

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> - Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> March . 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
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### Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Mch.

Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> March 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> March 8.00 pm Joseph and Kathleen Dowling,  
Cavanaheath. Sons, Martin and Ollie and Thomas Fitzpatrick  
Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.00 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Lent

### Confirmation Catechesis after Mass

Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification  
Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> March 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> March 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.  
Marie Connolly (nee Dowling) Esker. Month's Mind  
Marie's husband, Joseph (Joe) 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.  
Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**  
Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Mch 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification  
*Lord, for your faithful people, Life is changed, Not ended*

## A Note of Thanks

To everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto,  
Organising Committee, Promoters,  
Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and  
most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every  
week. I extend a very sincere *"Thank You"* for your  
continued loyal support and generosity.

## Collection for the people of The Holy Land

Bishop Denis has once again Asked us to take up a  
Collection for the people of the Holy Land  
This Collection will be taken up during our main liturgy  
on Good Friday afternoon. Your support of this  
collection is greatly appreciated.

## Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne  
Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

## Deputy Diocesan Liaison

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

## Football Forecasting Competition

### Round 6 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 13 points

John Neary, (Ballyfin NS)

Patrick Walsh (Bracknagh NS)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 12 points

John Maher, Aidan O'Boyle,

Ciaran Linden, Tony Kilroe,

Colleen Quinn,

Dylan Byrne (Ballyfin NS),

Geoffrey Whittle, Pat Nolan,

William Dowling (Bracknagh NS)

## Ballyfin Mountrath, Mountmellick,

## Lourdes Pilgrimage '26

Spiritual Director Fr. Micheal Murphy  
(P.P. Mountmellick) 20<sup>th</sup> July - 7 Nights  
Hotel La Solitude € 1,120.00 per person  
sharing. There are still some places  
available on this Pilgrimage. For  
more information - Ann 087-418 6192.

## Our Lenten Theme

## Baptized and Sent

*Through our Baptism, We've  
all been Baptized and Sent.*

## Ministries Rota Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Mch

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm John Coughlan Mary Hooban

Sun. 10.00 am Eva Timmons Breda Merdith

## Collectors for March

Sat. Br. Gerry, Pauric Gilligan Sun. Johnny Keenan

## Ballyfin Parish Income

14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March

48 Envelopes €541.50

Offertory Coll. €270.56

Lenten Stns.. € 90.00

Easter Dues € 300.00

*Thank you for your continued support*

## Confirmation Catechesis

### This Weekend

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> March after 7.00 pm Mass

In Mountrath Church

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> March after 10.00 am Mass

(Ballyfin Church) For Confirmation

Candidates and their parents in Mountrath  
and Ballyfin Parishes.

## Chrism Mass

You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the  
clergy of the diocese for the Chrism Mass in  
the Cathedral, Carlow, on 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30  
pm. This is one of the most important  
Diocesan Masses in the year when the Holy  
Oils will be blessed and consecrated for use in  
parishes in the coming year and when the  
priests of the diocese will renew their priestly  
promises. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton  
and the Diocesan Choir while tea/coffee will  
be served in Carlow College, St Patricks  
afterwards. Come early to get a seat!

## Outdoor Stations of the Cross

### On Good Friday

Commencing at Church of the Sacred Heart,  
The Hollow, at 10.00 am and Concluding at St.  
Matthew's Church of Ireland Church, Roskelton  
at about 11.00 am

## Ballyfin Parish Lotto

### Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Mch.

Nos. Drawn 2 6 13 26

Jackpot Won - Divided between

3 Parishes, Stradbally,

Kildare and Mountmellick

Each winning €5,334

9 Match 3's rec. € 112.00 each

1 Local Winner Kavanagh Family

Promoter, Mary Hooban

Next Week's Jackpot. € 10,000

*Congratulations to all our winners.*

I wish to extend my very sincere  
appreciation and thanks to you  
for your loyal support of Ballyfin  
Lotto Parish *(Fr. Joe. P.P.)*

## Clean Up Laois Week 2026

Ballyfin Community Alert have  
registered to take part in Clean  
Up Week Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Fri.  
10<sup>th</sup> April. Collection point for  
bags of litter is yard behind  
Deadmans Inn and collection  
date for Ballyfin is early **Tues.**  
**14<sup>th</sup> April.** No bags collected  
after that date. Contact Sheila  
086 1570145 for bags /gloves.