

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 29th Sun. 30th Aug 22nd Sun. in Ord. Time
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Mass Times –Anniversaries Fri. 28th - Sun. 6th Sept.

Fri. 28th Aug. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 29th Aug. 8.00 pm Mary Kate and Tim Heffernan
Denis and Lena Dunne, Clontyglass.
Sun. 30th Aug. 10.00 am 22nd Sun. Ord. Time
Mon. 31st Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification Fri.
4th Sept. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 5th Sept. 8.00 pm 23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time
Sun. 6th Sept. 10.00 am
Mon. 7th Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Recovery College Southeast

You are invited to join us in our new Recovery Education Programme for Autumn/Winter 2026. All our courses and workshops are co-produced and co-delivered by those who have lived experience in partnership with professional expertise, *"the expert by experience working alongside the expert by profession"*. Courses and workshops at the Recovery College South East are for everyone and are free. For more detailed information on the workshops go to the Workshop Section of our Website
- www.recoverycollegesoutheast.com

Season of Creation 2026 Runs from 1st Sept. to 4th Oct.
(Feast of St. Frances) This year's theme "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12. Each year from 1st Sept. to 4th Oct. the Christian family unites for this world wide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.
See www.seasonofcreation.org to access all the materials and to link to a live worldwide online opening prayer at 2.00 pm Irish time on Tues. 1st Sept.

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

Safeguarding Children 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

Ministries Rota Sat. 5th – Sun. 6th Sept.

Reader Min's of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Linda Meredith Catherine Carroll
Sun. 10.00 am Carole Maher Br. Nicholas Leahy

Collectors for September

Sat. Michael Carroll Adrian Greene
Sun. Chris Phelan

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lotto and Ballyfin Parish Collections. - Your kindness and your generous support is always much appreciated.

Opening Lines of Bishop Denis' Pastoral Letter, issued on Tuesday last

"Dear friends, I am writing this Pastoral Letter in response to the new reality that now faces us in Kildare and Leighlin Diocese. The decline in the number of priests, as some are recalled by their own orders or returned to their own dioceses, continues to present significant challenges. I am also very conscious of the age profile of our priests, many of them serving parishes, long beyond the acceptable retirement age in the secular world. While we continue to earnestly pray for vocations to the priesthood, we also must deal with these stark realities".

Copies of Bishop Denis' complete Pastoral letter available a back of Church / Church porch and available online. (in this week's edition of Mountrath Ballyfin Online News)

Fr. Tom O'Connor S.P.S. Kiltegan.(Formerly C.C. Portlaoise Parish) R.I.P.

We pray for Fr. Tom (In his 68th year of priesthood). who died peacefully at St. Patrick's, Highpark on Sat. 22nd Aug. Fr. Tom's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Chapel, Kiltegan on Tues. 25th Aug. followed by burial in Society Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his cousins and his extended family and his Society family in Kiltegan. Remembering Fr Tom with great fondness and gratitude. If a life is measured by kindness, hard work and the difference made to the lives of others, Fr Tom's was a life beyond measure. His legacy will live on for generations to come. Sincere condolences to all who mourn him and who were privileged to know him. (From RIP)

Margaret (Peg) Fitzpatrick (nee Phelan) Rossmore (Orig. Bacca) R.I.P.

We pray for Peg who died peacefully at her home on Sat. 22nd Aug. Peg's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Tues. 25th Aug. followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her family, Paddy, Dinny, Chris, Shem, Sheila and Margie and their families, sister Nora Lowry, brother Jack Phelan and their families, grandchildren, Cella, Lorraine, Annmarie, Helen, Michelle, Brian, P.J., Chris, Christy. and their families. great-grandchildren, Nadine, Ronan, Charlie, Hannah and Hannah. Nieces and nephews, neighbours, relatives and her many faithful friends.

May Fr. Tom and Peg rest gently in the peace of Christ.

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 26th Aug

Nos. Drawn 4 17 23 27

1 € 16,000 Jackpot Winner

Congratulations to One Lucky

Winner in Rhode Parish

24 Match 3's Rec. € 42 each

6 Local Winners

Winner Promoter

Damien O'Rourke Patrick

Paddy Hayes Mary Hooban

Paul Finn Mary Finn

Shane O'Rourke Harry Allen

Matthew Keegan Denis Daly

Ann Quinn Bridie Byrne

Next Week's Jackpot € 10,000

Best wishes to all who are sick or unwell, in Hospital, Nursing Home or in their own homes, at this time. we wish you a speedy recovery

Remembering also our carers who give so generously of their time, energy and love.