

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 1st May 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 30th April - Sun. 1st May 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Parish Visitation May

Tues. 3rd Mountrath Country

Wed. 4th Mountrath Town

Thurs. 5th May Ballyfin Parish

Safeguarding Children Parish Representatives

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

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Cemetery Masses during 2022

St. Fintan's, Ballyfin, Sun. 12th June

St. Fintan's, Mountrath, Fri. 24th June

Clonenagh, Fri. 8th July

Clondarrig, Wed. 3rd August

Boghlone Wed. 7th September

All Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

*Lord, For your faithful people,
Life is changed not ended.*

Confirmation Ceremony

Our 5th and final Ceremony of

Confirmation, this year, is in

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

On Sat. 7th May at 11.00 am

With children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

1st Holy Communion Dates

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

Sunday 8th May 2022 - 2.00 pm

Sunday 15th May 2022 2.00 pm

Martin Conroy, Rath Gailine, Portlaoise R.I.P

We pray for Martin who died peacefully in Brookhaven Nursing Home on Fri. 22nd April. Martin's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Mon. 25th April followed by burial in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise. We extend sympathy to his family, Martin and Catherine and their families - Grandchildren Evan, Colin, Aideen, Conor and Eimear. brother Micheal and family, Ross, sisters Mary and Dina, and families, son in law Eoin, daughter in law Caroline, brothers in law, sisters in law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 30th April – Sun. 8th May

Mountrath

- Sat 30th Apr. 7.00 pm Kathleen Dollard, Forest. 12th Anniv.
Ann Dollard, Halifax, West Yorkshire.
William Brophy, Shannon St., 14th Anniv.
- Sun. 1st May 9.00 am The Hollow Church Mary Graham, Portlaoise.
11.30 am Maureen Murtagh (Nee Lee) Shannon Road 1st Anniv.
Peter and Mary Haslam, Clonenagh.
- Mon. 2nd May 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.
- Tues. 3rd May 10.00 am Nora Phelan.
- Wed. 4th May 10.00 am
- Thurs. 5th May 10.00 pm
- Fri. 6th May 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.
- Sat. 7th May 7.00 pm Sean O'Hara, Patrick St.,
Seamus Fitzpatrick, Woodbrook – 18th Anniv.
Thomas and Margaret Phelan, Shannon Road.
- Sun 8th May 9.00 am The Hollow Church.
11.30 am Patrick Fitzpatrick, Clonbarrow. 36th Anniv.
Phyllis Dunne, 45 Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 16th Anniv.
2.00 pm 1st Holy Communion Mass.
- Sat. 14th May 7.00 pm Helena (Lena) McEvoy, Trumera
- Sun. 22nd May 11.30 am - Dr. Pat O'Dwyer, Castletown Rd.

Ballyfin

Fri. 29th Apr. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.

Sat. 30th Apr. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sun. 1st May 10.00 am Mary Ann and Catherine Coss, Clonad, Mary and Pat Kelliher

Mary Ann and Matthew's son, Peter who died

on 21st Sept. 2021 - Interred in Ballyfin Cemetery

Mon. 2nd May 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

Fri. 6th May 7.30 pm Aine Purcell, (nee O'Connell) Lower Sconce 1st Anniv.

Sam Dunne, 40th Anniv.

Sat. 7th May 8.00 pm Michael Newsome, Rossmore 1st Anniv.

Thomas Greene, Ross 6th Anniv.

Gerry Thompson, Ballylusk - 10th Anniv.

Sun. 8th May 10.00 am Mass of 3rd Sunday of Easter

Mon. 9th May 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

**May – The Month
of Mary**

Rosary will be prayed
after Mass every Sunday
morning during May. – In
Ballyfin Church

Catherine Fingleton (Nee Miller) Grange, Stradbally. R.I.P.

We pray for Catherine who died peacefully at her home on Tues. 26th April. Catherine's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Rathineska Church on Fri. 29th April followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her daughter, Mary, husband, Seamus (Fitzpatrick) and family, Derrylusk and to all her family, relatives, neighbours and friends. May Catherine rest in the peace of Christ.

Helen Dowling (Nee Smyth) Abbeyleix Formerly Lacca. R.I.P.

We pray for Helen who died peacefully at her home on Sat. 23rd April. Helen's Funeral Service was celebrated in Church of the Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix on Wed. 27th followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to all her family.

May Helen rest in the peace of Christ.

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A Word of Thanks

To all involved in our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies this year, a very special "Thank You". It was great to have our Congregations in our churches once again – after a 2 year absence. To all involved and indeed committed to our various Liturgy Ministries, Reader of the Word - Ministers of Holy Communion - Sacristans - Organists and Choirs – Stewards and Cleaners – Sanitizers - Imelda, who prepares the flowers for us in both Parishes, Collectors and Counters. To all who contributed in any way to the experience of Holy Week we express a heartfelt word of appreciation. Our hope is that for you who were involved in and part of, our

Easter Ceremonies that they were for you, prayerful and meaningful. Please God, in spite of everything that comes our way and in spite of everything that life throws at us, we will always be an Easter People - Hope Filled

Fr. P.J. and Fr. Joe



Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme

Grant aided personal monitored alarms are available to people aged 65 and over. If you know a family member or neighbour who may qualify please contact Sheila on 086 1570145 for information/application form.

Mountrath Amalgamated CEP CLG

Will shortly have 2 Vacancies on CE Scheme

1. Environmental Worker - Castletown CES # 2220987
2. Admin. Assistant Mountrath CES # 2220989

If you are interested in either position contact your local Intreo office and quote the relevant reference number above. You can also call to our office in The Old Girls School, Patrick St., Mountrath Monday to Friday 8.30am - 12.30pm for more information.

Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Bishop Denis invites this prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at all our Masses during Lent:

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

We remember in our Prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill –
at home, in Hospital or in a Nursing Home at this time

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The 2022 Annual Kildare and Leighlin
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine has
been arranged for Sunday 5th June ---
Full details in due course.

Apostolate of Santification Mon. 2nd May 2022

St. Fintan's Church, Church. Ballyfin Starts at 7.00 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist - 7.30 pm

Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45pm in our parish church, St.Fintan's Ballyfin. All are invited to join in the two hour session which consists of community prayer, reciting -The Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditations on The Holy Rosary and a chaplet offered for our Bishops and priests in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament. When we pray for our priests, Our Lady of Knock blesses us and our families abundantly. All most welcome!



Ballyfin Lotto 27th April

Nos. Drawn 2 11 26 32

No Winner of €11,000 Jackpot

7 Match 3 Rec. €143 each

1 Local Winner

Mary Hooban

Promoter Mary Hooban

New Jackpot € 13.000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto – your loyal support is much appreciated

Mountrath Lotto

Thurs. 28th

Nos. Drawn 2 7 12 32

No Winner of €12,000 Jackpot

14 Match 3 Rec. € 72 each

2 Local Winners - Pauline Phelan -

Promoter, Margaret Doheny

Tom and Catherine Burke

Promoter, Catherine Burke

New Jackpot €13.000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish Lottos - Organising Committees, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. We extend a very sincere "thank you" for your loyal support and your unending generosity

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Introductory talk in St. Cronan's, Roscrea at 3pm on Sunday, 8th May

Speaker - John O'Sullivan -

For queries, please contact Marie on 086 3989551

See Full Notice further down the page

Ballyfin National School Parents Council Cash4Clothes

Fundraiser in aid of Ballyfin NS.

Unwanted bags of clothing can be left at Ballyfin GAA Clubhouse on Wed. next 4th May at either of the following time slots: 2.00 to 3.15pm OR 6.15 to 7.30pm

Full text of this Notice

Ballyfin National School Parents Council are organising another Cash4Clothes Fundraiser in aid of Ballyfin NS.

You can drop unwanted bags of clothing to Ballyfin GAA clubhouse on Wednesday 4th of May at either of the following time slots:
2.00 to 3.15pm OR 6.15 to 7.30pm

N.B. Please do not drop bags at the clubhouse outside of these times as they may not be collected and we have nowhere to store them after this date; thank you for your cooperation.

A reminder of the items accepted:

All Womens, Mens and Childrens Clothing

Paired Footwear, handbags, Belts

Soft toys(teddies)

Curtains, Towels, Bedlinen(duvet covers, sheets, pillowcases, Blankets, throws

NO PILLOWS OR DUVETS OR CARPETS

All Support greatly appreciated.

Our thanks also to Ballyfin GAA, as always, for their support.

Ballyfin NS Parents Council.

ALONE - The Organisation that supports Older People to Live Independently.

"ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? ? We are seeking volunteers to make Support and Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering.

FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

INTRODUCTORY TALK in ST. CRONAN'S, ROSCREA

At 3pm on Sunday, 8th May

John Sullivan, Director for International Dissemination for the Flame of Love Movement, will give an Introductory Talk on this Marian Devotion given to Elizabeth Kindelmann in 1962.

John will explain how it is a devotion of Grace, how it's Mary's plan for Evangelisation in the current times, what this devotion actually does, how it supercharges other devotions, how it is about families and union with Jesus.

The Flame of Love Devotion was approved by His Eminence, Péter Cardinal Erdő, Primate of Hungary and Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest in 2009. His Holiness, Pope Frances, imparted his Apostolic Blessing to the Movement, Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in 2013.

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