

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 26th – Sun 27th Aug. 2023 21st Sun. in Ordinary Time
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We keep and hold in
our prayers people
who are ill or unwell
at this time

Parish Visitation for Sept.

Tues. 5th Mountrath Country
Wed. 6th Mountrath Town
Thurs. 7th Ballyfin Parish

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 26th Aug. – Sun. 3rd Sept.

Sat. 26th Aug. 7.00 pm John Phelan, Knockanina 1st Anniv.
Marie Williams (Nee Phelan) Moonbawn. 2nd Anniv.
Also, Patrick and Fintan Williams, Moonbawn.
Thomas, Eileen and Noel McKeivitt, Late of Main St.,
The Hollow Church.

Sun. 27th Aug. 9.00 am Maura (Máire) Kissane (Nee Miller) Main St., 6th Anniv.
11.30 am People who are ill in the Parish

Mon. 28th Aug. 10.00 am William and Mary Heffernan
Tues. 29th Aug. 10.00 am Patrick and Margaret Heffernan
Wed. 30th Aug. 10.00 am James and Sheila Cahill -
Kevin Byrne. -

Thurs. 31st Aug. 10.00 am
Fri. 1st Sept. 10.00 am 1st Friday - John and Agnes Byrne, Main St.,
John 46th Anniv - Agnes 16th Anniv.

Sat. 2nd Sept. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for 22nd Sun. in Ord. Time
Sun. 3rd Sept. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.
11.30 am John Gee. 30th Anniv.

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

Pastoral Area Meetings

Having met in June last we will gather again in each Pastoral Area in September to further reflect and tease out together the principles that will shape our future of co-responsibility and how we must think in terms of our cluster group and our wider pastoral area. These meetings are vitally important and representation from all parishes is encouraged. Our Meeting is arranged for Tues. 5th Sept. 7.00 pm (Portlaoise Parish Centre)

World Meeting of Families 2018 – Celebrating 5th Anniv.

This week marks five years since Ireland hosted the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, from 21 – 26 August 2018 (WMOF2018). This was a very significant celebration of family life in Ireland, attended by thousands including Pope Francis who has had the family at the heart of his pontificate over the past ten years. Pope Francis sees families as “God’s dream for humanity”.

Official Prayer for World Meeting of Families

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:

(we pause and remember our family members and others by name).

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

St Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zéile Martin, pray for us.

Rás na mBan Stage 3 Start Portlaoise – Finish Mountrath Fri 8th Sept.

Rás na mBan Ireland's biggest international stage cycle race with over 100 of the world's top women racers is coming to Mountrath! Stage 3 - Friday September 8th, starts in Portlaoise at Laois County Council Offices from 11:00am passing through Stradbally, Emo, Mountmellick, Clonaslee, The Cut, Mountrath, Ballacolla and Abbeyleix. The race will pass through Mountrath at approximately 1pm before finishing in Mountrath at approximately 2pm. The race will finish on Patrick Street with the finish line/stage approximately 200m from St. Fintans Church. Midlands 103 will broadcast live from The Square in Mountrath from 12 – 3pm. The race is also broadcast on RTE and Eurosport. You are invited to come and support Ireland's top racers including the Irish national team doing battle with riders from all over the world representing 25 teams, 15 nations, over 100 riders and put Mountrath on the map!

See www.rasnamban.com See online Newsletter for some pics.

For the full stage 3 race route see <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41818995>.

Mountrath Lotto Thurs. 24th Aug Nos. Drawn 1 5 15 31

No Jackpot Winner - 17 Match 3's Rec. € 59 ea.

Full results on Online Newsletter New Jackpot € 14,000

Mary Sheridan, Virginia R.I.P.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully at her home on Wed. 23rd Aug. Mary's Funeral was celebrated in Mary Immaculate Church, Virginia on Sat. 26th Aug. followed by burial in Virginia Old Cemetery. We keep and hold in our prayers, her daughter, Betty Hosey, Trumera and all her family at this sad time. May Mary rest in the peace of Christ.