

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 19th June 2022

Feast of Corpus Christi

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 18th – Sun. 19th June 2022 - Feast of Corpus Christi

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Cemetery Masses during 2022

St. Fintan's, Mountrath, Fri. 24th June

Clonenagh, Fri. 8th July

(Cemetery on Left – From Mountrath)

Clondarrig. Wed. 3rd August

Boghlone Wed. 7th September

All Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

It will be nice to see the resumption of our Music Ministry at our Cemetery Masses, so Music and Choirs will be most welcome at all our Cemetery Masses this year.

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

Safeguarding Children Parish Representatives

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

We remember in our Prayers

People, their families and carers, who

are ill – at home, in Hospital or in a

Nursing Home, at this time

Mountmellick Macra Presents

For Better or Worse (3 Act Comedy)

June 17th - 18th - 19th - 8.15 pm

In Mountmellick Macra Hall

Paddy Parkinson, Trumera - R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died peacefully at Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Fri. 10th June.

Paddy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Mon. 13th June followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Marian, Clive, Gary, Paula, Ena, Olga and families, grandchildren Cian, Adam, Ryan, Lily Mai, Kate, Joe, and Saoirse, sister Mary, brothers Martin, Edward and John, and their families, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, extended family, relatives, neighbours and his many farming friends. - *May Paddy rest in the peace of Christ.*

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 18th May – Sun. 26th June

Mountrath

Sat. 18 th June	7.00 pm	Sarah Dunne (Nee Gougher) Trumera 1 st Anniv. George Tobin. Woodbrook. 28 th Aniv.
Sun. 19 th June	9.00 am	The Hollow Ch. Ned Murphy, Clonadacasey 7 th Anniv. And Ned's Son, Brian – 7 th Anniv.
	11.30 am	Patrick and Elizabeth Winters and deceased members of Winters Family Johnny Loughnane, 18 th Anniv.
Mon. 20 th June	10.00 am	
Tues. 21 st June	10.00 am	
Wed. 22 nd June	10.00 am	
Thurs 23 rd June	10.00 am	
Fri. 24 th June	10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead
	7.00 pm	Mass in St. Fintan's Cemetery (Mountrath Cemetery)
Sat 25 th June	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass of 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Sun. 26 th June	9.00 am	The Hollow Ch. John Tynan, London, Late of Clonkeen
	11.30 am	Sally Osborne (Nee Loughnane) Fr. O'Connor Cresc. M.M.

Catherine Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 10th Anniv.
 Maura Turner, Patrick St.,
 Her parents, Jack and Bridget Mc Pherson
 And Jim Thompson and Denis Turner

Ballyfin

Fri. 17th June 7.30 pm Pat Dunne and members of Dunne Family. Cappanrush

Sat. 18th June 8.00 pm Paddy Culleton, Pallas Big. 5th Anniv.

Ted. Fitzpatrick, Cappanrush.

Sun. 19th June 10.00 am Feast of Corpus Christi

Joe and Margaret Bennett,

and their daughter, Margaret, Coolnamona

Mon. 20th June 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

Fri. 24th June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Cemetery Mass at 7.00 pm in Mountrath – No Mass in Ballyfin

Sat. 25th June 8.00 pm Julia (Sheila) Farrell (Nee Byrne) Kiln Lane. 1st Anniv.

And her husband, Paddy and deceased family members.

Nuala McNamara (Nee Deevy) Ross. 2nd Anniv.

And her parents, William and Margaret Deevy

Elizabeth Murphy (Nee Multany) Cappagh. 6th Anniv.

Sun. 26th June 10.00 am John O'Rourke, Cappanrush.

Frances Bleach, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise,

her husband, Tom and deceased family members.

Paddy Keating, Brockera - 16th Anniv.

Mon. 27th June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

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Lourdes Invalid Fund Church Gate Collection.

Eleanor Duff, Mountmellick has been in contact with me regarding the Lourdes Church Gate Collection. – A Garda Permit has been issued for this Church Gate Collection for weekend of 2nd – 3rd July . If you would like to help out with this Collection in either Mountrath or Ballyfin, I invite you to contact Eleanor directly

- Eleanor's Contact number is 087 7670915

New Children's Playground In Ballyfin - it's on the way.

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This Summer Ballyfin Community Development Association will break ground on the Ballyfin Community Playground and we need your support. Please help us raise €15,000 for play equipment for the kids!

www.idonate.ie/ballyfinplayground

Scan to donate

BALLYFIN CDA
Community Development Association

This Summer Ballyfin CDA will break ground on the new playground and we need your support.

We are currently running a fundraiser to raise €15,000 towards the cost of the playground equipment.

The playground will be situated in the car park at the top of the GAA grounds. In the true spirit of community, both Ballyfin Parish and Ballyfin GAA have very generously donated a space for the new playground.

Phase I of the project will see a playground for 0-12 year olds on Ballyfin Parish lands, it is anticipated that with your support we can then move to Phase II in 2023 which will include lands generously provided by Ballyfin GAA to allow a further extension of the playground.

While €15,000 might seem like an ambitious target with your help and generosity we believe we can achieve this and deliver a top class playground for the children of Ballyfin and beyond.

I hope you can help us by donating whatever you can. We do suggest that families, in particular with preschool and primary school age children, consider the benefit of this amenity on their doorstep 365 days a years and the value to be had.

Donations can be made online at

www.idonate.ie/ballyfinplayground

or directly to Committee members

or via envelope at Masses - clearly marked Ballyfin Playground

Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club

Are holding their 11th annual Vintage & Veteran Road Run from the

Community Hall, Ballyfin at 2:00pm on Sunday 19th June Strictly vintage & veteran vehicles only. Visitors and spectators free and welcome to come along. Proceeds in support of Local Charities.

For queries or any additional information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, please call Pat O'Connor at 087-7824481.



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 Santification Mon. 6th June 2022

St. Fintan's Church, Church. Ballyfin 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!



Ballyfin Lotto 15th June

Nos. Drawn 2 5 8 14

1 Jackpot Winner

Received € 10,000

41 Match 3 Rec. € 25 each

4 Local Winners

John Scully – Promoter, Nicola Scully

David Whelan – Promoter, Harry Allen

Catherine Daly – Promoter, Denis Daly.

Aidan and Deirdre Heffernan. Prompter, Ann Heffernan

New Jackpot € 10.000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto – your loyal support is much appreciated

Mountrath Lotto 16th June

Nos. Drawn 8 13 17 27

14 Match 3's Rec. € 72 each

2 Local Winners

Joan Marum - Promoter, Rita Watkins

Sean Keenan - Promoter, Peg Keenan

Next Week's Jackpot €11,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish Lottos - Organizing 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

Official Opening of Gaelscoil Thromaire - Thurs. 16th June.

Congratulations to all in Gaelscoil Thromaire and Trumera Community as they celebrated the official opening of their beautiful new school on Thursday last.

I express thanks to everyone who made this day very special for all our children attending Gaelscoil Thromaire. Thanks to Bishop Denis and Norma Foley, TD. Minister for Education for being part of our special day.



Some memorable Quotes from the Day.

Liam O'Neill

"This is our Community. We've a Pitch, a Hall and a School and we're very proud of it."

Mairead ní Nualláin, Chairperson BOM

"I hope all of us consider our school into the future."

"Our school is the beating heart of our community and let us ensure it endures into the future."

Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD.

"A wonderful, historic day," "It gives me great hope to see the work done here ... keeping our lovely language alive."

Bishop Denis

"What a wonderful school you have," "I hope you're happy here learning and playing."

ALONE - The Organisation that supports Older People to Live Independently.

"ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? ? We are seeking volunteers to make Support and Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or

call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering.

A Note from Triona. Library Manager, Mountrath

Would you like to avail of the free Borrowbox online service from Laois Libraries?

Learn how to download e-books and listen to audio books on your device. Phone Portlaoise Library at 057/8622333 for further details.

Synod News

The diocesan synod synthesis will be available for view on the diocesan website, www.kandle.ie from Wednesday, June 1. Every diocese was required to submit the synthesis in a particular format with a 10 page limit. Parishes as well as the diocese will no doubt be looking to what emerged in local conversations as well as what will emerge in the national synthesis in the next few months. Again, thank you to all who took part. If you didn't get to, we very much hope that you will have a chance to do so in the future. Pope Francis is calling us to a new way of being Church together where we will continue to creating spaces and develop the habit of listening to one another locally and in the wider church.

A Pentecost Novena of thanksgiving for the diocesan phase of the synod began in the Irish Church on Friday, May 27th. The daily prayers can be

accessed on the diocesan synod webpage on www.kandle.ie and are posted daily on the diocesan Facebook page and Twitter account.

A Journey of Faith, Hope and Joy with St Patrick

Come and be refreshed on ancient paths in the cradle of Christianity in Ireland. Poor Clares Sr. Martina Purdy and Sr. Elaine Kelly will lead you on an amazing five-day pilgrimage. The Journey includes guided walks and a canoeing adventure to sites associated with St Patrick in County Down. Stay in Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, visit with monks along St Patrick's Way, and capture the joy of the first Christians in Ireland. From £850, no single supplement - all inc meals, transport, activities. Details <https://www.saintpatrickcentre.com/> or phone (0044) 028 4461 9000

Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction?

Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. You are welcome to visit the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot Street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2pm, to join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information, visit www.matttalbotprayersociety.com or contact vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com ROI (048) 71262894

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

Fr Liam Morgan, PP Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House is leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Dates of travel are Friday 5th August to Friday 12th August. Price €1890 per person sharing includes return flights, private transfers, walking tours of Kitzbuhel and Salzburg, half board accommodation and tickets to the play. Please contact Tullys Travel for more information by calling 059-9136100

2022 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
MOUNTMELICK - BALLYFIN - MOUNTRATH

5 - 12 AUGUST 2022 | 7 NIGHTS

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS
Mass at the Grotto
Anointing of the Sick
Torchlight Procession
Blessed Sacrament Procession
International Mass

FOR DETAILS AND BOOKINGS
ELEANOR DUFF
TEL: 087 7670915

INCLUDING
- Fully escorted pilgrimage
- Led by Spiritual Director
- Return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- Bus to and from airport
- 7 nights at Hotel La Solitude
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- 20kg check-in bag per person
- Airport transfers

€879
per person sharing
*€266 single supplement

€500
children under 16
accompanied

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2022 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Ballyfin – Mountrath

Mountmellick

5th - 12th August

Contact person

Eleanor Duff

087 767 0915

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To provide companionship to elderly mobile lady. Assist with daily activities to include light housework and meal preparation. 2-3 days per week Ballyfin area. Contact Mary on Email mtodd057@gmail.com or 087 2316243

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