

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 20th - Sun. 21st Dec. 4th Sun. of Advent. Year A

Advent and Christmas

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Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 20th - Sun. 28th Dec.

Fri. 19th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 20th Dec. 8.00 pm Tim Heffernan, Brockera.
Sun. 21st Dec. 10.00 am Martin Gilligan, Ballyfin Rd.

Mountrath 3rd Anniv.

*Lord, for your faithful
people, Life is changed,
Not ended*

7.30 pm Christmas Carol Service
in St. John the Baptist Church, Ballyfin

If you would like to do a short Scriptural Reading during
this Carol Service, please contact Fr. Joe

Mon. 22nd Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
Tues. 23rd Dec. 8.00 pm Penitential Service for Christmas
Wed. 24th Dec. 11.00 am Individual Confessions
8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas

Carols and Reflection commence at 7.45 pm

Thurs. 25th Dec. 10.00 am **Mass of Christmas Day.**
Richard and Fiona O'Rourke, Camcloone.
Richard's 9th - Fiona's 41st Anniv.

Fri. 26th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 27th Dec. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Feast of the Holy Family
Sun. 28th Dec. 10.00 am Tommy and Bernie Fitzpatrick,
Cloncullen 5th Anniv.
Mon. 29th Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

A Note from Rev. Alec Purcer (Rector, Ballyfin Parish)

Christmas Carol Service in St. John
the Baptist Church, Ballyfin on Sun.
21st Dec. commencing at 7.30 pm
All are most welcome.

Sunday Missals 2026. (Year A)

Our Readers
(Proclaimers of the
Word) are invited to
collect their Sunday
Missals for next year.

Ministries Rota Wed. 24th Dec. - Sun. 28th Dec.

	Reader	Ministers of Holy Comm
Christmas Eve	Gerard Rowney	Br. Nicholas Leahy Catherine Carroll
Christmas Day	Miriam Mooney	Denis Bowe Br. Gerry Reburn
Sat. 8.00 pm	Maria Dowling	Adrian Greene
Sun. 10.00am	Helen Coughlan	Maria Dowling

Collectors for December Sat. Richard Duff Sun. Denis Daly

A Christmas Prayer

A Christmas Blessing

Heavenly Father,
On this holy day, we thank You for
the gift of love which you gave us in
the quiet of a Manger.
Bless our homes with peace,
our hearts with joy,
and our lives with kindness.
May the light of Christ,
guide our steps, warm our spirits,
and inspire us to
share hope with others.
Let this Christmas be a Season of
forgiveness, gratitude,
and renewed faith. Amen.

Thank You

A very special note of thanks to all involved in
our various and enriching Ministries here at
Ballyfin Church, throughout the year.
Servers, Readers (Proclaimers of the Word) -
Ministers of Holy Communion - Collectors -
Church Cleaners - Ministries co-ordinators,
Esther and Crescentia, Sacristans, Musicians,
Organists, Singers, Choirs and coordinators
and all who enhance our celebration of the
Eucharist and liturgies here in Ballyfin Parish.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the
preparation and decoration of the Christmas
Tree and Christmas Crib and thanks to all who
helped with all our Christmas preparations
inside and outside. Please know that our help
and co-operation is very much appreciated.

Invitation to Mass for the Closing of Jubilee Year

Dioceses across the world will mark the closing of the Jubilee
Year on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sun. 28th Dec.. This day
coincides with the closing of Holy Doors in the Roman Basilicas
of Saint Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the
Walls. The Jubilee Year will officially conclude with the closing of
the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Leo on 6th
Jan. Bishop Denis invites all parishioners across the Diocese to
join him in giving thanks for the graces of the Jubilee Year in the
celebration of the Mass, in the Cathedral of the Assumption
Carlow, at 10:30 am Mass.

Music will be led by the Cathedral Choir.

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
Michelle Hughes, c/o Bishop's House,
Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Ballyfin Parish Income

Sat. 13th to Sun. 14th Dec..
45 Envelopes € 615.00
Offertory Coll. € 330.21
Christmas Dues € 120.00
Nov. Stations. € 70.00

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 17th Dec.

Nos. Drawn 9 17 27 31

One Jackpot Winner

Newbridge Parish

14 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 72 ea

2 Local Winners

Anna Rowney - Val and Stephen

Promoter Mary McEvoy

Next Draw - Wed. 7th Jan.

Next Week's Jackpot € 10,000

I wish to extend my very sincere
appreciation to you for your
loyal support of Ballyfin Parish
Lotto throughout the year

Fr. Joe - Parish Priest.

Children's Choir Practice for Christmas Day



Calling All Children (Immediately after Mass)

interested in singing in the choir Christmas morning in
Ballyfin, we will be holding a practice in the church straight
after 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st.

All Welcome.

Contact Caitriona if interested 086 3292863