

## St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> – Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. '23 Feast of the Holy Family

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### Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass - Feast of the Holy Family  
Peter Delaney, Clonard - 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** Feast of the Holy Family  
Michael Seale and deceased members of Seale family.

**11.30 am** Jimmy Birney, Crannagh. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
Martin Dunne, Trumera. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Kavanagh Family, Kilbricken.

Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 10.00 am

Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 10.00 am

Thur. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.

Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.** Feast of the Epiphany.  
10.00 am (Mountrath Ch.) Feast of the Epiphany.

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**  
**11.30 am** Tom Fitzpatrick, Derrylusk 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

### Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm Catherine Tobin (Nee Duggan) Ballyfin Road.

*Lord, for your faithful people,  
life is changed, not ended.*

### Mountrath Parish Lotto 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.

Lotto Gift Cards available from Promoters

*Numbers Drawn 6 7 9 15*

10 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 100 Each. 2 Local Winners

Margaret Doheny. Promoter, Betty O'Rourke

Breda Phelan. Promoter, David Tobin.

**New Jackpot, € 12,000**

**We keep and  
hold in our  
Thoughts and  
Prayers**

People, their  
families and  
carers, who are  
ill – at home, in  
Hospital or  
Nursing Home or  
undergoing any  
surgical or  
medical  
procedures

### Date for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in  
Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes on **Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Church will

Commence at 2.30 pm

Bishop Denis will lead us in both our Celebrations

### 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 Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes c/o

Bishop's Hse, Dublin Rd, Carlow Phone 085 802 1633

### Enda Byrne, Celbridge – Formerly Ormond St., Nenagh R.I.P.

We pray for Enda who died peacefully at his home on Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Enda's Funeral Service was held at Victorian Chapel, Mount Jerome on Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. We extend sympathy to his family, wife Tanya, son Max, parents Moira and Larry, brothers Brian, Alan and Eoin, sister Michelle and their families, nephews, nieces, relatives and many friends.

We extend sympathy also to John Byrne and Family, Redcastle on Enda's death. (Enda is John's nephew)

(Enda's brother, Paul died on 13<sup>th</sup> July of this year).

*May Enda and Paul rest in the peace of Christ.*

### A New Year Blessing

May God make this new year a fulfilling one,  
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it,  
as it unfolds.

Not by making our path easy,  
But by making us sturdy to travel any path.

Not by taking hardships from us,  
But by taking fear from our heart.

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping our face bright,  
even in the shadows.

Not by making our life always pleasant,  
But by showing when people  
and their causes need us most . . . .  
*and by making us anxious to be there to help.*

*God's Love, Peace, Hope, and Joy to you,  
in abundance, for the year ahead.*

### Brigid 1500

On Thurs. 1st Feb. 2024, Churches across Kildare and Leighlin, and beyond, will come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare entitled, 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving' dedicated to commemorating the Feast Day of St Brigid and the 1500th anniversary of her death.

The co-leaders of this thanksgiving service are the Most Rev Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and the Most Rev Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Joyce, Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street in the heart of London, will deliver the sermon.

At the end of the service, a Pause for Peace will be observed in the cathedral at 12 noon. Aligning with a broader initiative whereby the people of Kildare are extending a global invitation, urging individuals worldwide to pause for a minute's silence at midday (local time) on St Brigid's Day, the 1st of February 2024.

Livestreaming of the service will also be available worldwide. (Full press release attached and on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie))