

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 17th - Sun. 18th Dec. '22 4th Sun. Advent

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Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 16th - Sun. 25th Dec.

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| Fri. 16 th Dec. 5.00 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. | We keep in our Prayers People, their families and carers, who are ill - at home, in Hospital or in a Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical procedures, at this time |
| 7.30 pm | Mary Thompson (Nee Kenna) 1 st Month's Mind Mary Madden, The Knocks. 3 rd Anniv. Deceased members of Madden Family. Mary Brady (Nee Cox) Clontowra, 6 th Anniv. Pauline McManus and family, Briscula | |
| Sat. 17 th Dec. 8.00 pm | Joseph, Ellen and Rory Culleton, Clonagown. Tim Heffernan, Brockera. 14 th Anniv. | |
| Sun. 18 th Dec. 10.00 am | Elizabeth and Brian O'Donnell, Clonkeen. | |
| Mon. 19 th Dec. 7.00 pm | Apostolate of Sanctification. | |
| Tues. 20 th Dec 8.00 pm | Ballyfin Penitential Service. | |
| Fri. 23 rd Dec. 5.00 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. | |
| 7.30 pm | | |
| Sat 24 th Dec. 8.00 pm | Vigil Mass for Christmas | |
| Sun. 25 th Dec. 8.00 am | Dawn Mass on Christmas Day. | |
| 10.00 am | Richard O'Rourke, (6 th A) Campclone, and daughter, Fiona | |

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

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

Ballyfin Parish Income

8th - 10th - 11th Dec.

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| 44 Envelopes | € 571.90 |
| Offertory Coll | € 247.88 |
| Christmas Dues | € 420.00 |
| Nov. Shrines | € 60.68 |

A Christmas Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the Angels, the eagerness of the Shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. - Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you, your family, your loved ones and the ones you hold dear, this Christmas time.

Christmas Ceremonies

Christmas Penitential Services Tues. 20th Dec.

Mountrath Church 7.00 pm Ballyfin Church 8.00 pm

Portlaoise Parish Church Thurs. 22nd Dec. 7.30 pm

Individual Confessions

Christmas Eve - Sat. 24th Dec. 11.00 am Both Parishes

Christmas Vigil Masses

Mountrath 8.00 pm Ballyfin 8.00 pm

Masses on Christmas Day

Ballyfin - 8.00 am and 10.00 am

The Hollow Church 9.00 am Mountrath Ch. 11.30 am

On Tues. 13th Dec. Met Éireann issued a Status Orange Weather Warning for 19 counties (Laois being one of these Counties) from 6pm on Wed. 14th Dec. to 12 noon on Thurs. 15th Dec. The Orange Weather warning told us to "expect extremely cold weather with widespread temperatures below -5 degrees leading to severe frost and ice. Regretfully, in view of this Status Orange Weather Warning we had no option but to cancel our Christmas Carol Service which we had prepared for Wed. last. Please God, we will have other opportunities to raise our voices in song and praise this Christmas Time.

Ministries Rota Sat. 24th Sun. 25th Dec.

Reader Min. of Holy Comm.

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| Sat 24 th 8.00 pm | Sheila Dowling | Sheila Dowling - Brid Duff |
| Sun. 24 th 8.00 am | Br. Matthew Hayes. | |
| 10.00 am | Br. Gerry Reburn | Crescintia Phelan - Maria Dowling |

Church Cleaners for December

Sheila Dowling Eilish Brennan - Vera Lanham
Ann Heffernan - Breda Lanham Sheila Keenan

Collectors for December

Sat. Tom Thompson Adrian Greene
Sun. Liam Conroy, Kieran O'Connor

Ballyfin Lotto Wed. 14th

Nos. Drawn 1 7 25 27

No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3 Rec. Each € 72

1 Local Winner

Breda Merdith

Promoter, Breda Hooban

New Jackpot € 15,000

Thank You Note From "Mary's Meals"

A fun-filled, festive celebration was held at Ballyfin Community Centre on Sun. 4th Dec. € 6828.50 was raised - this will feed 373 children in their place of education for an entire school year. It is a wonderful thing to imagine the terrific changes the community of Ballyfin and surrounding areas has made to the lives of these children and to those of their families and community. Your generosity, both of time and of donations of goods and money, has been so heart-warming and encouraging. A million thanks! Wishing you a blessed Christmas, filled with the joy that you have so willingly shared with those who need it most!

A Very Sincere - Thank You - Angela Moore.