

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Advent

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### Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec

Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm Martin Gilligan, Ballyfin Rd. Mt. Rath 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

Mary Madden and Deceased Family Members, The Knocks

Tim Heffernan, Brockera.

Mary Brady, Clontowra. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Advent.

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm Christmas Penitential Service

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm .

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent *Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended*

**Christmas Vigil Mass 8.00 pm**

Singing of Christmas Carols from about 7.40 pm

Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00 am **Mass of Christmas Morning**

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 10.00 am Tommy and Bernie Fitzpatrick 3<sup>rd</sup> A

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Remembrance**

Sun. 14 Jan. 10.00 am Mai. O'Rourke (nee Conroy) Springfield

### Apostolate of Sanctification

This Advent, we invite you to consider spending time in adoration and prayer, praying for our bishops and priests through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock. As we offer our Rosary and Divine Mercy for them, His love flows to us, our families and our parishes. **COME LET US ADORE HIM!** Whether it's half an hour or two hours you have to offer, you are most welcome!

Monday Night 6.45pm to 9pm St.Fintan's Ballyfin (R32TD61)

### Arrangements for our Christmas Ceremonies

Penitential Services Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Mountrath 7.00 pm Ballyfin 8.00 pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve.

Individual Confessions immediately after Mass on Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> in both Mountrath and Ballyfin Churches

Vigil Masses in Mountrath and Ballyfin Churches at 8.00 pm

Singing of Carols in Ballyfin Church from 7.40 pm

### Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Day.

Mass in the Hollow Church at 9.00 am

Mass in Ballyfin Church at 10.00 am

Mass in Mountrath Church at 11.30 am

### Kevin McDermott, Nenagh. Formerly, Woodbrook, Mountrath - Ross, Ballyfin

We pray for Kevin who died peacefully in the Beacon Hosp. on Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Kevin's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh on Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. followed by burial in Lisboney New Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife, Winnie and family Jennifer and Ciaran - sisters Teresa and Ann, brothers Willie (Barnashrone) Charlie, Michael and John, and their families, nieces and nephews and their families, his colleagues at ESB Portlaoise, cousins, relatives, neighbours and his many friends in Mountrath, Ballyfin, Nenagh and indeed beyond.

*May Kevin rest in the peace of Christ.*

### Synod News

Work is beginning towards the next phase of the Synod and the Second General Assembly in Rome next October.

There is a dedicated page on the diocesan website: [www.kandle/synod](http://www.kandle/synod) where we can keep up to date. Much more information can be found at [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie) and on the Vatican website, [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va).

### Mistries Rota Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Reader Min. of Holy Comm

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.00 pm Frances Harney Adrian Greene

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Jacinta Connolly Maria Dowling

### Christmas Eve

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm

Deirdre Fitzpatrick  
Crescentia Phelan

### Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Christmas Day

Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Ken Molloy Teresa McCormack

Mary Finn

### Church Cleaners for Dec. Group 7

Brid Duff Chris Phelan Delia Ryan Kathleen Conroy

### Collectors for Dec.

Sat. Richard Duff Sun. Denis Daly

*Thank You for Your continued Involvement in and commitment to our Parish*

### Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Par. Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Par. Caroline Moore Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins. Deputy Diocesan Liaison

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### 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 or medical procedures

### Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Nos. Drawn 1 2 19 32

No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3's Rec. € 91

**New Jackpot € 12,000**

Last Draw of '23 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
1<sup>st</sup> Draw of 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

### Ballyfin Parish Income 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023

38 Envelopes € 406.00

Offertory Coll. € 348.69

Nov. Stns. € 90.00

Nov. List of the Dead €20.00

Afterschool Club € 500

*A very sincere thank you - to you and your family - for your very generous support of and continued commitment to Ballyfin Parish*

### Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign

With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need.

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