

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 30th – Sun. 31st Dec. Feast of the Holy Family

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Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 29th Dec - Sun. 7th Jan.

Fri. 29th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 30th Dec. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass – Feast of the Holy Family.

Sun. 31st Dec. 10.00 am Feast of the Holy Family.

Tommy and Bernie Fitzpatrick, Cloncullen. 3rd Anniv.

Fri. 5th Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of Bl. Sacrament

Sat. 6th Jan. 8.00 pm Feast of the Epiphany

Sun. 7th Jan. 10.00 am [The Baptism of the Lord.](#)

Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 20th Jan. 8.00 pm Fr. Terry Moore,
Salt Lake City, Utah. Formerly, O'Moore Forest.

1st Anniv. Remembrance

Sun. 14 Jan. 10.00

Mai. O'Rourke (nee Conroy) Springfield

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

Ministries Rota Sat 6th - Sun. 7th Jan.

Reader Min. of Holy Comm

Sat. 6th 8.00 pm Mary Hooban
Sun. 7th 10.00 am Breda Merdith.

Church Cleaners for Jan. Group 1

Ann Quinn - Mary Gorman - Martina Makem

Collectors for Jan.

Sat. Richard Duff Sun. Denis Daly

Readers, you are most welcome to collect the
new 2024 Sunday Missals which are now
available. (On top of the Organ)

*Thank You for your continued involvement in and commitment
to our Parish through your participation in our Parish
Ministries during the year.*

School Enrolment

Ballyfin National School will be accepting applications
for admissions to Junior Infants for the school year
2024/25 from Monday January 8th to Monday January
29th. Application forms and more information can be
found at www.ballyfinns.weebly.com or by contacting
the school at office@ballyfinns.ie or 057 8755225'.

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in
Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes on **Fri. 26th April 2024**
The Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Church will Commence at
2.30 pm Bishop Denis will lead us in both our Celebrations

A New Year Blessing

May God make this new year a fulfilling one
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it unfolds.

Not by making our path easy,

But by making us sturdy to travel any path.

Not by taking hardships from us,

But by taking fear from our heart.

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows.

Not by making our life always pleasant,

But by showing when people and their causes need us
most

And by making us anxious to be there to help.

*God's Love, Peace, Hope, and Joy to you,
in abundance, for the year ahead.*

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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Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Jackpot €13,000

Next Draw 3rd Jan.

Bridie (Bridget) Nicholson (Nee Higgins)

Oxford, England (Formerly The Knocks) R.I.P.

We pray for Bridie who died peacefully on Christmas Day (Mon.
Dec. 25th Dec) (Beloved sister to Annie and the late Kathleen and
brother P.J.) Bridie's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's
Church, Ballyfin on Sat. 13th Jan. followed by burial in Ballyfin
Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her husband, Sean, daughter
Paula sons Gabriel and Alan, sister Annie (Carroll) son in law Cliff,
daughters in law Joan and Mandy, grandchildren, nieces, nephews,
relatives and friends. *May Bridie rest in the peace of Christ.*

Brigid 1500

On Thurs. 1st Feb. 2024, Churches across Kildare and Leighlin, and beyond, will
come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St
Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare entitled, 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service
of Thanksgiving' dedicated to commemorating the Feast Day of St Brigid and the
1500th anniversary of her death.

The co-leaders of this thanksgiving service are the Most Rev Denis Nulty, Roman
Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and the Most Rev Patricia Storey, Church
of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Joyce,
Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street in the heart of London, will deliver the
sermon.

At the end of the service, a Pause for Peace will be observed in the cathedral at
12 noon. Aligning with a broader initiative whereby the people of Kildare are
extending a global invitation, urging individuals worldwide to pause for a
minute's silence at midday (local time) on St Brigid's Day, the 1st of February
2024. Livestreaming of the service will also be available worldwide. (Full press
release attached and on www.kandle.ie)