

## St. Fintan's Parishes Mountrath Ballyfin

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2021 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Lent

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## Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

During the current level 5 Lockdown, which began on Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec., all our Masses are celebrated behind closed doors in Mountrath Church. Anniversary Masses arranged for the Hollow Church will be celebrated in Mountrath Church on Saturday and Sundays -

### Mountrath Parish

Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am	Fr. John Lalor, P.P. Camross
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm	Mary Tynan, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb. 9.00 am	No Mass in the Hollow Church today.
11.30 am	Rita Moloney, Avomdale, Portlaoise Rd.,
Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb. 10.00 am	(Pat) Pad Farrell, Woodbrook, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. 10.00 am	Jean and Johnny Power
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am	Jimmy, Paddy, Margaret & Clare Marie O'Neill, Shannon St.,
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am	Fergal Farrell, Brockera 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm	Eileen Gosling (Nee Fahy) 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. John Gosling (Eileen's Husband) Bridie Branagan (Nee Gosling) - Daughter Neil Branagan (Grandson) and Deceased members of Gosling, Fahy and Branagan families
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.00 am	No Mass in the Hollow Church today
11.30 am	Bridie Hetherington (Nee Byrne) Dysartbeigh, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. John Bergin (Bridie's Uncle) Ann Fitzpatrick (Nee Delaney) Clonbarrow. 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Peter and Molly Rice, Val and Vera Rice and Rose Kenny
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mch. 10.00 am	Peg Keeshan (Nee Lalor) Patrick St., 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Lord, for  
your faithful  
people,  
Life is  
changed, not  
ended

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Parish Website for  
links to Webcams

## Ballyfin Parish

During the lockdown, Mass is celebrated behind closed doors - all Anniversary Mass remembrances arranged for Ballyfin Church will be celebrated on Sunday mornings (10.00 am Mass)

Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Personal Prayer

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10.00 am Podge Ryan, O'Moore Forest, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Jim Fingleton, Ross - (Anniversary about this time)

Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Personal Prayer

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am James (Jim) Delaney, Clonagawn, Month's Mind

## Noel Ryan. - Bedford, England, Factory St., R.I.P.

We pray for Noel who died at his home in Bedford England on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Noel's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his parents, Helen and Noel, sister, Kelly, brother, Donal and their families, nephew Thomas, niece and Godchild, Fayé, uncles, aunts, extended family, relatives and a large circle of friends.

## Patrick (Paddy) Murphy, Spa Hill R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died peacefully at Portlaoise Regional Hosp. on Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Paddy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, mountrath on Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to wife, Ann, sons Matthew and Patrick, daughter Carole, and their families, grandchildren, nephews, in particular Philip who offered him such care and attention in his later years, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends.

## Rita Breen (née Reddin) Roselawn, Portlaoise, - Patrick St., Brittas.

We pray for Margaret Therese (Rita) (late of Patrick st., Mountrath) who died on Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Rita's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church., Portlaoise on this Sunday at 12 midday, followed by burial in local cemetery. We extend sympathy to her sons, Pascal and Ger (Fr Gerard Breen, Stradbally). brother Michéal, sisters Vera, Rose and Maura, nephews, nieces, extended family, neighbours and friends.

## Sr. Breda Ryan, Brigidine Sister. Athy, Abbeyleix, Mountrath. R.I.P.

We pray for Sr. Brid who died peacefully at Clover Lodge Nursing Home, Athy on Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Sr. Brid's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix on Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. followed by burial in Community Cemetery. We extend sympathy to sisters, Meave and Josephine, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, nieces-in-law, nephews-in-law, and their families. Brigidine Community and her many friends.

*May Noel, Paddy, Margaret Therese (Rita) and Sr. Brid rest in the peace of Christ.*

## To Fergal

On your 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

You never said I'm leaving  
You never said goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows the reason  
why,

A million times we needed you  
A million times we cried  
If love alone could have saved you  
You never would have died

In life we loved you dearly  
In death we love you still  
In our hearts we hold a place  
That only you can fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God took you home.

Love and miss you every day  
*Lynda, Brian, Colin,  
Cian and Caoimhe XXXXX*

Fergal's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Mass will be  
celebrated in Mountrath Ch. on  
Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am  
Join us on the Parish Webcam

## Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021

Nos. Drawn 15 21 29 31

Jackpot € 20,000

No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 200

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Mountrath Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, 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.

The Lotto is a vital source of Parish income at this time. In this period of Lockdown we are relying heavily on income from Mountrath Parish Lotto to keep the bills paid and keep our Parish Facilities open and functioning - so your loyal support is very much appreciated.

## What Does Lent Mean?

While we associate Lent with preparation for Easter, the word 'Lent' actually comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lencten, meaning 'Spring'. That might seem strange at first but when we think about it there is an obvious connection between Spring and our preparation for Easter.

While the images of Spring may be of blooming flowers, spring lambs and lengthening, warmer days, none of this is instantaneous. It is a slow process of change, growth and new beginnings as nature turns away from the cold and harshness of Winter towards the warmth and light of Spring. Our journey in Lent is a bit like that, offering us an annual opportunity, in the light and warmth of our faith, for change, growth and new beginnings.

Every Spring, every Lent, holds the promise of a fresh start and new life; this is a time when we can honestly look at our lives and take even the simplest of steps to turn back to and deepen our relationship with God and allow our faith to impact who we are in the world.

In other languages the word Lent comes from the Latin, Quadragesima - a period of 40 days. In the Christian tradition the forty days is understood to refer to a time of intense prayer and preparation; we remember the biblical stories of Noah and the flood of forty days, the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness and, primarily, we remember Christ's forty day fast in preparation for his ministry.

Lent is our forty days of preparation to renew our baptism at Easter and to put ourselves back on track to live the life our baptism calls us to live in the everyday circumstances in which we find ourselves. Lent, then, is a time of doing penance, of actively embracing the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. None of these are ends in themselves, they are all part of the process that leads us back to God.

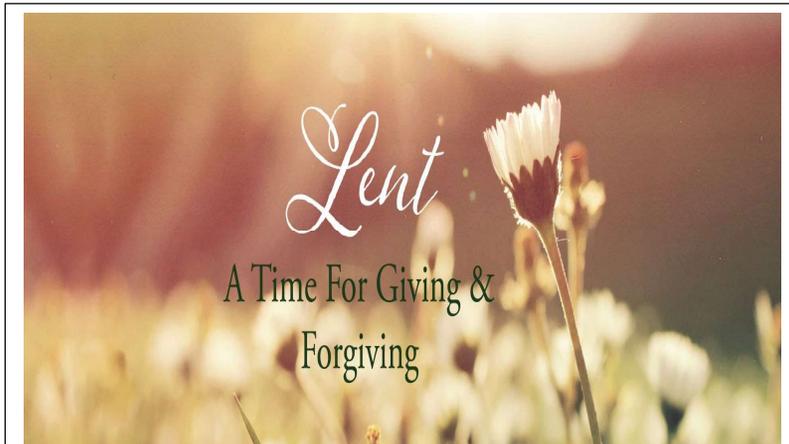
## Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021

Nos. Drawn 01 15 26 29 Jackpot € 14,000 Not Won

9 Match 3 - Each Rec. € 112 Next Week's Jackpot €15,000

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A Note from K & L Co-Op Lotto People. We give prior notice of our draw scheduled for Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021. We will hold the draw that week on Tues. 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope this suits.



It today  
If you planted hope