

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. '22 Christmas

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### Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. - Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. '23

Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	7.00 pm	Martin Gilligan. R.I.P. Reception Ceremony.	
	7.30 pm	Celebration of the Eucharist	
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	11.00 am	Martin Gilligan, Funeral Mass	
	8.00 pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas	<i>Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended</i>
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	8.00 am	Dawn Mass on Christmas Day.	
	10.00 am	Richard O'Rourke, (6 <sup>th</sup> A) Campclone, and daughter, Fiona	
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7.00 pm	Apostolate of Sanctification.	
Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	5.00 pm	Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament.	<b>We keep and hold in our Thoughts and Prayers at this time.</b>
	7.30 pm	Celebration of the Eucharist	
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	8.00 pm		<i>People, their families and carers, who are ill – at home, in Hospital or in a Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures.</i>
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	10.00 am	New Year's Day.	
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	7.00 pm	Apostolate of Sanctification.	

### 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.

### Ministries Rota Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan.

	Reader	Min. of Holy Comm.
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> 8.00 pm	Catherine Carroll	Mary Hooban
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> 8.00 am	Catherine Carroll	Breda merdith
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm	Esther Phelan	

### Church Cleaners for January (Group 3)

Mary Finn Kathleen Downey Marie McEvoy  
Derbhla Culleton Esther Phelan

### Collectors for January

Sat. Denis Bowe Tom Beehan  
Sun. Denis Daly.

### Ballyfin Lotto Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.

Nos. Drawn 7 17 18 32

No Jackpot Winner

9 Match 3 Rec. Each €112

New Jackpot €16,000

*Thank you for your Generous Support of Ballyfin Parish Lotto throughout the year.*

### 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

17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.

28 Envelopes	€ 282.00
Offertory Call	€ 203.04
Christmas Dues	€310.00
Nov. List	€ 10.00
VDP Donation	€ 100.00

### Martin Gilligan, Ballyfin Road, Mountrath R.I.P.

We pray for Martin who died peacefully in Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Martin's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Christmas Eve) followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Ian, Jenna, Beryl, his son in law John, grandchildren Kate, Louis and Ruby. - Siblings, Anthony, Aidan, John, Margaret, Ann, Claire, Gabrielle, Majella, Angela, Carmel, Frances, Mary and families, extended Gilligan and Grehan families, relatives, neighbours and friends.

*May Martin now rest in the peace of Christ.*

### A message from an Garda Siochana

An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud and theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks. Elderly People are being targeted at their homes by Criminals who are impersonating Gardaí. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardaí who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country and stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.

### Advice:

An Garda Siochana will never ask people about their finances on the doorstep of their homes and will never ask to check money Always ask for Identification and do not be afraid to question it. If in doubt politely tell the caller that you want to verify their true identity. If necessary contact your local Garda Station who will be able to establish quickly if the caller is a member of An Garda Siochana. Report any such activity to your local Garda Station even if you have not been the victim of a theft. That report could save a neighbour or someone else close by.

*Please check on elderly neighbours, family and friends and advise and reassure them*

### Enrolment for Ballyfin

### National School

Applications/Enrolments to Ballyfin N.S. will open on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and close on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Application forms for our new Junior Infants for the school year 2023/2024 can be downloaded from the school website [www.ballyfinns.ie](http://www.ballyfinns.ie)