

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 29th May 2022

Feast of the Ascension

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 28th – Sun. 29th May 2022 - Feast of the Ascension

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Cemetery Masses during 2022

St. Fintan's, Ballyfin, Sun. 12th June
 St. Fintan's, Mountrath, Fri. 24th June
 Clonenagh, Fri. 8th July
 Clondarrig. Wed. 3rd August
 Boghlonge Wed. 7th September

All Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

It will be nice to see the resumption of our Music Ministry at our Cemetery Masses, so Music and Choirs will be most welcome at all our Cemetery Masses this year.

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

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
 Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,
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1st Holy Communion Dates

Church of the Sacred Heart,
 The Hollow.

Sun. 29th May 9.00 am

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin
 Sunday 29th May 2.00 pm

Elizabeth (Betty) Townsend (née Brennan) - Cloughna, Carlow R.I.P.

We pray for Elizabeth (Betty) who died peacefully at her home on 8th April. Betty's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Claire's Church, Graigecullen, on Sun. 10th April followed by burial in Tinryland Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her husband, Patrick and family, Mark, (Fr. Mark) Josepha, Justin, Shane and Ronan, brothers Bill and Paddy, sister Mary, son-in-law John, daughters-in-law Valerie, Caroline and Michelle, grandchildren Emma, Ciaran, Adam, Simon, Luke, Ellie, Anna and Aidan, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and many friends

May Betty rest in the peace of Christ.

Sally Osborne (Nee Loughnane) Fr. O'Connor Cresc. R.I.P.

We pray for Sally who died peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family on Friday evening (27th May) Reposing in Burke's Funeral Home on Sunday evening from 6.00 pm with Rosary at 8.00 pm. Sally's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Monday morning at 10.00 am followed by burial in St. Fintan's Cemetery, Mountrath. We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers all her family and loved ones at this very difficult time.

May Sally rest in the peace of Christ.

We remember in our Prayers

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

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 28th May – Sun. 5th June

Mountrath

Sat	28 th May	7.00 pm	Liam Mc Redmond, Forest Paddy Carroll, Cappagh
Sun.	29 th May	9.00 am 11.30 am	The Hollow Church - 1 st Holy Communion Mass Bobby Mulhall, Portlaoise Road., 1 st Anniv.
Mon.	30 th May	10.00 am	Julia McGoldrick, St. Fintan's Terrace. 19 th Anniv.
Tues.	31 st May	10.00 am	
Wed.	1 st June	10.00 am	
Thurs.	2 nd June	10.00 am	
Fri.	3 rd June	10.00 am	1 st Friday - Altar List of the Dead.

- Sat. 4th June 7.00 pm Denis Connor, Clonenagh - Month's Mind
Michael, Julia and Stephen Connor, Clonenagh.
Peadar Rice, Forest. 1st Anniv.
- Sun. 5th June 9.00 am The Hollow Church.
Michael Holland, Trumera 12th Anniv.
Declan Phelan, Clonadacasey 23rd Anniv.
- . 11.30 am Pentecost Sunday - Whit Sunday.

1st Anniv. Mass Remembrances

- Sun. 12th June 11.30 am Tom Byrne, Derrough - 1st Anniv. Mass
- Sat. 18th June 7.00 pm Sarah Dunne (Nee Gougher) Trumera - 1st Anniv.

Ballyfin

Mass Times – Anniversaries Fri. 27th May - 5th June

- Fri. 27th May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.
- Sat. 28th May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Feast of Ascension
- Sun. 29th May 10.00 am Laura Kilkenny (Nee O'Meara) Pallas. 1st Anniv.
2.00 pm 1st Holy Communion Mass
- Mon. 30th May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Santification
- Fri. 3rd June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.
- Sat. 4th June 8.00 pm John, Bridget and Michael Ryan, Barnashrone
John's 9th Anniv.
Fionnuala McDermott, Barnashrone. 9th Anniv.
- Sun. 5th June 10.00 am Pentecost Sunday - Whit Sunday. Feast of Pentecost.
- Mon. 6th June 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

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Dr. Pat O'Dwyer, Castletown Road, Mountrath R.I.P.

A Short note of Appreciation.

We pray for Dr. Pat who died peacefully in Mount Carmel N.H. Roscrea on Fri. 8th April. Dr. Pat's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun. 10th April followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his family, Paddy, Robert, John, Catherine, Gearóid and Turlough and their families, daughters - in-law and partners, sister Bridie, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and his many many friends.

Dr. Pat came to live among us in 1961 when he took up his appointment as Dispensary doctor in Mountrath, his postal address back then, being, Badger Hill, Castletown. Dr. Pat, his wife June and family moved into Mountrath (Castletown Road) in the mid sixties. Since Dr. Pat's death on 8th April, so many people have spoken to me about his life – not just as their family doctor, but more as a friend – a friend they came to rely on so much – Dr. Pat was ever only a phone call away, day or night, for anyone in need in the communities of Mountrath, Trumera, Ballyfin, Castletown, Camross, Raheen, Borris-in-Ossory and in the many areas where he ministered tirelessly as family doctor for many years. So many recall seeing “The Doc” on his daily rounds – where it was not uncommon for him to visit twenty or thirties families during the course of a day, before returning to base to conduct evening surgery, where he would meet, perhaps, a further dozen or so people.

When I came to Mountrath in 2011, I got to know Dr. Pat through his involvement in Parish affairs. – Although then in his nineties, (and almost without sight) Dr. Pat was at that time one of the “Four Wise Men” as they were affectionally known, who met every Monday morning in the Sacristy in Mountrath to facilitate the counting and lodging of the weekend parish collections. Along with Dr. Pat the “Four Wise Men” comprised, Paddy Kennedy, Tom Costello, Seamus Ryan.

(All four have now entered the fullness of life in Christ)

It would be an understatement to say that Dr. Pat had many strings in his bow when it came to his involvement in Mountrath Parish and Community as local physican and Community Builder over his many years with us. - Chairperson FAS (now known as Mountrath Community Employment Scheme) Chairperson Mountrath Development

Association, One of the founder members of Mountrath Lotto. Reader in Church for many years, very proud member of Mountrath Golden Years Club.

– to mention just a few.

I'm sure that it would be true to say that one of Dr. Pat's major, perhaps indeed finest, achievements must surely be his involvement as Chair of Mountrath Development Assoc. in procuring, in the face of many difficulties, our very fine Community School here in Mountrath - It must surely stand as a fine testimony to a man who gave a lifetime of devoted and tireless service to his adopted Community of Mountrath and District.

May Dr. Pat (affectionally known to many as "The Doc") enjoy rest from his many labours.

Dr. Pat's Month's Mind Mass is being celebrated this weekend in St. Fintan's Church Mountrath
Sun. 22nd May - 11.30 am

Sunday Morning Choir at Mountrath Church (St. Fintan's Choir)

Singers required for our Sunday Mass Choir. Ability to read music useful, but not essential, just a good ear and a willingness to participate.

Not sure? Why not come along to a practice in St Fintan's Church on Mondays at 7pm and see what you think. Very friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

All welcome! Any questions? Call 083 170 3126 or email audaddis@icloud.com

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 Mon. 8th May 2022

St. Fintan's Church, Church. Ballyfin 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!



Ballyfin Lotto 25th May

Nos. Drawn 6 12 29 30
 No Winner of € 16,000 Jackpot
 10 Match 3 Rec. € 100 each

New Jackpot € 17.000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto – your loyal support is much appreciated

Mountrath Lotto

Thurs. 26th May

Nos. Drawn 3 4 15 22

1 Winner of €11,000 Jackpot

Congratulations to Ann McAuliffe

– and Promoter, Brian Conroy.

13 Match 3's Rec. € 77 each

7 Local Winners

Josh Holmes - Promoter Bernie Phelan

Adrienne Doheny Promoter Rita Watkins

Elaine and Jane Doheny.

Promoter Conroy's Pharmacy.

Pauline Phelan, Promoter, Margaret Doheny

Michele Boyhan, Promoter, M Farrell

Peggy Lyons Promoter, Betty Phelan

L. Fitzpatrick Promoter, Rita Watkins

Next Week's Jackpot €10,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish Lottos - Organizing Committees, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. We extend a very sincere "thank you" for your loyal support and your unending generosity

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.

A Note from Triona. Library Manager, Mountrath

Would you like to avail of the free Borrowbox online service from Laois Libraries? Learn how to download e-books and listen to audio books on your device. Phone Portlaoise Library at 057/8622333 for further details.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

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

Full details on - www.kandle.ie

Synod News

The diocesan synod synthesis will be available for view on the diocesan website, www.kandle.ie from Wednesday, June 1. Every diocese was required to submit the synthesis in a particular format with a 10 page limit. Parishes as well as the diocese will no doubt be looking to what emerged in local conversations as well as what will emerge in the national synthesis in the next few months. Again, thank you to all who took part. If you didn't get to, we

very much hope that you will have a chance to do so in the future. Pope Francis is calling us to a new way of being Church together where we will continue to creating spaces and develop the habit of listening to one another locally and in the wider church.

A Pentecost Novena of thanksgiving for the diocesan phase of the synod began in the Irish Church on Friday, May 27th. The daily prayers can be accessed on the diocesan synod webpage on www.kandle.ie and are posted daily on the diocesan Facebook page and Twitter account.

Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction?

Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. You are welcome to visit the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot Street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2pm, to join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information,

visit www.matttalbotprayersociety.com or

contact vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com ROI (048) 71262894

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

Calling all adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in Kildare and Leighlin, the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday

18th June (Corpus Christi weekend). Please contact Barbara on 086-163 7311 for more information or see www.eucharisticadoration.ie for more details.

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

Fr Liam Morgan, PP Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House is leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Dates of travel are Friday 5th August to Friday 12th August. Price €1890 per person sharing includes return flights, private transfers, walking tours of Kitzbuhel and Salzburg, half board accommodation and tickets to the play. Please contact Tullys Travel for more information by calling 059-9136100

2022 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
MOUNTMELICK - BALLYFIN - MOUNTRATH

5 - 12 AUGUST 2022 | 7 NIGHTS

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS
Mass at the Grotto
Anointing of the Sick
Torchlight Procession
Blessed Sacrament Procession
International Mass

FOR DETAILS AND BOOKINGS
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INCLUDING
- Fully escorted pilgrimage
- Led by Spiritual Director
- Return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- Bus to and from airport
- 7 nights at Hotel La Solitude
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- 20kg check-in bag per person
- Airport transfers

€879
per person sharing
*266 single supplement

€500
children under 16
accompanied

Joe Walsh Tours
10279 & 10284 in compliance with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Package Regulations 2010.

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Ballyfin – Mountrath

Mountmellick

5th - 12th August

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