

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 27th Aug. Sun. 28th Aug. '22 22nd Sun. Ord. Time
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Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 27th Aug. to Sun. 4th Sept.

Sun. 21 st Aug.	11.30 am	Dorothy and Thomas Connor, Cappagh
Sat. 27 th Aug.	7.00 pm	Marie Williams (Nee Phelan) Moanbaun. 1 st Anniv. Also, Marie's husband, Patrick and her brother in law, Fintan. Paddy Dowling, Factory St., 3 rd Anniv. Deceased members of Morrin Family, Shannon St., Larry, Paddy, Joseph, Mai, Lillie, Francis (Morrin) Thomas, Eileen and Noel McKevitt, Main St., The Hollow Church - 22 nd Sun. in Ord. Time. Florrie Phelan (Nee Coffey) St. Fintan's Terrace. M.M. Máire (Maura) Kissane (Nee Miller) Main St., 5 th Anniv. Deceased Members of Kissane and Miller Families
Sun. 28 th Aug.	9.00 am 11.30 am	
Mon. 29 th Aug.	10.00 am	
Tues. 30 th Aug.	10.00 am	
Wed. 31 st Aug.	10.00 am	
Thurs. 1 st Sept.	10.00 am	Agnes (15 th) and John Byrne, (41 st) Main St., Sid and Maura Fitzpatrick, Eileen and Bob Deacon. (Shannon St)
Fri. 2 nd Sept.	10.00 am	
Sat. 3 rd Sept.	7.00 pm	
Sun. 4 th Sept.	9.00 am 11.30 am	Laois Brigade of Old IRA (Centenary Remembrance) Billy Bergin, Redcastle – Month's Mind. Elizabeth (Lily) Russell, Clonad formerly Patrick St. 4 th Anniv. on 5 th Sept.

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

Parish Visitation Sept.

Thurs. 1st Ballyfin Parish
Tues. 6th Mountrath Country
Wed. 7th Mountrath Town

Church Gate

Collection for Fatima Invalid Fund 3rd and 4th Sept. at Mountrath and Ballyfin churches

Give Blood – Give Life

St. Fintan's Hall
Thurs. 1st Sept. 3.45 – 8.00 pm
To book an appointment ring 1800 222111

Painting of Mountrath Church.

Following on from my chat with you during recent Masses, I write to let you know that I have begun planning the painting of Mountrath Church once again. As I said during my chat with you some weeks back. because of the Covid Pandemic, all my previous planning and all the arrangements which I had in place, had to be abandoned. (not once, but twice over) Please God, all going well we will get on better this time round.

I need to say from the outset, that the painting of Mountrath Church is a big job and it is going to be a very difficult task to undertake. Speaking with my builder's hat on for a moment, one of the major challenges which we will encounter will be access – access initially to the Church building itself and subsequently safe access to the areas to be painted. To put what I am saying into context, the apex of Mountrath Church stands 65 meters above ground. - in old money, this is well over 210 feet. It will be a huge challenge to provide and erect scaffolding to access all wall surfaces, which will be painted, safely and efficiently.

I am currently in contact with a number of painters and others, with a view to getting a "feel" for costings of scaffolding hire, paints and painting and the provision of other requirements.

I am making 3 Special Requests of you now.

If you know someone, whom you feel to be competent to undertake the painting (all or part) of Mountrath Church, (and would be interested in doing so) I ask you to get in contact with me and let me know. I have a very strong preference to engage local people - if possible.

As I said, also, I can't take on the painting of Mountrath Church without significant help and support from you as Parish. If *YOU* would like to become involved in the organizing committee, or if you know someone whom you feel would like to be involved, and would be competent to do so, I ask you to get in contact with me and let me know.

If you feel you know someone who would provide some sponsorship towards aspects of the painting job, (I am thinking of someone (or indeed more) who would look after the cost – for example, of the paint) I ask you to get in contact with me and let me know.

It is a bit early yet to discuss the costings of the painting of Mountrath Church. I'm sure we will have to do some serious fundraising in due course, but for now, all I will say is that because of the trogen work and coutineuos commitment of Mountrath Lotto Committee and indeed all who so generously support our Parish Lotto every week, as well as the proceeds of the Three Tenors Concert (21st Feb. '20) and also some personal donations which I have received towards the cost of the painting, we do have quite significant funds available to us. My final thought for now – as I write this note, is, – with the good will and commitment of the people of Mountrath Parish. we can and we will, undertake and complete the painting of Mountrath Church soon. God's blessings to you and your family, always

Signed Fr. Joe (Fr. Joe Brophy P.P. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes)