

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 29th - 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent
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Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 28th Mch - Sun. 6th Apr

Fri. 28th Mch. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 29th Mch. 8.00 pm Vigil 4th Sun. of Lent (Summer time begins)
Sun. 30th Mch 10.00 am 4th Sun. of Lent (Mother's Day)
Mon. 31st Mch. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 4th Apr. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Sat. 5th Apr. 8.00 pm Noel Walsh, Pallas Little. 10th Anniv.
And deceased members of Walsh family.
Sun. 6th Apr. 10.00 am 5th Sunday of Lent
Mon. 7th Apr. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Confirmation Catechesis

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

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Knock Pilgrimage

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration - Knock Pilgrimage takes place on Sun. April 6th 2025. Coach departing Athy (St Michael Carpark) 7.45 am sharp. Pick-ups in Ballylinan-Stradbally-Portlaoise can be arranged, please see <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/kildare-leighlin-bus-times/> Cost €25.00 Adults (children free) For further information please also visit <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/>

Dash to 44 Challenge (For Astro Turf Fundraiser)

A huge word of thanks and very special congratulations to everyone who participated in and who were involved in our history making - Dash to 44 Challenge on Saturday last. A word of thanks also to the 44 GAA Clubs we visited who facilitated us as we descended on them over the course of a long day. Total donated as of 3.00 pm Thurs. is € 53,844.00

Ministries Rota Sat. 5th - Sun. 6th April

Reader Minister of Holy Comm
Sat. 8.00 pm Niamh Goode Shiela Dowling
Sun. 10.00 am To Be Conformed Brid Duff

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

Ballyfin Parish Income

22nd - 23rd Mch.
76 Envelopes. € 733.62
Offertery Coll. € 280.45
Lenten Stations € 25.00
Easter Dues € 50.00
Nov. Stations € 20.00
Christmas Dues € 20.00
World Mission € 20.00

Thank you for your support

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 26th March

Nos. Drawn 6 23 24 25

No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 91 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 12,000

*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*

Clean Up Laois Week

Ballyfin Community Alert have registered to take part in Clean Up Week - Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April. Collection point for bags of litter is yard behind Deadmans Inn and collection date for Ballyfin is Tuesday 8th April. Contact Sheila 086 1570145 for bags and gloves.

Ballyfin NS

Football Forecasting Competition
Round 7, Mar 23rd (Final Round)

1st place: Sam Heffernan, Peter Brady,

13 points

2nd place:

Grace Milne, James Finn, Niall Scully, Tom Behan, Vinnie Collins, 12 points

3rd place: Avril and Stephen Fitzgerald,

Bernie & Mick Clancy, Colm Coss, Cora Gorman, Declan Looby, Donncha Phelan, Ger Lowry, Golden Girls, Greg Corcoran, Kieran Cuddy, Laura Ruane, Marc Byrne, Mel Keenaghan, Niall Westman, Paul Phelan, Philly, Tom Finn, Yvonne Thompson,

11 points.

Huge congratulations to our overall winners for 2025:

Greg Corcoran, Tom Finn, John Clare, Pauric Carroll, Sean Larkin, Greg Kerrigan,

71 points.

Thanks to everyone who participated this year. We hope you enjoyed the competition and are very grateful for your support.

Brigid Bennett, Principal, Ballyfin N.S.

A Note from Bishop Denis' Desk

As we draw closer to Holy Week, a request to hold a special collection on Good Friday to support the struggling Christian Community in the Holy Land. It is our response to "the cry of those who suffering so much". The ceasefire has ended and Christians, like all communities there, are under serious attack and constant danger. In the words of Pope Francis in a letter to the Catholics of the Middle East (7 October 2024) "you, brothers and sisters in Christ who dwell in the lands of which scriptures speak most often, are a small, defenceless flock, thirsting for peace. Thank you for what you are, thank you for wanting to remain in your lands, thank you for being able to pray and love despite everything".

The collection, which I encourage, should take place on Good Friday. It is supported by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Ireland, and when it's forwarded to Bishop's House it will be sent to the Order of Friars Minor Holy Land Account for distribution.