

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 19th - Sun. 20th April Easter Vigil Easter Sunday

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 19th - Sun 27th April

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Church unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 19th Apr. 8.00 pm Holy Saturday

James (Jim) Wall, Woodbrook. 6th Anniv.

Sun. 20th Apr. **Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**

9.00 am The Hollow Church

11.30 am Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

Tues. 22nd Apr 10.00 am Patricia Connolly and Patricia's parents,
Patrick and Mary Connolly, Kilbricken

Wed. 23rd Apr. 10.00 am

Thurs. 24th Apr. 7.30 pm Statia and John Phelan. Golf Links Road.
Statia's 6th Anniv. John's 38th Anniv.

Fri. 25th Apr. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 26th Apr. 7.00 pm Mary Kiely (nee Doyle) Shannon Rd., M.M.

Andy O'Connor, Dysartbeigh. 5th Anniv.

Margaret Taylor, Nora Dunne,

Annie Wilson, Margaret Clarke, Monabaun.

Sun. 27th Apr. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

11.30 am **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 3rd May 7.00 pm Michael (Mick) Boyhan.

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

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke Peter Byrne
Mountrath Parish. Caroline Moore Pacelli 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

Easter Ceremonies on RTÉ

RTÉ broadcasts Easter Ceremonies from The Church of St's Peter and Paul, Easter Saturday, 11pm The Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection Main Celebrant - Bishop Denis Nulty

Denis Cullen, St. Fintan's Terrace R.I.P. Mountrath and Ballyfermot

We pray for Denis who died on Tues. 8th Apr. Reposed at Massey Bros. Funeral Home, Clondalkin Village followed by burial on Mon. 14th April in Esker Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Denis' brothers and sisters and their families, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Denis rest in the peace of Christ

Mountrath Daffodil Day Team

Acknowledge most generous donations amounting to €10,260.00 received on their recent Daffodil Day. A special and heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. Thanks to all who contributed daffodils, gave of their time and energy, all the sellers and helpers, coordinators and all who facilitated and donated to this very special event

1st Holy Communion Dates

Gaelscoil Thromaire Sunday 4th May

The Hollow Church 9.00 am

Scoil Bride, Mountrath. St. Fintan's Boys School,
Sun. 11th May 2025 St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath
Time 11.30 am

Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 17th Apr.

Nos. Drawn 16 19 22 29

No €18,000 Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3 Winners Rec. €125 ea

2 Local Winners

Oliver Conroy

Promoter, Celine Cripps

M Kinsella

Promoter, Ann Carroll

Next Week's Jackpot €19,000

*Thank you for your continued
and generous support of
Mountrath Parish Lotto.*

Bishop Denis' Easter Message

My mother was fifteen years dead on April 15th. Her death was sudden and unexpected, particularly when I think of dad's. When those we love die, years tend to morph into one another, you forget the number of years. Fifteen years is but a twinkling of an eye.

There is a line in Luke's Easter Vigil gospel that captures this beautifully, as it takes our focus from the grave, from the tombstone: "*why look among the dead for someone who is alive?*" Those we love and lose to death are alive in Christ and are alive in our hearts.

The three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are essentially one liturgy lasting three days. Holy Thursday begins but doesn't end. Good Friday picks up the themes but leaves us at Golgotha while on Holy Saturday we wait at a tomb, waiting for the dawn to break, waiting for the tomb to be cracked open.

The Triduum is three days in one. Easter is fifty days in one. Let's make the most of these fifty days and feel the life of Christ fully alive among us. I am very conscious of the great work done across all our parishes to unpack the Easter story. I thank priests and people who do so much to make these days special.

As the hymn prays:
*"Christ is alive, with joy we sing,
We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"*

Blessings to you as we celebrate the life of Christ and the life of all we've lost to death. Happy Easter!
+Denis

Table Quiz.

Presented by Class of '90 at Bloom HQ.

Thurs. 1st May 8.00 pm Sharp.

€10.00 per person. Tables of 4

All proceeds to Class of '90 Restoration

Project **Monster Raffle**

Trophies for 1st 2nd 3rd Winners