

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 16th - 17th April 2022 Easter Sunday

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Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 16th - Sun. 24th April

Sat 16th 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. 17th 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. 18th Apr. 10.00 am Easter Monday

Tues. 19th Apr. 10.00 am Jim Wall, Woodbrook.

Wed. 20th Apr. 10.00 am

Thurs. 21st Apr. 10.00 pm

Fri. 22nd Apr. 10.00 am

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

Sun 24th Apr. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

11.30 am 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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

*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*

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)

Mountrath Lotto

Thurs. 14th April

Nos. Drawn 8 13 23 30

No Winner of

€10,000 Jackpot

11 Match 3 Rec. € 91 each

2 Local Winners

Margaret Doherty (Winner/ Promoter)

Josh Gosling. Prom. Rita Watkins

New Jackpot €11,000

Helena (Lena) McEvoy, Trumera. R.I.P.

We pray for Helena (Lena) who died peacefully at St. Vincent's Hosp., Mountmellick on Wed. 13th April. Lena's Funeral Liturgy was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Good Friday (15th 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. 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*