

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 15th - 16th May 2021 - Feast of the Ascension

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Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 14th - Sun. 23rd May

Fri. 14 th May 10.00 am	Tommy O'Brien, Factory St., Andy and Mary McGrath, 42 nd and 36 th Anniv.
Sat. 15 th May 7.00 pm	Tim Burke, Shannon St., 38 th Anniv. Stephen, Julia and Michael Connor, Clonenagh, Stephen's 6 th Anniv.
Sun. 16 th May 9.00 am 11.30 am	The Hollow Church reopens today
Mon. 17 th May 10.00 am	Liz Wall, Woodbrook.
Tues. 18 th May 10.00 am	
Wed. 19 th May 10.00 am	Josie Phelan, Patrick St., 4 th Anniv. Josie's husband, Eamon and his twin sister, Maura. Mrs. Kitty Byrne, Ringstown, 18 th Anniv.
Thurs. 20 th May 10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead.
Fri. 21 st May 10.00 am	Tommy and Teresa Watkins.
Sat. 22 nd May 7.00 pm	The Feast of Pentecost.
Sun. 23 rd May 9.00 am 11.30 am	The Hollow Church - The Feast of Pentecost. The Feast of Pentecost.

Larry Phelan, Bacca, Mountrath. R.I.P.

We pray for Larry who died peacefully in Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Mon. 10th May. Larry's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fergal's Church, Camross on Thurs. 13th May followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to daughters Liz and Sinead, sisters Cissie (Collier) and Molly (Lalor), brother Aidan, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, extended family, relatives, great neighbours, and friends. *May Larry rest in the peace of Christ.*

Return to Public Worship - Welcome

Welcome everyone! Today is a joyful day! We are once more able to join together in the celebration of the Mass, having been physically separated for these past months. - indeed since Christmas day. And it is good for us to be here. Let us give thanks for the great gift of this moment.

In this Easter season, as a Church, we continue to ponder the joy of the resurrection and its meaning for us as followers of Christ. Today we are undergoing something of a Resurrection as we begin to arise once more out of lockdown to give worship to our God.

And as we gather this day, joined by many others on line, may we draw on the experience of the early church. In the days after the Resurrection, the disciples were fearful and uncertain, but they trusted in the Lord and welcomed his continued presence among them.

In the company of the risen Lord and with the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples found the confidence to continue to preach and share the good news of Jesus with others.

Today may each of us welcome the presence of Christ with us and the promise of the gift of his Spirit.

We need not fear, we need not be anxious or uncertain - for the Lord is with us. - This is our hope and our joy.

Some Guidelines - As we return to Public Worship

The maximum allowed into Mountrath Church for Mass is 100 people (50 x 2)
3 people may be seated in the centre seats only - while observing social distancing

Families may be seated together in one seat

The maximum allowed into the Hollow Church for Mass is 45 people.

3 people may be seated in the "Open" seats only - while observing social distancing

Families may be seated together in one seat

People who enter the church for Mass may occupy the "open" seats only.

It is not correct to occupy seats which have been closed off.

Holy Communion may be received on the hand only.

Bishop Denis asks that face coverings be worn during Mass.