

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 18th Sun. 19th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter
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Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 18th - Sun 26th Apr

Sat. 18th Apr. 8.00 pm 3rd Sunday of Easter.
Sun. 19th Apr. 10.00 am Betty and Dermot Conroy, Barkmills
Mon. 20th Apr. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
Sat. 25th Apr. 8.00 pm
Sun. 26th Apr. 10.00 am 4th Sun. Easter
Mon. 27th Apr. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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

Sacramental Dates

1st Holy Communion

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath.
Sun. 26th April 11.30 am

Confirmation Day. Fri. 1st April

Mountrath Church 11.00 am
Ballyfin Church. 2.30 pm
Main Celebrant -
Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Holy Communion Ballyfin Parish

Sun. 17th May and Sun. 24th May

Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June
Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 26th June
Clononagh Fri. 10th July
[Cemetery on Left Mountrath to Portlaoise](#)
Clondarrig Wed. 5th Aug.
Boughlone Wed. 2nd Sept.
[Cemetery Masses commence at 7.00 pm](#)

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

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

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,
Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633
(Ailish Higgins is on maternity leave)

Pope Francis R.I.P.

We remember Pope Francis this weekend as we mark the 1st Anniversary of his death – which occurred on 21st April of last year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)
with Confirmation Candidates
Tues. 28th April 10.30am (Mountrath Church)

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1st Penance with 1st Holy Communion children
Thurs. 23rd April 11.30 am (Ballyfin Ch)

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Elizabeth (Liz) Cleary (née Brennan) R.I.P.

Kilkenny - Conahy, We extend sympathy to John Fingleton and Family, Ross, on the death on Sun. 12th April of his aunt, Elizabeth (Liz) - Liz's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Colman's Church, Conahy, on Wed. 15th Apr. followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. R.I.P.

Ministries Rota 25th April – 26th April

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm
Sat. 8.00 pm Triona O'Rourke Alacoque Gilligan
Sun. 10.00 am Laura Ruane Noreen Ryan

Collectors for April

Sat. Sheila Dowling Charlie Gorman
Sun. Edward Coughlan Denis Daly

Ballyfin Parish Income

11th - 12th April

58 Envelopes € 432.00
Offertory Coll. € 175.80
Lenten Stns.. € 80.00
Easter Dues € 600.00
Trocaire € 20.00
Wedding € 150.00

Thank you for your support

Pope Leo's Visit to Africa

Pope Leo XIV has embarked on an 11 day, four nation tour of Africa, emphasizing peace, interfaith dialogue, and the growing importance of the continent to the Catholic Church, visiting 11 cities and travelling nearly 18,000 kilometers on 18 flights. This is the first major international tour of his papacy and marks the first ever papal visit to Algeria, a Muslim majority country with fewer than 10,000 Catholics among its 48 million people.

Itinerary Highlights

Algeria (April 13-15):

Visits include Algiers, the Martyrs Memorial, the Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, and Annaba (ancient Hippo), connecting to St. Augustine, whose teachings inspire Pope Leo.

Cameroon (April 15-18):

Focus on peace meetings in conflict affected regions, including Bamenda and large public Masses, with an expected attendance of around 600,00 in Douala.

Angola (April 18-21):

Visits to the Sanctuary of Mama Muxima, hospitals, and youth focused events, including a public rosary expected to draw approximately 2 million pilgrims.

Equatorial Guinea (April 21-23):

Events include visits to prisons and memorials, highlighting human rights and social justice concerns in one of Africa's most Catholic nations.

Apostolate

Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage To Knock

Sunday 19th April. Bus travelling from Athy through Portlaoise - Cost €25. Contact Barbara Kinsella to book a seat. 086 1637311

Laois/ Ballyfin Clean Up Week

Thanks to all who participated in Clean Up Week 2026 and thanks To Ger Whelan in Deadmans for storing bags in his yard.

[See Picture on online Newsletter](#)

Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed 15th Apr.

Nos. Drawn 2 16 20 26

No Jackpot Winner

17 Match 3's Rec. € 59.00 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 14,000

Confirmation Catechesis

Sat. 18th April after 7.00 pm Mass
In Mountrath Church

Sun. 19th April. after 10.00 am Mass
(Ballyfin Church) For Confirmation Candidates and their parents in Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes.