

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 26th - Sun. 27th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Ministries Rota Sat. 3rd - Sun. 4th May

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm
Sat. 8.00 pm Jn. McNamara Teresa McCormack
Sun. 10.00 am Sheila Dowling Mary Finn

Collectors for May

Sat. Donal McCormack
Sun. John Coughlan - Raymond Keating

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne
Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:
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Ballyfin Parish Income
19th - 20th April

77 Envelopes . € 704.00
Offerory Coll. € 478.59
Lenten Stations €3,680.00
Easter Dues € 120.00
Trocaire € 1,887.10
Good Friday Coll. €921.73

Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 25th Apr - Sun. 4th May

Fri. 25th Apr. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 26th Apr. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday of Easter.
Sun. 27th Apr. 10.00 am 2nd Sun. of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
Mon. 28th Apr. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
Fri. 2nd May 7.30 pm Requiem Mass for Pope Francis
Sat. 3rd May 8.00 pm Michael Newsome, Rossmore. 4th Anniv.
Tom Greene, Ross 9th Anniv.
Sun. 4th May 10.00 am Mary Ann and Matthew Coss.
Their son, Peter - daughter, Mary and her husband Pat Kelliher.
Elizabeth and Brian O'Donnell, Clonkeen
Mon. 5th May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 23rd April

Nos. Drawn 22 23 24 28

4 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 250 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 16,000

*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*

Darkness Into Light

Official 5K Walk in aid of
Pieta
Sat. 10th May - 4.15 am
From Irish Prison Service
College, Portlaoise

Parish Visitation May

Thurs. 1st Ballyfin Parish
Tues. 6th Mt.rath Country
Wed. 7th Mountrath Town

Confirmation Catechesis

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

Penitential Service

with Confirmation Candidates and their families in
St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Wed. 14th May 7.00 pm.

Ceremony of Confirmation

In Ballyfin Parish will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Ch.,
Ballyfin on Fri. 23rd May 2025 - Time 11.00 am
Main Celebrant Bishop Denis Nulty

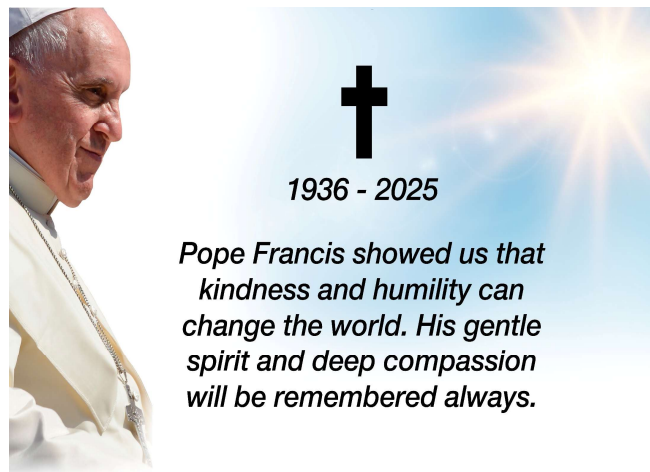
Theme for this year's Confirmation Ceremony

"Without Him, I can do nothing" (Jn. 15:5)

1st Holy Communion Dates

At St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin

Barnashrone National Sch. Sun. 4th May 2.00 pm
Ballyfin National School Sun. 25th May 2.00 pm



Note From Bishop Denis' Desk Tues. 22nd April 2025

Message to Priests and People on the death of Pope Francis

It is with great sadness that we learned of the news of the death of Pope Francis. While we knew he was very ill, seeing him on Easter Sunday in St. Peter's Square, greeting the faithful, brought great comfort.

The announcement of his death on Easter Monday morning was all the more a shock and sad, at the suddenness of his passing. Pope Francis came from the periphery, as the first Pope from the Americas, and those at the periphery - the poor, the migrant, the prisoner, the refugee, the outcast - were always at the centre of his pontificate.

Only last Holy Thursday, despite his own frailty, he took time to visit Rome's Regina Coeli prison and his first visit outside Rome as Pope was to the tiny island of Lampedusa to remember the many drowned at sea, in search of refuge and a new beginning on mainland Europe.

Pope Francis will be remembered for many things and there will be much commentary over the next while, but for me, his message of inclusion and mercy was key.

"The name of God is mercy"

he reminded us. And now we commend him to the mercy of God. At the heart of Pope Francis' message of hope in this Jubilee Year was the reality of the life, death and resurrection of Christ and in this Easter Octave, Pope Francis is welcomed into the eternal embrace of the resurrection.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Every blessing and good wish to all of you during this Easter Octave,

✠Denis