

# Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. '23

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New Year.

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. - Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2023

**New Year**

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## Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

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# New Year 2023



## New Year's Eve Dance.

in St. Philomena's Hall

Mountrath

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 9.30 pm

Teas served.

Music by

Pat Costello.

Adm. €10.00

## *A New Year Prayer*

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

*Minnie Louise Haskins 1875 - 1957*

## Mountrath Mass Times – Anniversaries

### Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. - Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan' 23    New Year

- Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 7.00 pm    Martin Dunne, Trumera. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
    Peter Delaney, Clonard. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.
- Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 9.00 am    The Hollow Ch.    Michael Seale, Clonadacasey. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
    And Deceased members of Seale Family.
- 11.30 am    Feast of Mary, Mother of God.
- Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 10.00 am
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 10.00 am    Mairead and Andrew Nichol and Eilish McManus, Main St.,
- Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am
- Thur. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am    Altar List of the Dead.
- . 7.00 pm    Vigil Mass for Feast of Epiphany.
- Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am    The Hollow Church.    Mass for Feast of Epiphany
- 11.30 am    Mass for Feast of Epiphany
- Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm
- Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am    The Hollow Ch.
- 11.30 am    Andy Sinnott, Lower Sconce. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.  
    Archie Raeside, Shannon Rd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.  
    Tom Fitzpatrick, Derrylusk. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

**We keep and hold in our thoughts and Prayers**

People, their families and carers, who are ill – at home,  
 in Hospital or in a Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical procedures,  
 at this time

## Ballyfin Mass Times Anniversaries

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.'23

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist (Feast of the Holy Family)

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 10.00 am New Year's Day.

Patrick (Poudge) Quinn, Pallas 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.30 pm Mass for Feast of Epiphany

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Patrick, Winne and Mary Lalor,

Upper Sconce.

Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

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

## Maureen McHugh (Nee Barrett) Old Deerpark, R.I.P.

We pray for Maureen who died peacefully at St. Brigid's Community Nursing Home, Shaen, on Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. Maureen's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glencastle on Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. followed by burial in Glencastle Old Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Michael, Joe, Michael Anthony, Thomas Patrick and their families, brothers John and Michael, sisters Kathleen and Sadie and their families, nieces and nephews, neighbours, relatives and her many friends.

## Ronan Culleton, Cloonagh, Mountmellick R.I.P.

We pray for Ronan who died peacefully at Beaumont Hosp., on Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Ronan's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick on Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. followed by burial in St. Brigid's Cemetery, Rosenallis. We extend sympathy to his wife Joanna, daughters Aoife, Aisling and Aoibheann; parents Mary and Pat, sister Maria, and their families. Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and families and a large circle of family and friends.

*May Maureen and Ronan now rest in the peace of Christ.*

### 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)

### *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



## *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](http://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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Parish Website [www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie](http://www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie) - Links to Webcams on  
Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish

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## Child Safeguarding Contact Details

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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

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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](mailto: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!

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# HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face  
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...





***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

