St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 16th – Sun 17th Dec Dec., 23 3rd Sun. Advent. Fr. P.J. S.P.S. (087) 605 5783 Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594 www.mountrathparish.ie Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com See our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 16th Sun. 24th Dec Sat. 16th Dec.7.00 pm 3rd Sun. of Advent - Year B

Ann Grincell, Spring Gardens, Shannon St., 5th Anniv. Gerry and Elizabeth McMahon, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Maura Kelly (Nee Lalor) Main St. 12th Anniv. Sun, 17th Dec. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch. Michael and Anne Heffernan. Joseph and Maryanne Culleton, Gurteen 11.30 am Tom Meade, Ringstown. Patty and John O'Connell, Thomas Court. Patty's 6th Anniv. Joseph and Margaret Connolly and Eilish Tann (Nee Connolly) Jack and Lil Kelly, St. Fintan's Terrace. Jack's 7th Anniv.(today) Eoin and Dylan Fitzpatrick. (Died tragically on 17th July 2023) Fiona Kelly, (nee McParland) Castletown.

Tues. 19th Dec. 10,00 am

Lord, for your Christmas Penitential Service faithful people, life is changed, nnt ended

Wed. 20th Dec. 10.00 am Thur. 21st Dec.10.00 am

Fri, 22nd Dec, 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead. Sat. 23rd Dec. 7.00 pm Simon Walsh, Clonard. 5th Anniv. Margaret Mary (Rita) Brophy. Roscrea Formerly Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 1st Anniv. Thomas Taylor, Moonbawn

Sun. 24th Dec. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

7.00 pm

11.30 am 4th Sunday of Advent Year B.

8.00 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Brigid and Michael O'Rourke, Lower Sconce Tom Grehan, Dysartbeigh

Mon. 25th Dec. 9.00 am The Hollow Church Christmas 11.30 am Mass of Christmas Morning

Christmas Ceremonies

Penitential Services Tues, 19th Dec. Mountrath 7.00 pm Ballyfin 8.00 pm Sundav 24th Dec. Christmas Eve.

Individual Confessions immediately after Mass on Sun. 24th in Both Mountrath and Ballyfin Churches

Vigil Masses in both Parish Churches at 8.00 pm

Mon. 25th Dec. Christmas Day.

Mass in the Hollow Church at 9.00 am Mass in Ballyfin Church at 10.00 am Mass in Mountrath Church at 11.30 am

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne Mountrath Parish. Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins. Deputy Diacesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's Hse, Dublin Rd, Carlow Phone 085 802 1633

Christmas Bingo

In St. Fintan's Hall, Mountrath on Mon. night, Dec. 18th at 8 pm. Extra Prize Money - Blue Flyer Sheet - Full House €200,: Jackpot Sheet- Full House €200: Lucky Line Sheet - €150. Please support your local Bingo. All welcome.

Kevin McDermott, Nenagh. Formerly, Woodbrook, Mountrath - Ross, Ballyfin We pray for Kevin who died peacefully in the Beacon Hosp. on Mon. 11th Dec. Kevin's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh on Thurs. 14th Dec. followed by burial in Lisboney New Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife, Winnie and family Jennifer and Ciaran - sisters Teresa and Ann, brothers Willie (Barnashrone) Charlie, Michael and John, and their families, nieces and nephews and their families, his colleagues at ESB Portlaoise, cousins, relatives, neighbours and his many friends in Mountrath, Ballyfin, Nenagh and indeed beyond.

Catherine Tobin (Nee Duggan) Ballyfin Rd. and Rebecca Duggan R.I.P.

We pray for Catherine who died peacefully in Tallaght Hosp., on Wed. 13th Dec. Catherine's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church. Mountrath on Sat. 16th Dec. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Pauric, Edel, Patrick, Deborah, Kieran and Róisín, and their families, grandson Nathan, brother Tommy (and Jenny) (Fr. D'Connnor Cresc.) sister Mary (and Willie) (Portlaoise Rd) and their families, nephews, nieces, extended family, neighbours and friends.

We pray for Rebecca (Rebecca Duggan, New South Wales, Australia) who died suddenly on Sat. 2nd Dec. Rebecca is wife of Damian Duggan, formerly Fr. D'Connor Cresc. We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers in a very special way at this very difficult time, Catherine and Rebecca and their families in Mountrath and New South Wales. Rebecca's husband, Damian is son of Tommy and Jenny and nephew of Catherine.

May Kevin, Catherine and Rebecca rest in the peace of Christ.

Mountrath Parish Lotto 14th Dec. New Jackpot, € 10,000 Lotto Gift Cards now available from Promoters Numbers Drawn 1 6 13 19 - 1 Jackpot Winner of £ 18,000 Congrats to Tim Fitzpatrick (Portlaoisee) 13 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 77 Each. 3 Local Winners P.J. Murphy, Promoter Bernie Phelan - Eddie Phelan, Promoter, Eddie Phelan - Anthony Kirwan, Promoter, M. Farrell