

## St. Fintan's Parishes Mountrath Ballyfin

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Lent

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## Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Mch

During the current level 5 Lockdown, all our Masses are celebrated behind closed doors in Mountrath and Ballyfin Churches. Anniversary Masses arranged for the Hollow Church will be celebrated in Mountrath Church

### Mountrath Parish

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am Martin Lowry, R.I.P. Lower Sconce. Funeral Mass  
7.00 pm David Fitzgerald, Cappinaclare. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Mch. 9.00 am No Mass in the Hollow Church today  
11.30 am Annie Hill (Nee Ryan) R.I.P. St. Fintan's Tce. Funeral Mass

Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am Patrick (Paddy) Murphy, Spa Hill. M.M.  
Jane Power, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am

Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am

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

Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am

Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Mch. 7.00 pm

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Mch. 9.00 am

11.30 am No Mass in the Hollow Church today.  
Pat and Marie Walsh, Roskelton. Roskelton.

### Martin Ryan, Clondalkin. Dublin. (Formerly New Line Road) R.I.P.

We pray for Martin who died peacefully at Lisheen Nursing Home, Rathcoole on Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> March. Martin's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Parish Church on Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> March followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his brother, Noel, (and Helen and all the Ryan family) sisters Mary and Kathleen and families, niece, nephews, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

We pray for Joan Moore who died in Birmingham, England on Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Mch. R.I.P. Wife of Stephen Moore  
Sister-in-law of Tom Moore, New Line Road.

May she rest in Peace



We continue to keep in our prayers people who are ill (their families and carers) at home or in Hospital at this time

## Ballyfin Parish

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Mch. 5.00 pm

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am

See homepage of  
Parish Website for  
links to Webcams

Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am

Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Mch. 5.00 pm

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Mch. 10.00 am

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Personal Prayer

Martin Gilligan, Brockera .

Patrick Dunphy, Clonagown, Ballyfin

Deceased members of the Dowling Family, Cavansheath. -  
Joseph and Kathleen Dowling and their sons, Martin and Ollie,  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

St. Patrick's Day - St. Patrick, Principal Parton of Ireland  
Alan Price, Templeogue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv. (Alan died on 17<sup>th</sup> Mch. 2018)

William Bennett, Campclone,

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## Exploring a Practice for Lent: Praying the Rosary

The Catechism suggests to us that Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ (CCC 2708). The purpose of this meditation is to draw us closer to Jesus. The prayer we know as the Rosary offers us a special way of meditating on the Mysteries of Christ. It is a scripture based prayer, with the Our Father, Hail Mary (x10) and Glory Be to the Father, forming the basis of each decade. Each decade draws us in, to meditate on one of 20 mysteries from the life of Christ. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century Pope Pius established the standard fifteen mysteries of the Rosary which he grouped into three, the Joyful, the Sorrowful and the Glorious Mysteries. In 2002, Pope St John Paul II added a new set of five, known as the Mysteries of Light or Luminous Mysteries. As we pray the 12 prayers in each decade we are called to meditate and reflect on the mystery associated with the decade. As a personal devotion, people are free at any given time to pray whichever mystery they choose.

A tradition has emerged where particular mysteries are associated with particular days of the week as follows: Joyful - Monday, Saturday, and the Sundays of Advent; Sorrowful - Tuesdays, Fridays and the Sundays of Lent; Glorious - Wednesdays, and the Sundays outside of Advent and Lent; Luminous - Thursdays. The Lenten season is a most suitable opportunity to spend time, individually or as a family, meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries: The Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46), the Scourging (Matt 27:26), the Crowning with Thorns (Matt 27:29), the Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17), and the Crucifixion (Luke 23:33-46). See [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) to download a Rosary Prayer Card and a card on the Mysteries of Light. ([www.kindle.ie](http://www.kindle.ie))

## A Thought During Lent – The Important Role Lay People can Play

*Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald, S.P.S.*

Priests and religious (nuns and brothers) are not the only labourers in the harvest of the Lord. In the Gospel we are told that the Lord sent out 72 others to every town he was to visit. These were not Apostles, they were disciples, followers, lay people. Jesus entrusted them to announce the Good News. Lay people can do the same today. Indeed the future of the Church may depend on lay people volunteering to do this work. Lay people play a large part in the spread of the Gospel on the Missions. In Japan, St. Francis Xavier was the first to bring the Gospel. He reached there in 1549. From the start, he and his Jesuit priests involved lay people in their work. About 1630 the government banned the church there and expelled the foreign priests and murdered other priests and lay people. The church went underground. When missionaries were once again allowed into Japan in the 1870's they were surprised to discover Christian communities who had survived in secret and who had passed on the Faith from generation to generation – without priests. God can use people in a similar way today. So, pray during Lent that you are ready when the call comes.

## A Slightly Irreverent Prayer for St. Patrick's Day

*May those who love us, love us.  
And those that don't love us,  
May God turn their hearts  
..And if He doesn't turn their  
hearts,  
May he turn their ankles,  
So we'll know them in their limping*



## Mountrath Parish Lotto 11<sup>th</sup> Mch

Nos. Drawn 8 12 13 118  
Jackpot € 20,000 Not Won  
6 Match 3 - Each Rec. 167  
1 Local Winner Margaret Tirenán  
Promoter Rita Watkins  
Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

## Ballyfin Parish Lotto 10<sup>th</sup> Mch

Nos. Drawn 13 18 23 28  
Jackpot € 17,000 Not Won  
9 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 112  
1 Local Winner - Dan Allen  
Promoter - Harry Allen  
Next Week's Jackpot €18,000



## A Prayer on Mothers Day

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for Mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and for themselves, with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children; May they feel the loving embrace of God. We pray for women who are not mothers but love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and in our hearts and nourish us with their love. Amen

**If Today  
If you planted hope**