

Peg Russell - List of Anniversary Masses for 2022

Date	Name	Address	Time of Mass
Thurs. 30 th June	Kieran, Nora and Jim Phelan,	Coldblow	10.00 am
Mon. 15 th Aug.	Mary Patterson and Foyle Family	Patrick St.,	11.30 am
Wed. 17 th Aug.	Jean and Breda Farrell Ann Phelan and Georgie Boyhan		10.00 am
Fri. 2 nd Sept.	Sid and Maureen Fitzpatrick Eileen and Bob Deacon	Shannon St.,	10.00 am
Thurs. 6 th Oct.	Martin and Catherine Ryan,	Patrick St.,	10.00 am
Wed. 12 th Oct.	Martin and Mary Donohue	Clonad, Portlaoise	10.00 am
Wed. 26 th Oct.	Maureen Flynn		10.00 am
Sat. 12 th Nov.	John and Mary O'Neill	Shannon St.,	7.00 pm
Fri. 25 th Nov.	Fintan, Benny and Catherine Russell,	Shannon St.,	10.00 am
Tues. 13 th Dec.	Eugene and Sean McCarthy	Thomas Court	10.00 am

Mountrath Church - Jimmy Lalor Fitzpatrick Anniv.
Mass See Day Diary

People who are ill or unwell in the Parish at this time.

Ballyfin Church.

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Upcoming 1st Anniversaries.

Ballyfin Sun. 17th July 2022 10.00 am
John and Ruby Seale. Clonboyne

Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Bishop Denis invites this prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at every Mass during Lent:

Loving God,

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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.

Frank Delaney, Killeen, Mountmellick - Formerly Clonagown, R.I.P.

Frank passed away peacefully at home on Sun. 27th Mch. Frank's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Paul's Church, Emo on Tues. 29th Mch. Frank was married to Mary, sons Eamonn, John, Frank and Terry, daughter Mona, grandchildren, daughters in law, nieces, brothers, sisters in law, extended family, neighbours and friends.

May Frank rest in the peace of Christ

Scoil Bhríde Girls N.S

Mountrath

we are accepting enrolments for the coming school year

Download an Application Form from our website www.scoilbhridemountrath.weebly.com or 0578732423/

bridnaofamountrath@gmail.com

Further info on www.scoilbhridemountrath.weebly.com Or

Contact 0578732423/ bridnaofamountrath@gmail.com

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in New Cemetery,
Arthur, Portlaoise

Tues. 8 th Feb.	Elizabeth Russell, Patsy and Tim Ryan.	Patrick St.,	10.00 am
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DPC News: (Diocesan Pastoral Council)

There is now a dedicated page on the diocesan website for the DPC – you can view it at <https://www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesan-pastoral-council/> where you will find information on membership, the mission statement and identify the Chair of the DPC and Jean Roche as its secretary.

Towards a Synodal Church,

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1. Thinking about the Church and about my local Parish, how and when did I find being part of it a source of joy or nourishment for me in my Faith - When might it bring me disappointment or pain ?
2. When I hear the word "Church" – who do I think of ? Who is missing? Whom do we need to listen to ? How can we become more inclusive ?
3. Thinking about how we as Parish community bring the love of Christ into the world, what one thing does our local Parish do really well ? What one thing could it do better with ? What one thing could I do ?

"Healing Whispers" Dedicated to Áine Purcell

battling with Motor Neurone Disease with great dignity and handsome book, featuring some of Aine's lovely photography and

Strictly vintage, veteran & artisanal related stalls & traders. Pre Vintage &

...e O'Connell) Lower Sconce, died on 4th May of last year after Ballyfin National School Board of Management Committee. A ...ble at Laois Pharmacy and All Books and News in Portlaoise. at

...part of local charities - For queries or information on the Ballyfin ...-7824481.

Mountrath Lotto 10th Mch.
 Nos. Drawn 10 18 25 31 No Winner of €12,000 Jackpot
 10- Match 3 Rec. € 100 each **New Jackpot €14,000**

Parish Visitation March
 Tues. 1st March . Mountrath Country
 Wed. 2nd March. Mountrath Town
 Thurs. 3rd March. Ballyfin Parish

*Lord, for your faithful people,
 Life is changed,
 Not ended*

*Thank You
 for your generous involvement in
 and support of Ballyfin Parish*

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 2nd - 3rd April 2022 - 5th Sun, of Lent

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald S.P.S. C.C. (087) 605 5783 Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on FM 104.5

www.mountrathparish.ie Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 2nd - Sun. 10th April

Sat 2nd Apr. 7.00 pm Nancy Moloney (Nee Bradley) Shannon Rd., Month's Mind.

Sun. 3rd Apr. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

11.30 am Michael and Maura Moore,

Jack Sinnott, Old Forge Cresc., 8th Anniv.

Paddy Sinnott, Old Forge Cresc. 10th Anniv.

Mon. 4th Apr. 10.00 am Tim Keenan, Church St., 5th Anniv.

Tues. 5th Apr. 10.00 am Noel Russell, Patrick St.,

Wed. 6th Apr. 10.00 am

Thur. 7th Apr. 10.00 am

Fri. 8th Apr. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 9th Apr. 7.00 pm Andy O'Connor, New Line Road. 2nd Anniv.

Matthew and Margaret Harrington, Trumera.

Sun 10th Apr. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

11.30 am Leo Dowling, Knockanina. Month's Mind.

Teresa McHugh, Brothers and Sisters. Upper Ballyfin

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Nursing Home at this time*

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Mountrath Daffodil Day - 25th March 2022

The organisers of our Daffodil Day wish to thank everybody who so generously supported the Daffodil Day. A special word of thanks to all who gave fresh daffodils, who gave personal donations and to Centra and Spar who welcomed the collectors and also to the many helpers who gave of their time to help with the collection. (More details in due course)

Night Vigil for Peace in Ukraine

at St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe

Thurs. 7th April - 7.30 pm

to Fri. 8th Apr. - 7.30 am

For more information contact
Maired Malone - 086 890 0673

Confirmation Ceremony

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath.

Gael Scoil Thromaire Sat 7th May 11.00 am

Cake Sale in Scoil Bhríde

Fri. 8th April 10.00 am - 12 midday.

Bishop Jim (James) Moriarty - Bishop Emeritus of K and L R.I.P.

We pray for Bishop Jim who died peacefully at Chryrfield Nursing Home, Milltown on Sat. 26th Mch., following a long illness. Bishop Jim's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Wed. 30th March followed by burial in Cathedral Grounds, Carlow. We extend sympathy to sister Ann, brothers, Michael and Denis, sisters-in-law Mary, Anne and Fiona, nieces and nephews, extended family and friends, Bishop Denis Nulty, Priests, Deacons, Religious, people of the Dioceses of K and L and Dublin (where he first ministered as Priest and Auxiliary Bishop). Bishop Jim was ordained priest for the Diocese of Dublin on 21st May 1961 - was appointed Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin 2002 and retired in 2010.

May Bishop Jim and all we have loved in life but lose to death rest in peace.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis. (Words of Bishop Denis, spoken at Bishop Jim's Funeral Mass)

Bishop Jim led us in the Celebration of Confirmation on 4 occasions here in Mountrath Parish
30th April 2004 - 7th April 2006 - 14th March 2008 - 19th March 2010

We have many lovely memories of the day Bishop Jim led us in the Bicentenary Celebrations
On 19th April 2009 to mark 200 years of Brigidine presence in Mountrath. (Photo on Parish Website)

An Invitation

You are warmly invited to join Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm.

See Parish Website and Parish App. For Lotto Results

Caretaker Required.

For Scoil Bhríde, Girls School, Mountrath. If interested in applying for this job please send your C.V. into the school. Application closing date is this Friday, 8th April.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

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Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore Pachelli Walsh
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Deputy Diocesan Liaison - Ms Michelle Hughes,
Bishop's Hse, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The 2022 Annual Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine has been arranged for Sunday 5th June ---

Parish Visitation April

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May Frank rest in the peace of Christ.

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Visit Home Page of Parish Website for Link to Webcam.

Website www.ballyfinparish.ie - email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

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Fri. 1st April. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30 pm Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 2nd Mch. 11.00 am Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation
with Children from Ballyfin and Barnashrone Schools

8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Lent.

Sun. 3rd April 10.00 am Mick Kelly, Clonagown. Month's Mind.
Noel Walsh, Pallas Little – 7th Anniv.

and deceased members of Walsh Family
Austin O'Flynn, Deerpark, 8th Anniv.

Mon. 11th Apr. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

Fri. 8th Apr. 7.30 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
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Sat. 9th Apr. 8.00 pm

Sun. 10th Apr. 10.00 am Teresa McHugh, Brothers and Sisters. Upper Ballyfin
Bishop Jim (James) Moriarty - (Died on Sat. 27th Mch)

Bishop Jim appointed Bishop of K and L 4th June 2002 – Resigned 22nd Apr. 2010

Lent is What We Do

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People, their families and
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Ballyfin Parish Income

57 Envelopes .€ 469.50
Offertory Coll. € 311.50
Lenten Stations. € 230.00
Easter Dues. € 50.00
Candle Shrines € 59.47
Coll. For Ukraine € 2,590.00

26th - 27th March

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Peig McCartney (née Hogan) Rathgar, (Formerly, Clonagh, Ballyfin)

We pray for Peig, who died peacefully at Orwell Private, Rathgar on 22nd March. Predeceased by her siblings Liam, Mai, Brid, Martin and Joe, Peig's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of The Good Shepherd, Churchtown on Fri. 25th March followed by committal ceremony at Mount Jerome Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her husband (of 65 years) Donal and children Damien, Máirín, Marjorie, Cathy, Dan, Paula, Alice and Pat, their spouses and partners, her devoted grandchildren, sisters Robin and Anne, brothers Noel, Michael, Vinny and Frank, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. May Peig rest in the peace of Christ.

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Ministries Rota Sat. 9th - 10th April

Reader (Proclaimer) of the Word

Sat. 9th April 8.00 pm Catherine Carroll
Sun. 10th April 10.00 am Deirdre Fitzpatrick

Ministers of Holy Communion - Group 5

Sat. 9th April 8.00 pm Crescentia Phelan
Sun. 10th April 10.00 am Maria Dowling

Cleaners Group 1 - For April '22

Ann Quinn Mary Thompson Mary Gorman Mairead
Gorman Martina Makem

Collectors for April

Sat. Sheila Dowling, Charlie Gorman Sun. Kieran O'Connor

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Ballyfin Lotto 30th Jackpot € 11,000

Nos. Drawn 2 14 21 23

No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3 Rec. €72 ea

1 local Winner Gemma Mackey
Dunphy - Promoter Gemma Dunphy

New Jackpot € 12,000

Laois Spring Clean Up Week

Ballyfin Community Alert have registered to take part in Laois County Council Clean Up Week. Litter pickers, bags and gloves will be distributed to volunteers on Sat. 9th and 16th April at Community Centre from 10.00 - 10.30 am. Bags of litter only to be left behind recycling bank. Collection date by Council is Tues. 26th April from 7am.



Sum of Money found in Sconce on 21st Feb. Contact Mary on 086 0278565

"Laois Libraries are looking for people aged 55 and over to help them improve their library services. Share your opinions and suggestions by filling out a short questionnaire at your local library during the months of April and May. Share with your families, friends and community groups. Please help us to spread the word so we can hear from as many older persons as possible"

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22 Diary Dates
3rd Feb. Feast of St. Blaise

Wed. 2nd March Ash Wed.
Masses 10.00 am (Mountrath) and 7.30 pm (Both)
Cemetery Mass in Ballyfin
Sun. 12th June - 7.00 pm (2nd Sun)



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New Envelope Boxes

Many thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds through the Envelope Boxes. Your generosity is much appreciated. We rely totally on the Contributions through the Envelope Boxes each week to run the Parish and keep the bills paid, so thank you for your contributions to Parish Funds through the Envelope Boxes each week over the past year. If you wish to continue to contribute to Parish Funds through the Envelope Boxes, please bring them to the Parish Office. Envelope Boxes are now available to collect. (They are on the Tables)

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Hall

decided to re-open the Hall for the Bingo Sessions at 8pm. Please note change of time. To keep everyone safe, masks (face coverings) are required for the Bingo Sessions. All are very welcome.

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Ballyfin Parish Church Cleaning Groups

Cleaners Group 2 -

Sheila Dowling Eilish Brennan - Vera Lanham
Ann Heffernan - Breda Lanham Sheila Keenan

Cleaners Group 4 From 3rd February
Mairead Delaney Mary Cashin Teresa McCormack
Margaret Cashin Andrea Cashin Kathleen Dunne

Church Cleaners Group 5

Mary Hooban Brid Molloy Mary McEvoy
Catherine Carroll Geraldine Fitzpatrick Caroline Dunne

Church Cleaners Group 6

Stacy Connolly, Kathleen O'Connor, Emma Fitzpatrick,
Sinead Leonard, Siobhan Hooban, Gwen Dunne

Cleaners Group 7 -

Brid Duff Chris Phelan
Delia Ryan Kathleen Conroy

Watch and Pray Next Sunday, 25th Nov. is the Final Sunday of the Church Year – Each year in Ballyfin Parish Church there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until about 3.45 pm on this day ---- Parish Townslands and times of Adoration / Silent Prayer 10.45 (Immediately after Mass) - Irey, Ross, Springfield, Lower Irey, Cappinrush, Knocknakearn, Brockera, Cloncullen, Cappagh South, Ballylusk, Ockanroe, The Harrow. - 11.30 The Knocks, Cavansheath, Ballycormack, Cappinaclare, Upper Sconce, Lower Sconce, Brisculia. --- 12.15 pm Upper Ballyfin, Rossmore, Upper Clonurke, Catholes, Deepark, Clonurke. ----- 1.00 pm Campcloon, Cappinrush, Esker, Clonagown, Clontowra, The Oak, Barkmills, Barnashrone. - ---- 1.45 pm O'Moore's Forest, Clonagh, Cappagh North, Clontyglass, Clondarrig, Clonrooske, Pallas Big. - - 2.30 pm Pallas, Pallas Little, Coolnamona, Ballina, Boughlone, Clonboyne, Clonkeen, Clondouglas. Oldtown, Aston Manor, Hillview, Rockdale, Mountrath Road. ----- Concluding Prayer at about 3.30 pm

Cemetery Mass

Cemetery Mass with Blessing of the Graves was celebrated in Ballyfin cemetery on Wed. 11th August. Because of the restrictions due to Covid 19 we were

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We extend a very sincere "Thank You" for your loyal

Flowers for the Altar

Sincere thanks to Sr. Helen who has been looking after the Altar and Altar linens so capably for the past year. (Since the beginning of Lockdown) Sincere Thanks also to Imelda from "Floral Visions" (Flower Shop on Church St..) who has been looking after the flowers for the Altar in Mountrath Church for the past year, and more.

As Summer approaches and as our garden flowers become more plentiful you might consider providing us with some flowers for the altar. If you feel that you might be in a position to provide flowers for the Altar, please let us know. (087 2411594)

Flowers for the Altar

"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

Cemetery Masses

Our Annual Cemetery Mass and Blessing of the Graves was celebrated in Mountrath Cemetery on Thurs. 29th July.
Our Annual Cemetery Mass and Blessing of the Graves was celebrated in Ballyfin Cemetery on Thurs. 12th Aug.

Tommy Ferns has made a recording of these Masses and these recordings will be on our Parish Websites soon.

Library

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The Deer's Cry

I arise today through the strength of
heaven Light of sun, radiance of moon
Splendour of fire, speed of lightning
Swiftness of wind, depth of the sea
Stability of earth, firmness of rock I arise
today through God's strength to pilot me
God's eye to look before me God's wisdom
to guide me God's way to lie before me





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

Watch and P

Sunday 21st Nov. is the Final Sunday Year – Each year in Ballyfin Parish Exposition of the Blessed Sacra

hours during this special Day - The Feast of Christ the King - We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness

Parish Townslands

11.30 - Ireys, Ross, Springfield, Lower Ireys, Cappinrush, Ballylusk Knocknakearn, Brockera, Cloncullen, Cappagh South, Ockanroe, The Harrow.

12.15. Midday - The Knocks, Cavansheath, Ballycormack, Cappinaclare, Upper Sconce, Lower Sconce, Briscula. ---

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

"To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens."

Dates for Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion Celebrations in 2022.

We have made the following arrangements for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion during 2022.

While putting these arrangements in place we are mindful that we are still very much in "Covid 19 Pandemic mode" – Once again the safety of our children and their families and indeed, the safety of everyone involved in the preparation and celebration of these sacraments has been (and must be) our priority and first consideration.

Ballyfin Parish

Confirmation - St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin. 2 Ceremonies.

Time of each Ceremony 11.00 am.

Sat. 26th March 2022 (Last Sat. in March) - Sat. 2nd April 2022 (First Sat. in April)

Celebration of 1st Holy Communion. 2 Ceremonies. Time of each Ceremony 2.00 pm

Sunday 22nd May 2022 Sunday 29th May 2022

Mountrath Parish

Confirmation - St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath. 2 Ceremonies.

Scoil Naomh Brid Wed. 16th March Time 11.00 am

St. Fintan's Boys National School Wed. 16th March Time 2.00 pm

Celebration of 1st Holy Communion - 2 Ceremonies. Time of each Ceremony 2.00 pm
Sunday 8th May 2022 Sunday 15th May 2022

Where there is more than one in a family intending to receive the Sacraments next year (For example – one family member receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and another member of family, receiving 1st Holy Communion) families are most welcome to combine these ceremonies and have these 2 celebrations during one Ceremony of their choice. If a family prefers to bring their son or daughter to any of our Parish weekend Masses to receive either of the Sacraments, they are most welcome to do so. *Just contact Fr. Joe.*

Once again, this year, despite all the odds, we managed to celebrate all our Sacraments with respect, dignity and meaning and in a timely way and all in a safe and secure environment for everyone. This in no small way was due to the cooperation and goodwill of everyone involved, Candidates for the Sacraments, parents and families of Candidates, Our teachers and schools staff, Sacramental coordinators and people who prepared our churches and kept them safe for us.

Once again, I wish to express sincere thanks to everyone involved in the celebration of Sacraments of 1st Penance, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation this year - With your help, goodwill and cooperation, we can (*and Please God, we will*) do the same again next year. *Fr. Joe*

Shorter Version

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Special Collection for Ukraine:

The Irish

Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. The Irish Bishops ask us to be as generous as we can and express thanks for your support. Envelopes marked "Special Collection for Ukraine" will be at tables at the back of the Church from this weekend

Please Drop envelopes into Envelope Collection Boxes next weekend

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 17th Feb. 2021

Nos. Drawn 01 15 26 29

Jackpot € 14,000 Not Won

9 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 112

Next Week's Jackpot €15,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin

Lord, for your faithful
People
Life is changed,
Not Ended

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 18th Feb. 2021

Nos. Drawn 15 21 29 31

Jackpot € 20,000

No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 200

proclaimed



Dear Parishioner, - A Word of Thanks

I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year since the first Lockdown. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are not doing too bad, thanks in no small part to your generosity. We have traditionally depended on the passing of collection baskets, that is a practice which is unlikely to return in the short term. Therefore, I want to acknowledge your support given via the weekly envelopes (2021 boxes are being distributed at present), If you didn't get a box of envelopes so far this year (and would like to) you are welcome to collect a box of envelopes from the Back of the church. Just write your name and address on the first few envelopes. This will allow us to keep track of your donations for the whole year and, where possible, (and totally at your discretion) claim the additional 45% back from Revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. The Diocesan Accountant is currently finalising the accounts for 2020 and when completed they will be displayed on the notice board at the back of the church.

Possible ways of supporting the Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable to "Mountrath Parish" - or "Ballyfin Parish"

Please indicate - Parish Fund or Clergy Fund (for support of the priests of the Parish)

Cheques can be posted to - Parish Office, Parochial House, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website - www.kandle.ie) ⇐

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ⇐

3 things you cannot
recover in life: the
WORD after its
said, the
MOMENT after its
missed, and the
TIME after its
gone.



A Prayer on Mothers Day

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for Mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and for themselves, with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children; May they feel the loving embrace of God. We pray for women who are not mothers but love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and in our hearts and nourish us with their love. Amen.