

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Advent

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### Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Mass at 11.30 am With children of Ballyfin School

*Everyone welcome to attend this Mass*

5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Mary Gorman, Cappagh.

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm Carmel Croke, Pallas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00 am *"Do This In Memory Mass"*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Advent**

Charles and Elizabeth O'Neill, Clontyglass.

Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm Martin Gilligan, Ballyfin Rd. Mt.Rath 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

Mary Madden and Deceased Family Members, The Knocks

Tim Heffernan, Brockera.

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Advent.**

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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

### Apostolate of Sanctification

This Advent, we invite you to consider spending time in adoration and prayer, praying for our bishops and priests through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock. As we offer our Rosary and Divine Mercy for them., His love flows to us, our families and our parishes. O COME LET US ADORE HIM!

Whether it's half an hour or two hours you have to offer, you are most welcome!

Monday Night 6.45pm to 9pm St.Fintan's Ballyfin (R32TD61)

### John (Jack) Delaney Ballacolla R.I.P.

We pray for Jack who died suddenly on Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Jack is son of Tim and Eileen Delaney and nephew of Martin Delaney, Borris in Ossory) Jack's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Canice's Church, Clough on Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. followed by burial in Knockaroo Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all his family. We remember in a very special way at his time, Martin Delaney (and family) Jack's uncle, who is an intergral part of our Parish Faith Community here in Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes throught his very special Music Ministry.

*May Jack rest in the peace of Christ.*

### Arrangements for our Christmas Ceremonies

Penitential Services **Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Mountrath 7.00 pm

Ballyfin 8.00 pm

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve.**

Vigil Masses in Mountrath and Ballyfin Churches at 8.00 pm

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Chrictmas Day.**

Mass in the Hollow Church at 9.00 am

Mass in Ballyfin Church at 10.00 am

Mass in Mountrath Church at 11.30 am

### Synod News

A video of the recent talk given in the Diocese by Bishop Brendan Leahy on his experience at the Synod in Rome, and its findings, can be viewed on the Synod page of the Diocesan website, [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

You can find other material on the synod and the synodal pathway for Ireland there, too.

### Mistries Rota Sat 16<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Reader **Min. of Holy Comm**

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm Peter Byrne Denis Bowe

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Jacinta Connolly Br. Gerry Reburn

**Church Cleaners for Dec. Group 7**

Brid Duff Chris Phelan Delia Ryan

Kathleen Conroy

**Collectors for Dec.**

Sat. Richard Duff Sun. Denis Daly

*Thank You for Your continued Involvmnt in and commitment to our Parish*

### Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Par. Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Par. Caroline Moore Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins. *Deputy Diocesan Liaison*

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### Christmas Bingo

Continues in St. Fintan's Hall, Mountrath on Mon. night, Dec.11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Extra prize money - Blue Flyer Sheet - Full House €200.; Jackpot Sheet- Full house €200; Lucky Line sheet - €150. Please support your local Bingo. *All are very welcome.*

### SVP Annual Collection

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection will take place this weekend, 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. at our Masses in Mountrath, Ballyfin and the Hollow Church. Your generous support is always very much appreciated.

We keep and hold in our Thoughts and Prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill - at home, in Hospital or in a Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures

### Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Nos. Drawn 4 12 28 31

No Jackpot Winner

20 Match 3's Rec. €50

**New Jackpot € 11,000**

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Last Draw of '23  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

1<sup>st</sup> Draw of 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

### Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign

With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit [marysmeals.ie](http://marysmeals.ie) to download a gift today or call 01-853 5163 / 089-433 9592.