

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 6th November 2022

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Burglary Prevention Tips from
An Garda Siochana

See Below

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 5th - Sun. 6th Nov. 2022

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In November – We Remember

Service of Remembrance in St. Fintan's
Cemetery, Mountrath this Sunday

- Sun. 6th Nov. 2.00 pm -

If you would like to "proclaim" a Reading or
lead us in a Prayer of the Faithful during this
Ceremony, please contact Fr. Joe - and let him
know – as soon as you can.

Lord, For your faithful people,

Life is changed, not ended

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

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Mountrath Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 5th - Sun. 13th Nov.

Sat. 5th Nov. 7.00 pm Noel Ryan, Ballyfin Rd., 1st Anniv.

Deceased Members of Mountrath GAA Club

Joe and Maureen Kirwan, Clonard

Sun. 6th Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Church - 32nd Sun. in Ord. Time.

11.30 am Patricia Quearney, (Nee Madden) New Line Rd. Month's Mind

Martin Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 8th Anniv.

2.00 pm Service of Remembrance in St. Fintan's Cemetery

Mon. 7th Nov. 10.00 am

Tues 8th Nov. 10.00 am Seán Kelly

Wed. 9th Nov. 10.00 am

Thur . 10th Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Fri. 11th Nov. 10.00 am John and Anne Mulhare, The Square,

Sat 12th Nov. 7.00 pm Pat McGrath, Shannon Road, 6th Anniv.

Joe and Catherine Parkinson, Trumrea

And their son, Paddy, who died on 10th June

Billy Byrne, Ringstown. 9th Anniv.

John and Mary O'Neill, Shannon St.,

Sun. 13th Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Church. 33rd Sun.

11.30 am Mass of 33rd Sun. Ord. Time.

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Mass Times – Anniversaries Fri. 4th - Sun. 13th Nov.

Ballyfin

- Fri. 4th Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
 . 7.30 pm Altar List of the Dead.
- Sat. 5th Nov. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 32nd Sunday.
- Sun. 6th Nov. 10.00 am Mary Thompson (nee Kenna) Irey R.I.P. Funeral Mass
- Mon. 7th Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
- Fri. 11th Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
 . 7.30 pm Helen O'Rourke, Upper Ballyfin
- Sat. 12th Nov. 8.00 pm Seán Gilligan, Brockera 4th Anniv.
- Sun. 13th Nov. 10.00 am Sheila Fitzpatrick, Formerly Ballyfin - Ashgrove, Mountmellick
- Mon. 14th Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Mary Thompson (nee Kenna) Irey R.I.P.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family, on Thurs. 3rd Nov. Mary's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on (this) Sun. 6th Nov. at 10.00 am - We keep and hold Mary's family in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time also.

May Mary rest in the peace of Christ.

Ann Fitzgerald (nee Morrin) New York. Formerly Shannon St. R.I.P.

We pray for Ann who died on the 22nd October in New York. Predeceased by her husband Pat Fitzgerald, her parents Michael and Elizabeth Morrin, sisters Lily, Mai and Frances, brothers Larry, Joe and Paddy. We extend sympathy to all her family, sisters Phyllis and Kathleen, nieces, nephews, extended family, relatives and friends.

James (Jim) Heffernan - Paddock R. I. P.

We pray for Jim who died peacefully at Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Sun. 30th Oct. Jim's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Tues. 1st Nov. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Ellie, Michael, Jason, Mary, Karen, and their families, sisters Mary, Lilly, Anne and Margaret, brothers Paddy, Joe, Anthony, Lazzie and Thomas and their families, nephews, nieces, extended family, relatives and a large circle of friends.

John (Johnny) Conroy - Crannagh, Mountrath R.I.P.

We pray for John who died peacefully at Droimnin Nursing Home on Wed. 2nd Nov. - Johnny's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Sat. 5th Nov. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to sister Nellie, brothers, P.J, Seamus and Fintan, Aunt Tess (nee Lalor), extended family, relatives, neighbours and his many friends.

May Ann and Jim and Johnny rest in the peace of Christ.

Noreen Garry (Nee Brophy) Geashill. R.I.P.

We pray for Noreen who died peacefully at her home on Sun. 30th Oct. - Noreen's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Raheen, Geashill on Wed. 2nd Nov. followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to husband John, sons Niall, Paul, Garrett and William, brother Matt, sister Marie and their families and remembering in a special way at this time, her sister Ann (Heffernan) and her family, Brockera, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Noreen rest in the peace of Christ.

In November We Remember

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light
shine upon them – May they rest in peace, Amen*

We keep in our 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

Painting of Mountrath Church.

Update

The scaffolders will begin scaffolding out the Sanctuary area of Mountrath Church beginning on Mon. 21st Nov. – It is estimated that it will take one week to put the scaffolding in place. Preparatory work for the Painting of the Church (Sanctuary area) will commence on Mon. 28th Nov. As I said last week there will be some disruption and for safety reasons some areas of the Church will be cordoned off for the duration of the work.

For the safety of everyone using the church during the painting project, we rely on your co-operation and understanding.

Many thanks.

Man Available

for Garden Maintenance
and General Handywork

085 176 5423

Excellent References Available

Portlaoise and District Plowing Assoc.

Host a

Table Quiz

in the Deadman's

Sat. 5th Nov. '22 8.00 pm

Christmas Fair in Ballyfin

A Christmas Fair in aid of Mary's Meals will be held in Ballyfin Community Centre on Sun. 4th Dec. from 11am to 3pm. There will be a variety of stalls to suit all ages, with many items available on the day, including home baking, firewood, plants, bric-a-brac, gifts and much more. There will also be great prizes available in our Christmas Raffle, with winners drawn on the day. A great day is guaranteed to celebrate the community and get the festive season off to a good start! Your support will be much appreciated.

For more information, or to donate unwanted gifts or other items,
please contact

Kathleen Dunne at 086-102 4752 Sheila Dowling at 086-157 0145
or Margaret Bradford at 087-982 3109.

Mary's Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. A no-

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

Lock Up - Light Up

Burglary Prevention Tips from An Garda Siochana

As we approach the time of year when the clocks are set to go back, we are once again appealing to people to secure their homes and premises and to Lock Up and Light Up during the winter months.

Traditionally Burglaries increase by 20% over the winter months of October to March. Some simple methods can make your home and premises less vulnerable to Criminal Attack.

- *Lighting around the house on a sensor or photocell.*
- *Lighting inside on timers*

Natural Surveillance- trim shrubs down to 1m and trees up to 2 m.

- *Use Bogus Caller Cards*
- *Close Curtains during hours of Darkness.*

What Attracts the Burglar:

- *Signs of being unoccupied.*
- *Open Windows*
- *Hidden keys*
- *A build up of Post /Milk, etc.*
- *No alarms.*
- *High vegetation*
- *Ladders or tools in easy reach*
- *Easy access to the rear of your house*
- *Poor lighting or house lights on at the wrong time.*

See WWW.garda.ie for Home Security Tips and Advices.

Ossory Adult Faith Development Pilgrimage to Rome

The Eternal City has a remarkable array of religious works of art – frescoes, paintings, sculptures, mosaics, stuccos. Over the centuries these treasures have inspired, educated and uplifted countless people. Our itinerary will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. Traveling dates March 9th – 14th 2023, €710 p.p sharing. For more information and to book your place please contact Kieran and Laura Troy, Myriam Tours at 057-9355050 or email info@myriam.ie

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) will be offered on an on-going basis at University Hospital Kerry from January 2023. CPE can be used as preparation for pastoral ministry in many different settings, for discernment, faith formation, sabbatical. It involves three components - education, supervision and clinical placement. If you feel this is something worth exploring, please contact Dr Margaret Naughton at

066-7184000 or email naughtonmargaret@yahoo.com to begin the conversation.

Mortgage Arrears / Abhaile Scheme

Are you in mortgage arrears? Are you worried about losing your home? If so, there is help. You may be entitled to Government support under the Abhaile Scheme.

For more information, feel free to contact Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland on 085 8674883 www.fsireland.ie

Workshops for Cantors

A series of workshops for Cantors will take place around the country during the coming year. We begin the first workshop, in association with the Schola Cantorum, St Finian's College, Mullingar, on Saturday, 12 November, in St Paul's Church Mullingar, beginning at 12 noon and ending at 2.00 p.m.

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!

ALPHA ONLINE

Is there more to life than this? For questions like this, try Alpha.

Alpha is a series of 10 interactive sessions, exploring Christianity and Faith. Each sessions consists of a 30 mini video followed by a 30min open discussion and sharing of experiences.

For more details click on the link <https://alphaireland.org/try>

Starting Thursday 29th September for one hour 8pm to 9pm.

Where:- Online in the comfort of your own home.

All are welcome, we promise you will not be disappointed.

Please register by supplying your name, email and phone number to the presenters:-

Des O'Doherty, odohertydes@gmail.com or 087-122-1345

Kevin Kiernan, kevinkiernan9@gmail.com or 086-244-6436

We will then send you the link to the zoom meeting.

Transmitting Faith in Contemporary Culture

In processing the diocesan synodal reports the ACI steering group concluded that no issue seemed of greater concern than the growing absence of young people, including younger parents, from regular weekly liturgies - even before the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic in the spring of 2020.

A zoom gathering has been organised by the Association of Catholics in Ireland takes place on Thursday October 6th, 2022 at 8.00 pm. Professor Michael Conway (Professor of Faith and Culture, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth) will present his own view of the issue of faith transmission today, and will be followed by open discussion. All are welcome to join in.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85073799955?pwd=VlpicXViUGlmT2FlQXlmOHVlWjFpZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 7379 9955 Passcode: 690623

The St Willibrord Biennial Lecture 2022

On Mon. Nov. 7th, the third St Willibrord Biennial Lecture will take place in St Laserian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin, starting at 7pm.

This year's speaker will be Luxembourger Dr Michel Summer of Heidelberg University, Germany, who will speak on 'From Rath Melsigi To Rome: St Willibrord's Career In Its European Context'. Michel completed his PhD in Trinity College on St Willibrord and his English biography of Willibrord will be published in 2023.

This lecture marks the Feast Day of St Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg, First Apostle of the Netherlands and his Co Carlow connection. St Willibrord spent twelve years at the famed monastery of Rath Melsigi, Clonmelsh, County Carlow, before he was ordained at the famous monastery of Old Leighlin. He left Co. Carlow on his successful European Mission in AD690. He was made Bishop and Archbishop of Utrecht in the Netherlands before establishing his major monastery and scriptorium in Echternach, Luxembourg. He is remembered each year in Echternach with a UNESCO World Heritage Status hopping procession. In 2017, the town of Echternach presented a relic of St Willibrord to the county and it is permanently displayed in the Cathedral of the

Assumption, Carlow Town. In 2019 Carlow County Council and Echternach Town signed a Friendship Agreement.

The Biennial Lecture is hosted by St Laserian's Cathedral, coordinated by Carlow County Museum in partnership with the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin, the Diocese of Leighlin and Carlow County Council.

Clane Parish Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

Accompanied by Fr Paul O'Boyle, travelling from 19th – 26th April 2023. Price per person, €1665, includes return flights from Dublin to Tel Aviv, 3 nights in Legacy Hotel Nazareth, 4 nights in Manger Square Hotel Bethlehem (all nights dinner bed & breakfast basis), all transfers, boat trip on Sea of Galilee and all admissions, tips and local taxes. For more details please

visit <https://marian.ie/destinationIndiv.asp?id=Holy%20Land&tour=58>

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Pledge for November

Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to

take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray

Association of Catholics Ireland, Zoom Meeting

Pitfalls in the Terminology of Sacrifice" with Dr Tom O'Loughlin

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the sacrament of the Mass - the Eucharist - is called 'the Holy Sacrifice because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Saviour and includes the Church's offering'. (1330)

In September 2022 Archbishop Eamon Martin asked Irish Catholics to think of making 'personal sacrifices in answer to the cry of the Earth'. And yet Christian ideas of sacrifice have been blamed by some historians for much of the violence of history, including the Crusades, the expansion of European imperialism and colonialism from c.1450, and the bloodletting of World War I.

So how are we to understand Christian sacrifice today, faced with 21st century challenges?

In examining aspects of the history of the idea of sacrifice, Dr Tom O'Loughlin, emeritus professor of historical theology at Nottingham

University, will deal with "some of the pitfalls in the way we use the terminology of sacrifice".

Zoom link for this talk – Thursday Nov 3rd at 8.00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9924186865?pwd=ZjZpWHpkT1lBdElyTHc3TQ4SXgwUT09>

Meeting ID: 992 418 6865

Passcode: 123456



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Portlaoise & District Ploughing Association



Table **Q**uiz (returns after 2years)

Deadman's Inn, Ballyfin

Saturday 5th November 2022

At 8pm

Great night promised

Prizes for top 3 tables/ loads of spot prizes

