

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 19th - Sun. 20th Apr Easter Vigil Easter Sunday
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Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 19th - Sun. 27th Apr

Sat. 19th Apr. 8.00 pm **Easter Vigil**

Sun. 20th Apr. **Easter Sunday**

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

10.00 am Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Mon. 21st Apr. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 25th Apr. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 26th Apr. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday of Easter.

Sun. 27th Apr. 10.00 am 2nd Sun. of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mon. 28th Apr. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Confirmation Catechesis

With Confirmation Candidates and their parents continues following 10.00 am Mass on Sun. 4th May and Sun. 18th May

Penitential Service

with Confirmation Candidates and their families in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Wed. 14th May 7.00 pm.

Ceremony of Confirmation

In Ballyfin Parish will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Fri. 23rd May 2025 - Time 11.00 am

Main Celebrant Bishop Denis Nulty

Theme for this year's Confirmation Ceremony

"Without Him, I can do nothing" (Jn. 15:5)

1st Holy Communion Dates

At St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin

Barnashrone National School Sun. 4th May 2.00 pm

Ballyfin National School Sun. 25th May 2.00 pm

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

Ministries Rota Sat. 26th - Sun. 27th April
Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Katie Mahon Deirdre Fitzpatrick
Sun. 10.00 am Frances Harney Crescentia Phelan

Collectors for April

Sat. Sheila Dowling Charlie Gorman

Sun. Edward Coughlan Denis Daly.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins. *Deputy Diocesan Liaison*

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Ballyfin Parish Income
12th - 13th April

61 Envelopes. € 847.00

Offertory Coll. € 219.52

Lenten Stations € 135.00

Easter Dues € 120.00

Retired Priests € 5.00

Ballyfin Church € 100.00

Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 16th April

Nos. Drawn 4 5 18 29

7 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 143 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 15,000

We keep and hold in our Thoughts and Prayers,

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

We wish you a speedy recovery

Easter Ceremonies on RTÉ

RTÉ broadcasts Easter Ceremonies from Church of St's Peter and Paul, Easter Saturday, 11pm

The Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Main Celebrant - Bishop Denis Nulty

Seán (Seánie) Byrne, Blackhall, Co Kildare Formerly Woods, Swinford, Co Mayo.

We pray for Seánie who died peacefully at Naas General Hosp., on Tues. 8th April. Seánie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of S.S Mary and Laurence, Crookstown, on Fri. 11th April followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all his family and their families. To his sister, Carmel and John Fitzpatrick and family, Barkmills, nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends. *May Seánie rest in the peace of Christ.*

Bishop Denis' Easter Message

My mother was fifteen years dead on April 15th. Her death was sudden and unexpected, particularly when I think of dad's. When those we love die, years tend to morph into one another, you forget the number of years. Fifteen years is but a twinkling of an eye.

There is a line in Luke's Easter Vigil gospel that captures this beautifully, as it takes our focus from the grave, from the tombstone: "*why look among the dead for someone who is alive?*" Those we love and lose to death are alive in Christ and are alive in our hearts.

The three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are essentially one liturgy lasting three days. Holy Thursday begins but doesn't end. Good Friday picks up the themes but leaves us at Golgotha while on Holy Saturday we wait at a tomb, waiting for the dawn to break, waiting for the tomb to be cracked open. The Triduum is three days in one. Easter is fifty days in one. Let's make the most of these fifty days and feel the life of Christ fully alive among us. I am very conscious of the great work done across all our parishes to unpack the Easter story. I thank priests and people who do so much to make these days special.

As the hymn prays:

*"Christ is alive, with joy we sing, We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"*

Blessings to you as we celebrate the life of Christ and the life of all we've lost to death. Happy Easter!

+ Denis