

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 16th 17th April 2022 Easter Sunday

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Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 16th - Sun. 24th April

Sat. 16th Apr. 8.00 pm Easter Vigil - Lighting and Blessing of Paschal Fire 8 pm

Sun. 17th Apr. 10.00 am Easter Sunday, Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Mon. 18th Apr. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification
7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Fri. 22nd Apr. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
7.30 pm John Joe Downey and Deceased family members

Sat. 23rd Apr. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sun. 24th Apr. 10.00 am Mass of 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mon. 25th Apr. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

Ballyfin CDA AGM Wednesday 27th April 8.00 pm

Ballyfin Community Development Association will hold its AGM at 8.00pm on Wed. 27th April in the Function Room of The Deadmans Inn, Ballyfin. All residents (over 18 years of age) of the Ballyfin area are invited to attend. Details of a grant received to develop Stage I of a children's playground for Ballyfin will be announced at the meeting and the plan for the development will be displayed.

We hope to see you there ... follow us on Facebook @BallyfinCDA

For Lotto results see Parish website and App.

Ministries Rota Sat. 23rd – Sun. 24th April

Reader Min. of Holy Communion

Sat. 23rd Apr. 8.00 pm Br. Matthew Hayes Deirdre Fitzpatrick

Sun. 24th Apr. 10.00 am Joe Fingleton Crescentia Phelan

Cleaners Group 1 - For April '22

Ann Quinn Mary Thompson Mary Gorman Martina Makem

Collectors for April

Sat. Sheila Dowling, Charlie Gorman Sun. Kieran O'Connor

Laois Spring Clean-Up Week

Ballyfin Community Alert have registered to take part in Laois Co. Co. Clean-Up Week. Litter pickers, bags and gloves will be distributed to volunteers on Sat 16th April at Community Centre from 10.00 -10.30 am. Bags of litter only to be left at recycling bank. Collection date by Council is Tues. 26th Apr from 7am.

55 Envelopes € 547.50
Offertory Coll. € 230.90
Lenten Stations. € 130.00
Easter Dues. € 300.00
Coll. For Ukraine € 50.00
Retired Priests fund € 5.00

Ballyfin Parish Income
9th - 10th April

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

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

An Easter Message from Bishop Denis

Everyone remarks these days on how good it is to be able to gather together. These past two years of restricted and curtailed ceremonies, in this most sacred week of the year, was very challenging. While we continue to emerge out of that more restricted period we are learning, now, what we must do to live alongside this pandemic. The mantra from health authorities has moved, positively, from 'regulation' to our taking on 'personal responsibility'.

Earlier this week, our Chrism Mass offered us the opportunity to gather in large numbers for the first time in three years. And we have continued to gather in those numbers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and into the great Easter Vigil and Easter Day. Isn't it great to gather, wonderful to see each other in a faith context again?

Today on Easter Sunday we gather at an empty tomb in the realisation that Jesus has risen: "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen" (Lk.24:5), the two men tell the women as they gather at first light at the empty tomb. He is alive, then and now, and His life brings joy and hope to our Church.

During Lent we gathered in different groups, in different fora, as we took part in the Listening Lent on the Universal Synod journey which Pope Francis has invited us. In those gatherings you spoke honestly about your joys, your pains, your hopes for the Church, your Church, our Church. These gatherings remind us of the importance of our listening to one another; as the women listened to the angels, and the disciples listened to the women.

It is also very important to listen to the Risen Lord. Holy Week has offered us very tangible ways to experience our faith: the washing of the feet – our invitation to service, the veneration of the Cross – our invitation to reverence, the Easter Vigil fire – our invitation to be that light for one another.

Christ is our Light. His light comes from an empty tomb. A light that penetrates the darkness of war and the prevalence of evil in our world. A light that reminds us, we have nothing to fear. A light, in a world that is broken that offers hope. A light that illuminates a message we need now to hear.

As we gather, wherever we gather, may we put before the Risen Lord our joys and hopes, our griefs and anguishes in the knowledge that in Him all things are redeemed, all hope restored, and all life is made new. – Blessings for Easter, Bishop Denis