. as part of their on-going preparations before the Assembly. The document can be read in full at this link: <https://www.kandle.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Working-Document-of-the-National-Synodal-Assembly-on-17-October-2026.pdf>

The Seven Kildare and Leighlin Delegates are

Fr Ger Ahern, Deacon Jody Callan, Cathriona Kelly, Matt Lawlor, Deacon Patrick Roche, Victor Souza, Sr Ann Walsh. Alongside these delegates other members of our Diocese will be present as delegates through their participation on working groups. These include Hilda Campbell, Gerard Gallagher, Dr Donagh O'Brien and Michelle Ward. Julie Kavanagh will be present as a member of the National Synod Team while Jean Roche will be present as a staff member of the Irish Episcopal Conference.

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,
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Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

We express sincere thanks for your generous contributions to our recent Church Gate Collection.

Your generosity and continued support is very much appreciated. Also many thanks to Vera, Catherine, Bernie and Louise for all their help

Coffee Morning in St. Fintan' Hall

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Coffee Morning and a big thank you for your generous support last Thurs. morning when € 2,392.00 was raised for Laois Hospice



Muintir Na Tíre



Health Service Executive



IDLAND REGIONAL
DRUG & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Invite you to attend a

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Information Evening

An informative community event offering practical advice, greater awareness and clear guidance on the drug and alcohol supports available locally



Tuesday 13 October 2026
8-9pm



Bloom HQ Mountrath,
Co. Laois R32 DT9F

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Muintir Na Tíre

An Garda Síochána

HSE Community Alcohol & Drug Service (CADS)

Midland Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF)