

## Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> April

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 are celebrated in Mountrath Church

### Mountrath Parish

Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	Good Friday - Funeral Liturgy for Betty Wallace R.I.P.
	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion (Via Webcam)
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross (Via Webcam)
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil - Niall Doheny, Cluainin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv. .
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	9.00 am	No Mass in the Hollow Church today
	11.30 am	Tim Keenan, Cheuch St., 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	Pat Kinsella, Kinnitty R.I.P. (Pat's Funeral on Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr)
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	
Thurs. 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.0 am	
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Anthony Tobin, Woodbrook. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00 am	No Mass in the Hollow Ch. today.
	11.30 am	Annie Hill (Nee Ryan) St. Fintan's Tce. Month's Mind.

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

Maura and Michael Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.  
Matthew and Margaret Harrington, Trumera.  
And deceased family members.  
Teresa McHugh and her sisters and brothers  
(Late of Ballyfin)

### Ballyfin Parish

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Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	Noel Walsn Pallas 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Austin O'Flynn Deerpark - 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Private prayer.
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	8.00 pm	
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	Johnny Doheny, Clondarrig, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Paddy and Úna Brennan, Barnashrone.

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

Divine Mercy  
Sunday  
Next Sunday  
11<sup>th</sup> April

## Betty Wallace, (Nee Kelly) Patrick St., Sue Ryder Hse, R.I.P.

We pray for Betty who died peacefully at her home, Sue Ryder House, Portlaoise on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> March. Betty's Funeral Liturgy was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, followed by burial in St. John's Cemetery, Killenard. We extend sympathy to her daughters, Lorraine, Susan and Jean and their families, her sisters and brothers and their families, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

## Teresa Looby (née O'Dwyer) Marian Ave, Portlaoise, R.I.P.

We pray for Teresa who died peacefully at her home on Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> March. Teresa's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> March followed by burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portlaoise. We extend sympathy to all her family. Teresa is mother of Declan Looby, Vice Principal at Ballyfin National School.

## Mary Bridget Tynan, Old Forge Crescent, Mountrath, R.I.P.

We pray for Mary Brigid (Bridie) who died peacefully at Ballard Lodge Nursing Home, Portlaoise on Fr. 28<sup>th</sup> March. Bridie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> March followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to sisters Essie and Lizzie, and families, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. niece, nephews, relatives and their families, neighbours and friends.

## Esther Theresa Hyland, Shaen, The Heath, Portlaoise. R.I.P.

We pray for Esther who died peacefully at St. Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> March. Esther's Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Heath Church on Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> March followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her bother-in-law, Pat O'Connor, Knocknakearn and family and to all her family, relatives neighbours and friends.

## Pat Kinsella, Knockbaron, Kinnitty, Offaly R.I.P.

We pray for Pat, who died peacefully at Reginal Hosp. Tullamore on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> March. Pat's Funreal Mas was celebrated in St. Flannan's Church, Kinnitty on Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> April followed by burial in St. Flannan's Cemetery, Kinnitty. We extend sympathy to his sister, Mrs Nancy Coogan, The Knocks / Brockera and her family and to all her family, relatives, neighbours and friends

*May Betty, Teresa, Mary Brigid, Esther and Pat rest in the peace of Christ.*

## Disappointment ! *A Reflection by Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald, S.P.S.*

I had hoped that the churches would be open again for public Masses at Easter, but my hopes have been dashed. This virus is really upsetting our lives. It is not the first time that the world has experienced such a pandemic. The most recent large scale pandemic was the so called "Spanish Flu" which struck at the end of World War I.

It killed about 50 million people, including over 20 thousand in Ireland. In spite of its name it is said to have originated in America and crossed the Atlantic on troop ships bringing soldiers to the war. It was devastating. Medicine at that time was not as advanced as it is now. There was no quarantining or social distancing or vaccine. It petered out in 1919 having wrecked havoc wherever it took root.

Between 1347 and 1350 the Black Death struck Europe.

This virus originated in Asia and was once again imported in ships, merchant ships, this time. It is estimated that it killed up to half the population of Europe, between 50 and 100 million people. It caused bodies to turn black, hence its name. It is also called the Great Plague. It was caused by fleas, carried by rats, but that was not known at the time. There was no cure. Outbreaks still occur from time to time, but it can be treated now.

The great famine in Ireland was accompanied by a sort of plague called a fever, which was also deadly and easily passed on from person to person. Many priests, doctors and carers died as a result of their ministry to the sick. As we struggle with our pandemic, we should be thankful for the medical care that is available to us. Let us pray for the recovery of all those who are struggling with the virus.

### Ballyfin Parish Lotto 31<sup>st</sup> Mch

Nos. Drawn 4 12 14 26

No Jackpot Winner of € 10,000

15 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 67

2 Local Winners

Patrick and Ella Rafferty

Promoter Mary Hooban

Tommy Finn Promoter, Mary Finn

**Next Week's Jackpot €11,000**

### Mountrath Parish Lotto 1<sup>st</sup> Apr.

Nos. Drawn 3 12 15 20

No Jackpot Winner of € 18,000

20 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 50

4 Local Winners

Peter Redmond Declan Fitzpatrick

Michael Carroll M Fennell

Bee Lee Vera Richardson

Teresa Nevin Bernie Phelan

**Next Week's Jackpot € 19,000**

*Sincere Thanks to everyone involved in our Parish Lottos*

## St. Fintan's Parish Mountrath and Ballyfin

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Easter Sunday

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May the Glory  
of the Risen Lord  
Fill your Heart  
with Joy