

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

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Feast of the Baptism of The Lord

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 7th Jan. - Sun. 8th Jan. 2023

Feast of the Baptism of The Lord

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

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

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New Year 2023



Enrolment for Ballyfin National School

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

Thought for the New Year

And now we welcome
the new year.
Full of things
That
have never been."

—Rainer Maria Rilke, Poet

Mountrath Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 7th - Sun. 15th Jan' 23

Sat. 7th Jan. 7.00 pm

Sun. 8th Jan. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch.

11.30 am Andy Sinnott, Lower Sconce. 3rd Anniv.

Tom Fitzpatrick, Derrylusk. 5th Anniv.

Anna Sinnott, (Co. Wexford) 8th Anniv.

Jack and Marjorie Kenny, Main St.,

Mon. 9th Jan. 10.00 am Johanne, Mary and Annie Farrell, Woodbrook.

Tues 10th Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Wed. 11th Jan. 10.00 am Matt and Teresa O'Donovan, Roscrea.

Thur 12th Jan. 10.00 am Seamus Osborne, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 4th Anniv.

James McSpadden, Redcastle,

Fri. 13th Jan. 10.00 am Elizabeth and John Lowry, Clogrennan.

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

Ballyfin Church Sat. 21st Jan. 8.00 pm Martin Gilligan, Derrylusk, Month's Mind.

Lord, for your faithful people, Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Mass Times Anniversaries

Sun. 8th Jan.'23

Fri. 6th Jan. 5.00 pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist (Feast of the Epiphany)

Sat. 7th Jan. 8.00 pm

Sun. 8th Jan. 10.00 am Patrick, Winne and Mary Lalor,
Upper Sconce.

Mon. 9th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 13th Jan. 7.30 pm Hooban Family, Upper Sconce

Sat. 14th Jan. 8.00 pm Michael and Mary McCormack, Clonurke
Fintan and Frances Thompson, Cappinaclaire.

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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.



WHERE WE ALL BELONG

James (Jimmy) Birney, Crannagh, Castletown, R.I.P.

We pray for Jimmy who died suddenly on Sat. 31st Dec. Jimmy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Thurs. 5th Jan. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to brothers John and Paddy, sisters Lily and Cathleen, nieces, nephews and all their families, relatives, neighbours and his many friends.

Rita Quinlivan (née O'Shea) Ballingarry / Cappamore, R.I.P.

We pray for Rita who died peacefully at St Ita's Hospital, Newcastle West on Tues. 27th Dec. '22. Rita's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Clouncagh Church on Fri. 30th Dec. followed by burial in adjoining cemetery. We extend sympathy to son, Sean sisters Esther, Kathleen (Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Mountrath) Irene and their families., nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

May Jimmy and Rita rest in the peace of Christ

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.

A message from An Garda Síochána

An Garda Síochána 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 Síochána 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 Síochána.

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

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 5th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 12 17 24 28

No Jackpot Winner

15 Match 3 Rec. Each € 67.00 -

Next Week's Jackpot € 12,000

Yearly and ½ Yearly Lotto Gift Vouchers
available

Contact any Lotto Promoter or Fr. Joe

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. 4th Jan. '23

Nos. Drawn 2 5 6 10

No Jackpot Winner

25 Match 3 Winners

Each Rec. € 40.00

2 Local Winners

JPD and Maura Ryan

Promoter - Mary McEvoy

Geraldine Wren

Promoter, Kathleen Dunne

Next Week's Jackpot € 16,000

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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)

Stay connected with us!

Parish Website www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie - Links to Webcams on Home

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish

Confirmation

Confirmation Date - Ballyfin Parish

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



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

Email: safeguarding.cho5@hse.ie

Wicklow: Tel: 01 216 4511

Email: safeguarding.cho6@hse.ie

Kildare, Wicklow: Tel: 045 920410

Email: safeguarding.cho7@hse.ie

Laois, Offaly: Tel: 01 6914632

Email: safeguarding.cho8@hse.ie

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!

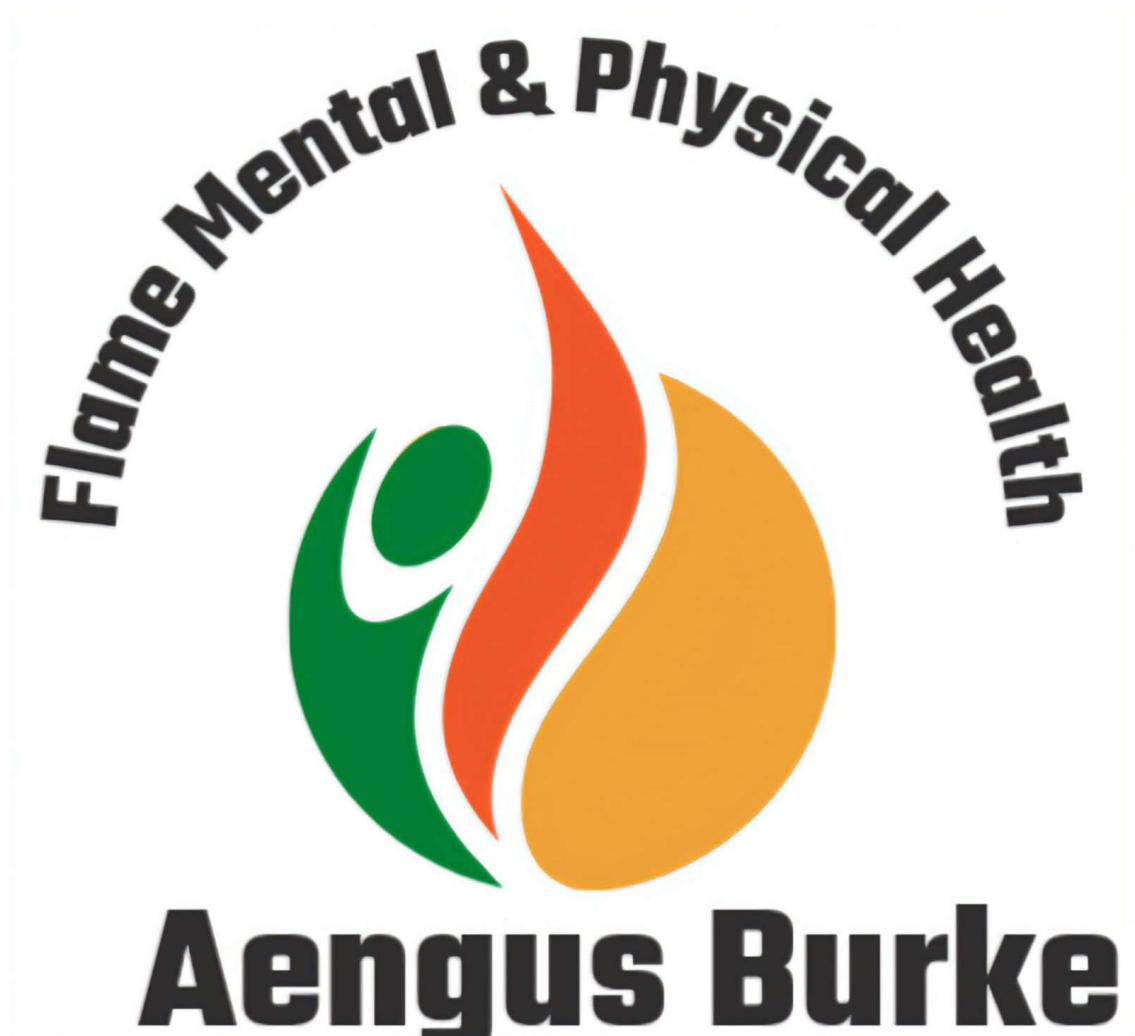


Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU)

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

