

St. Fintan's Parishes Mountrath Ballyfin

Sat. 6th – Sun. 7th Feb. 2021 – 5th Sun. Ordinary Time

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Mass Times – Anniversaries Fri. 5th Feb. – Sun. 14th Feb.

During the current level 5 Lockdown, which began on Sat. 26th Dec., all our Masses are celebrated behind closed doors in Mountrath Church. Anniversary Masses arranged for the Hollow Church will be celebrated in Mountrath Church on Saturday and Sundays

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Mountrath Parish

Fri. 5th Feb. 10.00 am Patsy Keeshen - Patrick St.,

Sat. 6th Feb. 7.00 pm

Sun. 7th Feb. 9.00 am No Mass in the Hollow Church

11.30 am Peter Coss, The Square, Mountrath - 29th Anniv.

Mon. 8th Feb. 10.00 am Tim and Patsy Ryan, Patrick St.,

Elizabeth and Noel Russell.

Tues. 9th Feb. 10.00 am Ned Meade, Cloncourse - 15th Anniv.

Wed. 10th Feb. 10.00 am Bridie Hayden, Kildavin. 3rd Anniv.

Michael Byrne, Nenagh 1st Anniv.

Annie Farrell, Clondalkin

Jackie Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Month's Mind

Thurs. 11th Feb. 10.00 am Feast of our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick

Fri. 12th Feb. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 13th Feb. 7.00 pm John Connor, Cappagh M.M.

Sr. Mary Connor Formerly Clonenagh 1st Anniv.

(Sr. Mary was a member of the Religious Congregation, Sisters of Christian Instruction, Barnet)

Sun. 14th Feb. 9.00 am No Mass in the Hollow Church today

11.30 am Brendan Fitzpatrick, Clonboyne, 21st Anniv. (today)

We continue to keep in our prayers people who are ill (their families and carers) at home or in Hospital at this time. (See note on other side of this Page)

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

Ash Wednesday 17th Feb.
Mass via Webcam
Mountrath 10.00 am
Ballyfin 7.30 pm
Blessed Ashes available

Ballyfin Parish

During the lockdown all Anniversary Mass remembrances arranged for Ballyfin Church will be celebrated on Sunday mornings (10.00 am Mass)

Fri. 5th Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Personal Prayer

Sun. 7th Feb. 10.00 am Mass is celebrated behind closed doors during the Lockdown
Sean Heffernan, Brockera, 9th Anniv.

Fri. 12th Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Personal Prayer

Sun. 14th Feb. 10.00 am Mass is celebrated behind closed doors during the Lockdown
Sheila Fitzpatrick, (Nee Barnes) Cappinacclare M.M.

Kathleen Lanham (nee McCarthy) Upper Sconce - 1st Anniv
Her husband, Joe Lanham - 30th Anniv.

Sun. 21st Feb.

10.00 am

Podge Ryan

O'Moore Forest

- 1st Anniv.

Joe Breen, Richard Butler, The Knocks.

John and Nora Keating, Brockera,

Mary Ellen O'Rourke, Coolnamona.

Paddy and Maureen Fitzpatrick, Pallas Little.

Maise and Dan Tynan, Clonkeen

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Bernie Fitzpatrick (Nee Meade) Cloncullen R.I.P.

We pray for Bernie who died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Sat. 30th Jan. Bernie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Mon. 1st Feb. followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her family, Deirdre (Fraser), John, Sinead (Lenehan), Niamh, Elaine (Scott), and Brian and their families. her 11 grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives neighbours and friends.

Mary (Bunty) Ward (née Carroll) - St Michael's Park, Portarlinton,

We pray for Mary (Bunty) who died peacefully at her home on Wed. 3rd Feb. Bunty's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton on Fri. 5th Feb. followed by burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her granddaughters, Grace (Milne) Knocknakearn and Regina (Lalor) Brockera and their families and to all her family. relatives, neighbours and friends.

Sr. Regina Ramsbottom PBVM Kilcock, Killaney, Mountrath, R.I.P.

We pray for Sr. Regina who died peacefully at Shalom Nursing Home, Kilcock on Tues. 4th Feb. Sr. Regina's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Coco's Church, Kilcock on Sat. 6th Feb. followed by burial in Community Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her niece, Kathleen Seale, Clonenagh and nephew Michael Keegan, Main St., and their families, her relatives and friends.

May Bernie, Mary (Bunty) and Sr. Regina rest in the peace of Christ

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Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Thurs. 11th Feb.

On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to a 14 year old girl, Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, "I am the Immaculate Conception" In 1992 Pope John Paul 2 (St. John Paul) instituted World Day of the Sick to be held in commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes on this day.

A Thought as we celebrate Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

I was listening to "Morning Ireland" on RTE Radio 1 recently. During the programme a lady was interviewed concerning the situation with residents and staff of our Nursing Homes. What upset me most was the statement this person made, that many residents of Nursing Homes in Ireland have not received a family visit since March of last year – since the beginning of the 1st lockdown.

When we are ill and confined to our bed at home, in Hospital or in a Nursing Home we rely so much on a visit from one of our own or from a friend. Just a smile, a kind word, an embrace or the touch of a hand – just something that denotes presence. I know that current circumstances dictate that visits to our loved ones in Hospital and Nursing Homes must be avoided to ensure the safety of residents and staff but it is just so cruel, all the same.

On Thursday of this week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a feast which Pope John Paul designated as World Day of the Sick.

Here in Mountrath on this feast day we celebrated the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Because of the Lockdown, when we are restricted to celebrating the Eucharist behind closed doors we will be unable to celebrate this Sacrament in its fullness, this year. However as Fr. P.J and myself concelebrate this Mass together on Thursday next we will be reaching out in a very special way to all who are sick or unwell in both our Parishes - and indeed, beyond. We will be remembering people who are now living in Nursing Homes, people who are in Hospital and people who are confined to their bed at home. As we remember people who are ill we will be keeping in our thoughts and prayers also those who continue to care for them – those who surround them with their love and care, - I am thinking of family members (and carers) who dedicate themselves to the care of a loved one, staff and carers in Hospitals and Nursing Homes, very mindful of the personal risks to themselves and their families which they are taking at this time.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for the sick and make them well and strong again

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 4th Feb. 2021

Nos. Drawn 06 17 19 22
Jackpot € 20,000 No Winner
9 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 112

3 Local Winners

Winner	-	Promoter
Martha Carroll		Betty O'Rourke
Brigid McSpadden		Mary Haslam
Anonymous		c/o Peg Lawlor

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto Vouchers are still available – yearly – half yearly or for any amount you wish – just ask your Mountrath Lotto Promoter

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Mountrath Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. We extend a very sincere "thank you" for your loyal support and your unending generosity .

The Lotto is a vital source of Parish income at this time. In this period of Lockdown we are relying heavily on income from Mountrath Parish Lotto to keep the bills paid and keep our Parish Facilities open and functioning - so your loyal support is very much appreciated.

Ashes will be Blessed and placed in individual envelopes on a table before the Altar – together with a small Lenten Prayer Card and available for you to collect on Ash Wednesday and onwards.

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 3rd Feb. 2021

Nos. Drawn 07 09 26 32
Jackpot €12,000 No Winner
10 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 100

Next Week's Jackpot €13,000

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A Note from K & L Co-Op Lotto People.

We give prior notice of our draw scheduled for Wed. 17th March 2021. We will hold the draw that week on Tues. 16th. We hope this suits.

Prayer of St. Augustine

"Watch, O Lord,
with those who wake,
or watch or weep tonight,
and give your holy angels charge
over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones,
O Lord Jesus Christ;
Rest your weary ones;
Bless your dying ones;
Soothe your suffering ones;
Pity your afflicted ones;
Shield your joyous ones;
And all for your love's sake Amen