

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 4th Sept. 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 3rd – Sun. 4th Sept. 2022

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Parish Visitation Sept.

Thurs. 1st Ballyfin Parish

Tues. 6th Mountrath Country

Wed. 7th Mountrath Town

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We keep in our Prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill – at home, in Hospital or in a Nursing Home, at this time

Safeguarding Children Parish Representatives

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry

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Camross Comhaltas (CCE) Registration Night

Mon. 12th Sept. from 6.30pm to 8pm in Camross Hall. Group classes available for beginners to adults in - Fiddle, Accordion, Concertina, Flute, Tin Whistle, Keyboard, Harp, Banjo, Guitar and also Set Dancing Classes. Class fee per term is €40 for first child, €30 for second and subsequent children. Comhaltas membership for the year is €6 Juniors, €12 Seniors, and €20 for family. Classes resume on Mon. 19th Sept. Please contact our Secretary Mary on 087-4067313. details are also on facebook Camross

Comhaltas.

John Phelan, Knockanina, R.I. P.

We pray for John (Johnny) who died peacefully at St. Vincent's Community Unit, Mountmellick on Tues. 30th Aug. Johnny's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Fri. 2nd Sept. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to John, Michael, Eddie, Kevin, Catherine, Noel, Fiona and Fintan and their families, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers Eddie, Mick and Willie, sisters Bernie, Alo, Sheila and Lizzie and their families, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Michael Gilligan, Coolbabagher, Emo. R.I.P.

We pray for Michael who died at his home on Mon. 29th Aug. Michael's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Sat. 3rd Sept. in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to brothers Martin and Desmond, sister Shirley and their families, nieces, nephews, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Maureen Clear, Skerry, Rosenallis, R.I.P.

We pray for Maureen who died peacefully at Regional Hosp., Tullamore on Tues. 30th Aug. Maureen's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Rosenallis on Thurs. 1st Sept. followed by burial in St. Brigid's Cemetery. We extend sympathy to husband Michael, sons Michael, Pdraig and Noel, sisters Pauline, Kathleen and Rosie and brother-in-law John Joe Dunne, Deerpark and their family and families, extended family, neighbours, relatives and friends.

May John (Johnny) Michael and Maureen rest in the peace of Christ.

Anniversary Masses

Mountrath

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 3rd to Sun. 11th Sept.

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| Sat | 3 rd Sept. | 7.00 pm | Thomas and Therese Kavanagh, St. Fintan's Tce., |
| Sun. | 4 th Sept. | 9.00 am | The Hollow Church. Laois Brigade of Old IRA (Centenary Remembrance) |
| | | 11.30 am | Billy Bergin, Redcastle – Month's Mind. Elizabeth (Lily) Russell, Clonad formerly Patrick St. 4th Anniv. on 5th Sept. |
| Mon. | 5 th Sept. | 10.00 am | The Dooley Family, Shannon St., |
| Tues. | 6 th Sept. | 10.00 am | Con Moloney, Avondale, Portlaoise Rd., |
| Wed. | 7 th Sept. | 10.00 am | Br. Bosco Mulhare (Micheál) 7 th Anniv. |
| Thurs. | 8 th Sept. | 10.00 am | |
| Fri. | 9 th Sept. | 10.00 am | |
| Sat. | 10 th Sept. | 7.00 pm | |
| Sun. | 11 th Sept. | 9.00 am | The Hollow Church - 24 th Sun. in Ord. Time. William and Mary Seale, Jim and Mollie and their son, Michael - Clonadacasey. and deceased members of Seale Family. |
| | | 11.30 am | Seán Brophy, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 47 th Anniv. |

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

Mass Times – Anniversaries Fri. 2nd to Sun. 11th Sept.

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| Fri. 2 nd Sept. | 5.00 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. |
| | 7.30 pm | Celebration of the Eucharist |
| Sat. 3 rd Sept. | 8.00 pm | |
| Sun. 4 th Sept. | 10.00 am | |
| Mon. 5 th Sept. | 7.00 pm | Apostolate of Santification |
| Fri. 9 th Sept. | 5.00 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. |
| | 7.30 pm | Celebration of the Eucharist |
| Sat. 10 th Sept. | 8.00 pm | Vigil Mass for 24 th Week in Ord. Time. |
| Sun. 11 th Sept. | 10.00 am | |
| Mon. 12 th Sept. | 7.00 pm | Apos. of Santification |

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 trogon work and continuous 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)

Mountrath Lotto 1st Sept.

Nos. Drawn 2 4 6 8

5 Jackpot winners received € 4,000 each.

1 Local Winner - Congratulations to Peg Russell and promoter, Heather Mortimer.

26 Match 3 - Rec. € 39 each

3 Local Winners

Peg Russell. Promoter, Heather Mortimer.

Sheila Kiernan, Promoter, Joan Bergin
Lucy Conroy. Promoter, Lucy Conroy.

Next Week's Jackpot - €11,000

Ballyfin Lotto 31st Aug.

Nos. Drawn 11 20 27 30

No Jackpot Winner of € 10,000

16 Match 3

Rec. € 63.00 Each

1 Local Winner - Gary Dunne
Promoter, Pauric Gilligan.

Next Week's Jackpot € 11,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto for your loyal support and your continued generosity

Church Gate Collection

for

Fatima Invalid Fund 3rd and 4th
Sept. at Mountrath and Ballyfin
Churches

We extend our best Wishes to all involved in Our Parish Schools- Pupils and teachers - as they dust down the books and make a return to the classrooms once more for the new School year. This is a very special time for all who started "Big School" for the first time, this week.

Best wishes to all our staff, especially staff.. new to our Schools.

Mountrath Golden Years Club

will take up a Church Gate

Collection at both Masses next

weekend - September 10/11.

Your usual generosity will be greatly appreciated.

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Boughlone Cemetery Mass

Wed. 7th Sept. 7.00 pm

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Season of Creation

The season of creation runs from September 1- October 4 (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi). Parish Resources are available on the diocesan website. This year marks 7 years of the publication of Laudato Si and this October sees the launch of a powerful Laudato Si Movie - The Invitation



New Children's Playground in Ballyfin – It's on the Way

This Summer Ballyfin CDA will break ground on the new playground and we need your support. We are currently running a fundraiser to raise €15,000 towards the cost of the playground equipment.

The playground will be situated in the car park at the top of the GAA grounds.

In the true spirit of community, both Ballyfin Parish and Ballyfin GAA have very generously donated a space for the new playground.

Phase I of the project will see a playground for up to 12 year olds on Ballyfin Parish lands, it is anticipated that with your support we can then move to Phase II in 2023 which will include lands generously provided by Ballyfin GAA to allow a further extension of the playground.

While €15,000 might seem like an ambitious target with your help and generosity we believe we can achieve this and deliver a top class playground for the children of Ballyfin and beyond.

I hope you can help us by donating whatever you can. We do suggest that families, in particular with preschool and primary school age children, consider the benefit of this amenity on their doorstep 365 days a years and the value to be had.

Donations can be made online at

www.idonate.ie/ballyfinplayground

or directly to Committee members

or via envelope at Masses - clearly marked Ballyfin Playground

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ALONE - The Organisation that supports Older People to Live Independently.

“ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? ? We are seeking volunteers to make Support and Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering

Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Bishop Denis invites this prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at all our Masses

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

Apostolate of Santification

St. Fintan's Church, Church, Ballyfin Every Monday Starts at 7.00 pm

Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45pm in our parish church, St.Fintan's Ballyfin. All are invited to join in the two hour

session which consists of community prayer, reciting -The Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditations on The Holy Rosary and a chaplet offered for our Bishops and priests in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament. When we pray for our priests, Our Lady of Knock blesses us and our families abundantly. All most welcome!

Prayer of St. Augustine

“Watch, O Lord,
with those who wake,
or watch or weep tonight,
and give your holy angels charge
over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones,
O Lord Jesus Christ;
Rest your weary ones;
Bless your dying ones;
Soothe your suffering ones;
Pity your afflicted ones;

Shield Your joyous ones, and all for Your love's sake. Amen.

Praying for those who mourn during this time of the Coronavirus COVID-19

Lord of all gentleness, You are close to the broken-hearted. We entrust into your care those who mourn the loss of a loved one this day. Surround them with your love and comfort them in their sorrow. Grant that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss. May they know the consolation and support of the Christian community. Give them confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days ahead. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.