

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 6th Jan. 2022

5th Sunday – 5th Week in Ordinary Time

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

Sat. 5th – Sun. 6th Feb. 2022 – 5th Sunday – Week in ordinary Time.

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For Anniversary Mass Remembrances see Parish Newsletters –

Kathlen Seale, (nee Collier) Clonenagh. R.I.P.

We pray for Kathleen who died following a tragic accident on Mon. 31st Jan. Kathleen's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Fri. 4th Feb. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her husband, Gerry and family, Adrian, Colm, David and Kathy, sisters Eilish and Mairead, brothers John Joe and Harry, brother-in-law Tony, nephews, -nieces, cousins and all their families and a wide circle of friends and neighbours.

Month's Mind Mass

Sun. 6th Feb. 10.00 am Anne Gilligan (nee Thompson) Month's Mind (Ballyfin Church)

Paddy Grace, Woodbrook - R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died peacefully at Kilminchy Lodge Nursing Home on Sat. 29th Jan. Paddy's Funeral Service was at Burke's Funeral Home on Mon. 31st Jan. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his nieces, neighbours and friends.

Philip Murphy, Forest. R.I.P.

We pray for Philip who died peacefully on Sun. 30th Jan. at St Kieran's Care Home, Rathcabbin, Co Tipperary. Philip's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 2nd Feb. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to, sister Margaret, nephews Alex and Ken and the Murphy family (Ann, Matthew, Carole and Patrick) as well as extended family, neighbours and friends.

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Rita Fitzpatrick (nee Keegan) Esker. R.I.P.

We pray for Rita who died peacefully at her home on Wed. 2nd Feb. Rita's removal was to St. Fintan's Parish Church on Thurs. 3rd Feb. Rita's Futral Mass was celebrsted in St. Fintan's Parish Church, Ballyfin on Fri. 4th Feb. followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympsthy to her sister Philomena, her children John, Mary, Frances, Grace, Noel and Josephine, her daughter in law Geraldine, her sons-in-law Robert, Liam, Willie and Patrick, her brother in law P.J., her sisters in law Bernie, Ettie and Sadie, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, wonderful neighbours and everyone in her care team. - May Rita rest in the peace of Christ.

May Paddy, Philip, Kathleen and Rita rest in the peace of Christ.

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

Synod News: Practical Information on our Listening Lent

The K&L Synod Committee is preparing templates for parishes to use in listening sessions during Lent. Parishes are very welcome to join with other parishes in hosting these sessions. We will also be offering an online survey that we ask parishes to promote during Lent. Parishioners might be invited to take out their phones at an appropriate point at Mass, perhaps during the homily, and find the link to the survey for use later. While the diocesan committee will host focus groups during Lent, Parishes are also very welcome to identify particular groups they wish

to hear from using the template as a tool. The intentional listening that might take place between two people over a cup of coffee will be equally welcome . A youth listening template will be offered also.
 Digital submissions from parishes will be able to be submitted to a dedicated email address Guidelines for how the submissions can be assembled will also be offered in due course.

2022 Diary Dates

Wed. 2nd March Ash Wed.

Mountrath - Masses 10.0 am and 7.30 pm

Ballyfin - 7.30 pm

As we did last year, we will be preparing small sachets of Bless Ashes for you to collect at our Churches on Ash Wednesday.

Apostolate of Santification began on Mon 17th Jan. --- St. Fintan's Church, Church.
 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!

Admissions/Enrolments to Ballyfin N.S. will open on January 13th 2022 until February 13th 2022. Forms will be available on the school website from January 13th 2022. Our school website is www.ballyfinns.ie Our Admission's Notice will appear on the school website from January 6th 2022

Ballyfin Parish Lotto 2nd Feb. Jackpot €11,000 Nos. Drawn 11 17 26 29

No Winner 12 Match 3 Rec. €84 ea.

New Jackpot € 12,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, 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

Mountrath Lotto 3rd Feb.

Nos. Drawn 2 10 11 31

No Winner of €13,000 Jackpot

9 Match 3 Rec. €112 each

2 Mountrath Match 3 Winner

Rose Cunningham - Promoter Frances Byrne

R. Kirwan and M Farrell - Promoter - M Farrell

Thanks for your continued and generous support

Next Week's Jackpot €14,000

Dates for Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion Celebrations in 2022.

We have made the following arrangements for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion during 2022.

While putting these arrangements in place we are mindful that we are still very much in "Covid 19 Pandemic mode" – Once again the safety of our children and their families and indeed, the safety of everyone involved in the preparation and celebration of these sacraments has been (and must be) our priority and first consideration.

Ballyfin Parish

Confirmation - St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin. 2 Celebrations of Confirmation

Time of each Ceremony 11.00 am.

Sat. 26th March 2022 (Last Sat. in March) - Sat. 2nd April 2022 (First Sat. in April)

Celebration of 1st Holy Communion. 2 Ceremonies. Time of each Ceremony 2.00 pm

Sunday 22nd May 2022 Sunday 29th May 2022

Mountrath Parish

Confirmation - St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath. 2 Ceremonies.

Scoil Naomh Bríd. Wed. 16th March. Time 11.00 am

St. Fintan's Boys Nat. Sch. Wed. 16th March 2.00 am

Celebration of 1st Holy Communion - 2 Ceremonies. Time of each Ceremony 2.00 pm

Sunday 8th May 2022 Sunday 15th May 2022

Where there are more than one in a family intending to receive the Sacraments next year (For example – one family member receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and another member of family, receiving 1st Holy Communion) families are most welcome to combine these ceremonies and have these 2 Celebrations during one Ceremony of their choice. If a family prefers to bring their son or daughter to any of our Parish weekend Masses to receive either of the Sacraments, they are most welcome to do so. *Just contact Fr. Joe.*

 Once again, this year, despite all the odds, we managed to celebrate all our Sacraments with respect, dignity and meaning and in a timely way - all in a safe and secure environment for everyone. This in no small way was due to the cooperation and goodwill of everyone involved, Candidates for the Sacraments, parents and families of Candidates, Our teachers and schools staff, Sacramental coordinators and people who prepared our churches and kept them safe for us.

Once again, I wish to express sincere thanks to everyone involved in the celebration of Sacraments of 1st Penance, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation this year - With your help, goodwill and cooperation, we can *(and Please God, we will)* do the same again next year. *Fr. Joe*

 Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme

Personal monitored alarms offer security & peace of mind particularly during Winter season. If you are aged 65 or over and would like more information on applying for a government grant aided alarm, Please contact Sheila on 086 1570145

 A Prayer for Healthcare Workers and front-line workers.

Loving God, we place into your care

All our doctors, nurses and all hospital staff and healthcare workers.

Give them courage of heart

And strength of mind and body

Keep them safe from harm

May they know our deep gratitude

For all they are doing

To heal and care for those affected by The Coronavirus

God of all consolation,

May they know your protection and peace
Continue to bless them in these very challenging days
And bless their families. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Coronavirus Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to

healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Amen.
