

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 15th Jan. '23

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

Sat. 14th Jan. - Sun. 15th Jan. 2023

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Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on FM 104.5

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Cemetery Masses In Mountrath ~ Ballyfin during 2023

Ballyfin New Cemetery

Sun. 11th June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 28th June

Clonenagh Cemetery. Fri. 7th July

C;ondarrig Cemetery Wed. 2nd Aug.

Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6th Sept.

All our Cemetery Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

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

Enrolment for All our Parish Schools

Now open

Application forms for the school year
2023/2024 can be downloaded from
the relevant school websites

Thought for the New Year

Every challenge
we face in life
is nothing but
an opportunity
which helps us
move ahead in life

Kathleen Killeen (née Guilfoyle) Borris-in-Ossory, R.I.P.

We pray for Kathleen who died peacefully at her home on Thurs. 5th Jan. Kathleen's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Canice's Church on 9th Jan followed by burial in Derrinsallagh Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all her family. Also siblings, Winnie, Chris (Russell, Fr.O'Connor Cresc.) Mary, Annmaire, Margaret, Ester and Pauline, Jimmy and Jody and their families, nephews, nieces, neighbours, relatives and friends.

Eddie O'Donovan, Sandymount, Dublin R.I.P.

We pray for Eddie who died peacefully on Wed. 11th Jan. Eddie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount on Sat. 14th Jan. followed by burial in Kilternan Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all his family. Also siblings Dolores (Mulhare, Woodbrook) Matt and Mike and their families, nieces, nephews relatives and friends.

Mai O'Rourke (Nee Conroy) Springfield. R.I.P.

We pray for Mai who died peacefully at Lourdesville N.H. Kildare on Tues. 10th Jan. Mai's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Sat. 14th Jan. followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, relatives, dear neighbours and her many great friends.

Mary Maher (née Allen) - Borris Rd, Portlaoise, (Formerly Eyne) R.I.P.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully at her home on Sun. 8th Jan. Mary's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of The Assumption, The Heath on Thurs. 12th Jan. followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to husband Gerry, children, Geraldine Caitriona, Padraig. and families - mother, Bridie, sisters Breda, Barbara , brothers Harry (Pallas) Dan and John and families, nieces and nephews, neighbours, relatives and friends.

May Kathleen and Eddie Mai and Mary rest in the peace of Christ.

Diary Dates for 2023

Confirmation Date - Ballyfin Parish

Fri. 12th May 2023 Time 11.00 am - Main Celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

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With children of Scoil Bhride and St. Fintan's

The Hollow Church

Sun. 21st May Time 9.00 am - With children of Gaelscoil Thromaire.

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Sun. 28th May (With children of Barnashrone NS) Time 2.00 pm

Mountrath Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 14th - Sun. 22th Jan' 23

Sat. 14th Jan. 7.00 pm John (Jackie) Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 2nd Anniv.
John, Joseph and Mary Byrne, Redcastle.
Peter and Mollie Rice, Val and Vera Rice, Rosie Kenny

Sun. 15th Jan. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch.
11.30 am John Connor, Cappagh. 2nd Anniv.
Noel Ryan, (Jnr) Factory St. 2nd Anniv. Noel died 16th Jan.'21

Mon. 16th Jan. 10.00 am

Tues. 17th Jan. 10.00 am

Wed. 18th Jan. 10.00 am

Thur. 19th Jan. 10.00 am The Dollard Family, Forest.

Fri. 20th Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 21st Jan. 7.00 pm Dan, Nora, Donal and Martin Ryan, New Line Road.

Sun. 22nd Jan. 9.00 am The Hollow Church

11.30 am Billy Brophy, Woodbrook. 1st Anniv.

Peter, Brigid and Kieran Farrell, Dysartbeigh.

Ballyfin Church Sat. 21st Jan. 8.00 pm Martin Gilligan, Derrylusk, Month's Mind
Martin's Parents, Martin and Catherine and Siblings, Joan and Francis

1st Anniv. Mass Remembrance

Bernard (Bernie) O'Keeffe, Moanbaun Close - Sun. 5th Feb. 11.30 am

Ballyfin Mass Times Anniversaries

Fri. 14th Jan. - Sun. 22nd Jan.'23

- Fri. 13th Jan. 7.30 pm Hooban Family, Upper Sconce
- Sat. 14th Jan. 8.00 pm Michael and Mary McCormack, Clonurke
Fintan and Frances Lawlor, Cappinacraire.
- Sun. 15th Jan. 10.00 am P.J. Higgins, The Knocks, 6th Anniv.
Kathleen Higgins, The Knocks 7th Anniv.
- Mon. 16th Jan.. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.
- Fri. 20th Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30 pm Denis and Bridie Walsh, Coolnamona
Patrick and Maureen Lynch, Clonurke
Kathleen and Matt. Dunphy, Barkmills
- Sat. 21st Jan. 8.00 pm Martin Gilligan, Derrylusk, Month's Mind
Martin's Parents, Martin and Catherine and siblings, Joan and Francis
Tommy O'Rourke, Ballycormick 3rd Anniv.

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

GAA WE ARE COMMUNITY

Mountrath GAA
Ireland Lights Up

in partnership with
RTE
OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

Commencing Tuesday the 10th of January @ 7pm in
Mountrath GAA Pitch and every Tuesday and Thursday
nights @ 7pm

Enjoy Community walks in you local Gaa Club, everyone welcome.

hi **SPORT IRELAND** **GET IRELAND WALKING** **GAA WHERE WE ALL BELONG**

Prayer for the New Year

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed every creature and plant,
every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year,
may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now
and in the days ahead.

Vinita Hampton Wright

For people who mourn the loss of a loved one

Lord of all gentleness, You are close to the broken-hearted. We entrust into your care those who mourn the loss of a loved one this day. Surround them with your love and comfort them in their sorrow. Grant that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss. May they know the consolation and support of the Christian community. Give them confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days ahead. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

An important 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.

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.

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 12th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 2 6 18 21

No Jackpot Winner

19 Match 3 Rec. Each € 53.00

Next Week's Jackpot € 13,000

Yearly and ½ Yearly Lotto Gift Vouchers
available

Very Sincere thanks to everyone involved in in our Parish Lottos - Organising Committees, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. We extend a very sincere "thank you" for your loyal support and your unending generosity throughout the year.



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 11th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 5 11 15 23

1 Jackpot Winner of € 17,000

28 Match 3 Winners

Each Rec. € 36.00

New Jackpot € 10,000

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Thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds.

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are not doing too bad, thanks in no small part to your generosity. I wish to acknowledge your support given via the weekly envelopes (2023 boxes are ready for distribution at present). Contributing to the Parish by envelope allows us to keep track of your donations for the whole year and, where possible, (and totally at your discretion) claim the additional 45% back from Revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. If you are not as yet, part of this scheme – and would like more information, please contact me when you get a chance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it is very much appreciated.

Different ways of supporting your Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable

to “Mountrath Parish” - or “Ballyfin Parish”

Please indicate - Parish Fund or Clergy Fund (for support of the priests of the Parish)

Cheques can be posted to – Parish Office, Parochial House, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website – www.kandle.ie ⇐)

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ←

The following are our Bank Account Details

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details
(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50

BIC. - BOFIE2D

Ballyfin Parish - Bank Account Details
(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Please include your own name as the reference.

⇒ Support Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos ←

If you have any queries or would like to speak with us regarding donating to the Parish or participating in the charity tax donation scheme,
just ring me on 087 241 1594 (Fr. Joe)

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Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish

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Child Safeguarding Contact Details

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

Ms. Kathleen Sherry Tel 085 802 1633

Email: dlp@kandle.ie

Deputy DLP's Ms. Michele Hughes Tel 086 1710643 and

Fr. Mícheál Murphy Tel: 086 8244629

Garda National Protective Services Bureau

01 6663430/35

1800 555 222

Tusla Child & Family Agency

Kilkenny & Carlow area – 052 617 7302

Laois & Offaly – 044 935 3997

Kildare & West Wicklow – 045 839 300

HSE Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Carlow, Kilkenny: Tel: 056 778 4325

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Kildare, Wicklow: Tel: 045 920410

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Laois, Offaly: Tel: 01 6914632

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National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland,

New House, Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Phone: 01 5053124
/ 01 5053026 Email: admin@safeguarding.ie

Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Bishop Denis invites this prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at all our
Masses

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

Apostolate of Sanctification

St. Fintan's Church, Church, Ballyfin Every Monday Starts at 7.00 pm

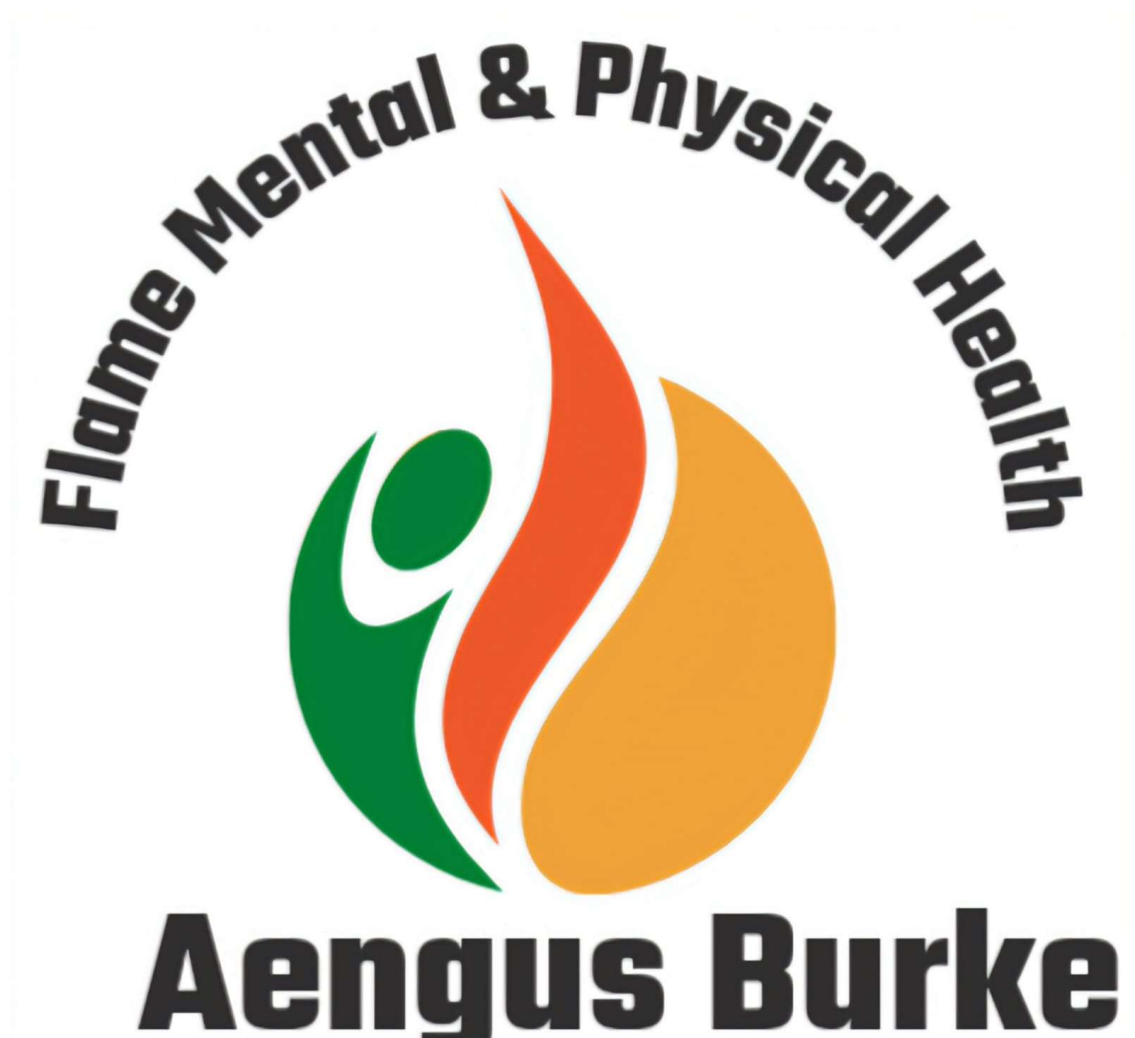
Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45pm in our parish church, St. Fintan's Ballyfin. All are invited to join in the two hour session which consists of community prayer, reciting -The Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditations on The Holy Rosary and a chaplet offered for our Bishops and priests in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament. When we pray for our priests, Our Lady of Knock blesses us and our families abundantly. All most welcome!



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU)

Wed. 18th – Wed. 25th January - 2023

For this WPCU we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.



MIND AND BODY CLASSES. FEEL LIKE

NOBODY LISTENS ,

NO BODY UNDERSTANDS?

***Meet with like minded people in a safe , non judgemental
environment .***

Pick up some tools to improve Mental Health.

BLOOM HQ, MOUNTRATH.

WEDNESDAYS , 7.30 PM. Call/Text /Whatsapp

087 6100908.

To care for those
who once cared for us
is one of the highest
honors in life.

– Tia Walker



"Do good; seek justice."

Isaiah 1:17

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023 was selected by the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible for his death. These events brought anguish, but also time for the Christian communities to contemplate ways in

which they may be complicit in racial injustice. Christian unity is needed as a source of reconciliation and unity.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. He teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires. These virtues originate in God's love for all, and racism runs counter to this vision. Isaiah's challenge to do good and seek justice together applies equally to us today.

WPCU 2023 Daily

Readings

- Day 1, Learning to do the right thing
- Day 2, When justice is done...
- Day 3, Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly
- Day 4, Look, the tears of the oppressed
- Day 5, Singing the Lord's song as strangers in the land

- Day 6, Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me.
- Day 7, "What is now does not have to be"
- Day 8, The justice that restores communion

Scripture

Isaiah 1:12-18, Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan; plead for the widow

Luke 10:25-36, He asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Meditation

According to Isaiah, God wants Judah not only to practice justice but to embrace the principle of always doing the right thing. God wants us not only to care for orphans and widows but to do what is right and good for them and anyone marginalized by society. The Hebrew word for good is *yaw-tab'* and it means to be glad, joyful, pleasing, to do well, to make something beautiful.

To be Christian means to be a disciple. All Christians sit under the Word of God, learning together what it is to do good, and who it is that stands in need of this solidarity. As society becomes more indifferent to the needs of others, we, as the children of God, must learn to take up the cause of our oppressed brothers and sisters by speaking truth to power and if necessary, plead their case so that they may live in peace with justice. In doing this we will always do the right thing!

Our commitment to eradicate and to be healed of the sin of racism requires us to be prepared and willing to be in relationship with our Christian sisters and brothers.

Prayer

Lord, you called your people from slavery into freedom, Give us strength and courage to seek out those who are standing in need of justice. allow us to see this need and provide help, and through your Holy Spirit gather us into the one fold of Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. Amen.



Catholic Schools Week – 2023 – Walking Together in Faith & Love