

# Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Easter Sunday

### St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

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#### Dr. Pat O'Dwyer, Castletown Road, Mountrath R.I.P.

We Pray for Dr. Pat who died peacefully in Mount Carmel Nursing Home, Roscrea on Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> April. Pat's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> April followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his family, Paddy, Robert, John, Catherine, Gearóid and Turlough and their families, daughters -in-law and partners, sister Bridie, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and his many many friends in the communities of Mountrath, Ballyfin, Castletown, Camross, Raheen, Borris-in-Ossory and in the many areas where he ministered tirelessly as our family doctor for many years.  
 - May Dr. Pat (affectionally known to many as "The Doc" enjoy rest from his labours.

#### Helena (Lena) Mc Evoy, Trumera. R.I.P.

We pray for Helena (Lena) who died peacefully at St. Vincent's Hosp., Mountmellick on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> April. Lena's Funeral Liturgy was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> April) followed by burial in Cromogue Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her son, Martin (Joe) - her grandson, Barry, sister-in-law Katie McEvoy, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

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 May Helena (Lena) rest in the peace of Christ.

## An Easter Message from Bishop Denis

Everyone remarks these days on how good it is to be able to gather together. These past two years of restricted and curtailed ceremonies, in this most sacred week of the year, was very challenging. While we continue to emerge out of that more restricted period we are learning, now, what we must do to live alongside this pandemic. The mantra from health authorities has moved, positively, from 'regulation' to our taking on 'personal responsibility'.

Earlier this week, our Chrism Mass offered us the opportunity to gather in large numbers for the first time in three years. And we have continued to gather in those numbers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and into the great Easter Vigil and Easter Day. Isn't it great to gather, wonderful to see each other in a faith context again?

Today on Easter Sunday we gather at an empty tomb in the realisation that Jesus has risen: "*Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen*" (Lk.24:5), the two men tell the women as they gather at first light at the empty tomb. He is alive, then and now, and His life brings joy and hope to our Church.

During Lent we gathered in different groups, in different fora, as we took part in the Listening Lent on the Universal Synod journey which Pope Francis has invited us. In those gatherings you spoke honestly about your joys, your pains, your hopes for the Church, your Church, our Church.

These gatherings remind us of the importance of our listening to one another; as the women listened to the angels, and the disciples listened to the women.

It is also very important to listen to the Risen Lord. Holy Week has offered us very tangible ways to experience our faith: the washing of the feet – our invitation to service, the veneration of the Cross – our invitation to reverence, the Easter Vigil fire – our invitation to be that light for one another.

Christ is our Light. His light comes from an empty tomb. A light that penetrates the darkness of war and the prevalence of evil in our world. A light that reminds us, we have nothing to fear. A light, in a world that is broken that offers hope. A light that illuminates a message we need now to hear.

As we gather, wherever we gather, may we put before the Risen Lord our joys and hopes, our griefs and anguishes in the knowledge that in Him all things are redeemed, all hope restored, and all life is made new. –

*Blessings for Easter, Bishop Denis*

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*An Easter Blessing*

*May Christ's Glory*

*and the Promise of this Joyous*

*time of year, bring peace*

*and happiness to you and those*

*you hold most dear.*

*Fr. P.J. and Fr. Joe*

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Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Mountrath**

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Apr. 8.00 pm Easter Vigil - Lighting and Blessing of Paschal Fire 8.00 pm

Robert and Mary Wall, Patrick St.,

Margaret Taylor, Norah Dunne, Annie Wilson, Monabaun.

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Apr. 9.00 am The Hollow Church. Easter Sunday Frank and Maura Byrne,

Patrick St., and their daughter in law, Paula Byrne.

11.30 am Easter Sunday - Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am Easter Monday

Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am Jim Wall, Woodbrook.

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am

Thurs..21<sup>st</sup> Apr 10.00 pm

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr. 10.00 am

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr. 7.00 pm Mai and Bill Thompson, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Apr. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

11.30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Apr. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

7.30 pm John Joe Downey and Deceased family members

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am Mass of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Apr. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

*Lord, For your faithful people, Life is changed not ended.*

*Lord, For your faithful people, Life is changed not ended.*

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**Ballyfin CDA AGM Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 8.00 pm**

Ballyfin Community Development Association will hold its AGM at 8:00pm on Wed. 27th April in the Function Room of The Deadmans Inn, Ballyfin. All residents [over 18 years of age] of the Ballyfin area are invited to attend. Details of a grant received to develop Stage 1 of a children's playground for Ballyfin will be announced at the meeting and the plan for the development will be displayed.

We hope to see you there ... follow us on Facebook @BallyfinCDA

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## Laois Spring Clean-Up Week

Ballyfin Community Alert have registered to take part in Laois Co. Co. Clean-Up Week. Litter pickers, bags and gloves will be distributed to volunteers on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April at Community Centre from 10.00 -10.30 am. Bags of litter only to be left at recycling bank. Collection date by Council is Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Apr from 7am.

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## St Fintan's GAA Mountrath

Dinner Dance & Presentation Night  
 Celebrating Our 2019 Junior B Hurling  
 League & Championship Winners  
 Saturday 23rd April in Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix.  
 Music by Abbeyfolk.

Doors open @ 7pm - Dinner served @ 7.30pm sharp. Tickets - €30

Tickets available from

Catherine Williams (086 1591760),

Patsy Sydes (087 9784371)

Kevin Grehan (087 6950545)

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## Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Bishop Denis invites this prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at all our Masses during Lent:

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

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## We remember in our Prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill –  
at home, in Hospital or in a Nursing Home at this time

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### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The 2022 Annual Kildare and Leighlin  
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine has  
been arranged for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June ---  
Full details in due course.

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## Apostolate of Santification Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

St. Fintan's Church, Church. Ballyfin Starts at 7.00 pm

### Celebration of the Eucharist - 7.30 pm

Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45pm in our parish church, St.Fintan's Ballyfin. All are invited to join in the two hour session which consists of community prayer, reciting -The Divine Mercy Chaplet,meditations on The Holy Rosary and a chaplet offered for our Bishops and priests in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament. When we pray for our priests, Our Lady of Knock blesses us and our families abundantly. All most welcome!



## Ballyfin Lotto 13<sup>th</sup> April

Nos. Drawn 8 10 23 30

€ 10,000 Jackpot Not Won

12 Match 3 Rec. €84 ea -

1 local Winner

Mai O'Rourke - Promoter Paul Dunne

Next Week's Jackpot € 11,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto – your loyal support is much appreciated

## Mountrath Lotto

Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> April

Nos. Drawn 8 13 23 30

No Winner of €10,000 Jackpot

11 Match 3 Rec. € 91 each

2 Local Winners

Margaret Doheny (Winner/ Promoter)

Josh Gosling. Prom. Rita Watkins

**New Jackpot €11,000**

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Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish Lottos - Organising Committees, 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



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