

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 22nd May 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 21st – Sun. 22nd May 2022 - 6th Sunday of Easter

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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,
 c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

1st Holy Communion Dates

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin

Sunday 22nd May 2.00 pm

Sunday 29th May 2.00 pm

Church of the Sacred Heart,

The Hollow.

Sun. 29th May 9.00 am

Childminder Wanted

Mountrath/Ballyfin/Paddock area. 4 days a week - starting in July. Can be in own home or childminders home. Phone 0879012687 for more info. or Email childmindermountrath@gmail.com

Mountrath Community Alert,

Annual Text Fee for 2022-2023 €10 is open from 9th May to 3rd June. It may be paid at the St Canice' Credit Union, Mountrath or online at www.communityalerts.ie New Members welcome.

Senior Alerts Alarm

Senior Alerts Alarm is a government incentive scheme from 65 years, you will qualify even if not living alone. Monitor and pendant button is free as is the first years monitoring. Monitoring fee from year two is €66 and is staffed 24/7, 365 days of the year. Contact Rita Watkins on 086 3015793 for further information.

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. 21st - 29th May

Mountrath

Sat. 21 st May	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass for 6 th Sunday Easter.
Sun. 22 nd May	9.00 am	The Hollow Church. John and Julia O'Connor - Andy O'Connor Sheila O'Connor, 10 th Anniv. (All Coolnareen) Fintan and Mary Dooley, Clonadacasey. 11.30 am Dr. Pat O'Dwyer, Castletown Rd., Month's Mind
Mon. 23 rd May	10.00 am	
Tues. 24 th May	10.00 am	
Wed. 25 th May	10.00 am	
Thurs. 26 th May	10.00 am	
Fri. 27 th May	10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 28 th May	7.00 pm	Liam Mc Redmond, Forest Paddy Carroll, Cappagh
Sun. 29 th May	9.00 am	The Hollow Church - 1 st Holy Communion Mass
	11.30 am	Bobby Mulhall, Portlaoise Rod., 1 st Anniv.
Month's Mind and 1st Anniversary Masses during June.		
Sat. 4 th June	7.00 pm	Denis Connor, Clonenagh - Month's Mind Mass Peadar Rice, Forest. - 1 st Anniv. Mass
Sun. 12 th June	11.30 am	Tom Byrne, Derrough - 1 st Anniv. Mass
Sat. 18 th June	7.00 pm	Sarah Dunne (Nee Gougher) Trumera - 1 st Anniv.

Ballyfin

Fri. 20 th May	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Celebration of the Eucharist.
Sat. 21 st May	8.00 pm	Vigil Mass of 6 th Sun. of Easter.
Sun. 22 nd May	10.00 am	Mass of 6 th Sunday of Easter

Dr. Pat O'Dwyer, Castletown Rd., Month's Mind Mass in Mountrath Ch. at 11.30 am
 2.00 pm 1st Holy Communion Mass
 Mon. 23rd May 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification
 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

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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 Developemnt 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.



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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The 2022 Annual Kildare and Leighlin
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine has
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Full details on - www.kandle.ie

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 18th May

Nos. Drawn 14 20 26 28
 No Winner of € 15,000 Jackpot
 8 Match 3 Rec. € 125 each

1 Local Winner - Breda Tobin - Promoter, Harry Allen

New Jackpot € 16.000

Sincere Thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto for your help, cooperation and continued generosity and support

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Mountrath Lotto

Thurs. 19th May

Nos. Drawn 7 11 18 27

No Winner of €10,000 Jackpot

30 Match 3 Rec. € 34 each

4 Local Winners - Michael Hosey - Promoter, Pam Killeen

Rita Watkins - Promoter, Rita Watkins

Roisin Conroy - Promoter, Breda Conroy

Leo and Theresa Brophy - Promoter, Bernie Rice.

New Jackpot €11,000

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

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A Note from Triona. Library Manager, Mountrath

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2022 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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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

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- Led by Spiritual Director
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- 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
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