

New Secure Built-in Wall Safe installed in Mountrath Church.

A very secure, purpose built - build in, wall safe, has been installed inside the main door of the church in Mountrath
(just inside the left internal entrance door)

If you wish to deposit - safely - Parish Weeekly Envelopes - Parish Dues, (for the support of the Priests of the Parish) - Trócaire Collection - or any of the other contributions for the support of the Parish you are most welcome to use this safe.

If depositing contributions towards the Trócaire Collection we ask that the contents of the Trócaire Box be placed in an envelope - simply marked - Trócaire - and the envelope placed in the new wall safe.

Sincere Thanks for your continued and generous support of the Parish

A National Synod for Ireland's Catholic Church.

The Irish Catholic Bishops announced at their Winter 2020 meeting a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland, leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Before embarking on an initial two-year phase of consultation, bishops are inviting submissions between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021 to reflect on what methods/models would be best to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: focus groups, parish hall meetings, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences. Submissions, of not more than 300 words, can be made via the Bishops Conference webpage:
<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions/>

Ballyfin Parish Lotto 21st Apr

Nos. Drawn 8 16 18 19

No Jackpot Winner of € 11,000

9 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 112

Next Week's Jackpot €12,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto 22nd Apr.

Jackpot Won - €20,000

Nos. Drawn 1 2 11 31

Congratulations to Caitriona Brooke

10 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 100

David O'Neill Mary Arthur

Sheana & Jamie Kiely Margaret McGrath

Margaret McGrath Margaret McGrath

Gaitlin Arthur Mary Arthur

Next Week's Jackpot € 11,000

Mountrath Country Market

Open Air Sat. 1st May

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Convent Grounds - You are Welcome

St. Fintan's Parish Mountrath and Ballyfin

Sat. 24th - Sun. 25th April 2021 - 4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday - Vocations Sunday

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald C.C. (087) 605 5783 Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

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In
Season
and out
of
Season

Today is known as "Good Shepherd" Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership in general and how we are living our call to follow Jesus. Our call to discipleship is particularly challenging at this moment in our country with the way the Church is being portrayed in the Media. It seems that the Church is being blamed for all our ills. It is so important for us to remember the great contribution the Church has made and continues to make in the areas of Education, Healthcare and Pastoral Care as well as many other spheres. This positive contribution is highlighted through the work of people like Fr. Peter McVerry, Sr. Concilio, Bro. Kevin, Sr. Stan and many others as well as the great work being done by people in so many parishes up and down the country. Today reminds us of the personal call issued to each one of us on the day of our Baptism. Each of us - Baptised into Christ, as Priest, Prophet and King. We are called to witness to his message - in season and out of season. May we continue to witness to the Gospel even when the tide is against us.

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 24th – Sun. 2nd May

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. 23 rd April	10.00 am	John Brennan, Ballyfoyle.
Sat. 24 th April	7.00 pm	Nora Phelan, Coldblow, 3 rd Anniv.
Sun. 25 th April	9.00 am	No Mass in the Hollow Ch. today.
	11.30 am	“Tree of Life”
Mon. 26 th Apr.	10.00 am	Thomas and Dorothy Connor, Cappagh.
Tues. 27 th Apr.	10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead.
Wed. 28 th Apr.	10.00 am	
Thurs. 29 th Apr.	10.00 am	
Fri. 30 th Apr.	10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 1 st May.	8.00 pm	May Day - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.
Sun. 2 nd May	9.00 am	No Mass in the Hollow Church today
	11.30 am	Betty Wallace (Nee Kelly) Patrick St., Month’s Mind. May and Bill Thompson, Fr. O’Connor Cresc. May’s 13 th Anniv. – Bill’s 2 nd Anniv.

Wed.. 5 th May	10.00 am	Declan Doocey, Abbeyleix and Castletown - 1 st Anniv. At request of Mountrath Golf Club.
Sat. 8 th May	- 7.00 pm	Seamus (Jim) Fahy Fr. O’Connor Cresc. Month’s Mind.

Ballyfin Parish

Fri. 23 rd Apr.	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament – Personal prayer
Sun. 25 th Apr.	10.00 am	
Fri. 30 th Apr.	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament – Personal prayer.
Sun. 2 nd May	10.00 am	Mary Ann and Matthew Coss, Clonad. Mary and Pat Kelliher Marie Hennessy – Clondarrig Court, Portlaoise And parents, Margaret and Edward Hennessy – and brother, Eddie.

A note from Esther Phelan, Readers Coordinator, Ballyfin Parish

Copies of the New Readers Rota are now available in porch of Ballyfin Church
Readers are invited to drop into the Church and pick up their copy.

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

Elizabeth Casey (née Deegan) Rathmore, Stradbally, R.I.P.

We pray for Elizabeth who passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, surrounded by her loving family at University Hospital, Limerick on Mon. 19th April 2021. Elizabeth’s Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of the Sacred Heart, Stradbally on Thurs. 22nd April followed by burial in Oakvale Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her daughter, Nuala and Tom Meade and family, Ringstown husband Noel, sons, daughters, sisters and their families, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Margaret (Ciss) Riordan, Paddock, Mountrath, R.I.P.

We pray for Margaret (Ciss) who died peacefully at Droimnín Nursing Home, Stradbally on Tues. 20th April 2021. Margaret’s Funeral Mass was celebrated in Edmund’s Church, Castletown on Fri. 23rd April followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her sister Lily and family and to all her family, nieces, nephews, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Elizabeth (Lillie) Oxley (née Kirwan) Coolnacacca, Stradbally (Formerly, Ringstown, Mountrath)

We pray for Lillie who died peacefully at Midlands Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Tues. 20th April ‘21. Lillie’s Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Michael’s Church, Timahoe on Fri. 23rd April followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all her family and to the Kirwan family, sisters Chrissie (Halpin) and Josie (Clooney), brothers Willie, Paul, Timmy, Eddie and Tommy, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Elizabeth, Margaret and Lillie rest in the peace of Christ.

The Celebration of Confirmation 2021

This item is a follow on from the Article about the celebration of Confirmation in last week’s Newsletter. (Available online)

We have arranged 2 Zoom Meetings for our Confirmation Candidates and their parents - Dates - Tues. 4th May 2021 Time 7.00 pm Thursday 6th May 8.00 pm
Each candidate who has enrolled for Confirmation for this year will be required to be part of either of these Meetings. - Once again, if you have any concerns or difficulties surrounding the Zoom Meetings, please contact us. We will continue to do our best to accommodate everyone - If you have issues ring me on 087 2411 594