

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent

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### Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Advent.

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent Christmas Eve  
Individual Confessions after Mass

### Christmas Vigil Mass 8.00 pm

Singing of Christmas Carols from about 7.40 pm

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

### Masses on Christmas Day

9.00 am Church of the Sacred Heart, The Hollow

10.00 am St Fintan's Church, Ballyfin

Richard and Fiona O'Rourke, Campcloon. Richard's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

11.30 am St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass – Feast of the Holy Family.

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 10.00 am** Feast of the Holy Family.

Tommy and Bernie Fitzpatrick, Cloncullen. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Remembrance

Sun. 14 Jan. 10.00 am Mai. O'Rourke (nee Conroy) Springfield

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

### Mistries Rota Sat 30<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.

Reader Min. of Holy Comm

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm Shiela Dowling Sheila Dowling

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am Triona O'Rourke Brid Duff.

### 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 Involvement in and commitment  
to our Parish through the year*

### 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*

*Extract from the Website of the*

### Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah

Monsignor Terence Michael Moore, 80, died around noon today, December 19, 2023 at the Spring Gardens Senior Living Center in Draper. Msgr. Moore was born February 24, 1943 in Ballyfin, County Laois, Ireland to Peter and Julia Moore. He studied at St. Patrick College, Thurles, Ireland and was ordained a Catholic priest on June 10, 1967. He came to the Diocese of Salt Lake City as a missionary priest in 1967 and assumed numerous assignments over the years. Msgr. Moore received a master's degree in social work at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and in 1981 a doctorate in social work from the University of Utah. In 1978 he was named director of refugee resettlement for Catholic Charities of Utah and administered a variety of social service programs to promote the self-sufficiency of refugees from southeast Asia, eastern Europe and Cuba. For three years he served as the coordinator of refugee resettlement for the Utah State Department of Social Services. Msgr. Moore was pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish in Sandy for 14 years and oversaw the building of the new church and rectory. At the same time, he served as the executive director of Catholic Community Services of Utah. In 1999 he became the founding pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, where he oversaw the construction of the church and developed the pastoral outreach on the grounds of the Skaggs Catholic Center in Draper. Msgr. Moore was named a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on November 5, 1988, with the title of Monsignor. He was the recipient of numerous awards for his community outreach and social action initiatives. The past few years he battled chronic leukemia and heart disease. He retired August 1, 2013, but continued to assist in local parishes. He is survived by his brother John (Maggie), his sisters, Dymna and Veronica (Michael), as well as by several nieces and nephews.  
*May Monsignor Terry enjoy rest from his life's labours*

### Ballyfin Christmas Carol Service

St. John the Baptist Church, Ballyfin.

Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Comm. at 7.30 pm

A collection will be taken on the night - the proceeds of which will go to St V de Paul and (Ballyfin) Playground Project  
Everyone is most welcome.

### 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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### SVP Conference Christmas 2023

Wishing our staff, volunteers, customers and our generous donors who have supported us throughout the year a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. Our shop will reopen on Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. at 10am. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

### Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Nos. Drawn 7 21 27 31

No Jackpot Winner

17 Match 3's Rec. € 59

3 Local Winners

Tom and Martina Gorman

Promoter, Bridie Byrne

Derek Merdith and

Tom and Marie Conroy

Promoter, Mary H.

**New Jackpot €13,000**

Next Draw 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

### Ballyfin Parish Income 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023

89 Envelopes € 712.90

Offertory Coll. € 319.46

Nov. Stns. € 20.00

Nov. List € 20.00

Autumn Dues € 50.00

World Mission 40.00

Christmas Dues € 225.00

Afterschool Club €100.00

VDP Collection € 20.00

*A very sincere thank you - to  
you and your family - for your  
very generous support of and  
continued commitment to  
Ballyfin Parish*

### At Christmas,

*Those we love don't go away.*

*They walk beside us every day,*

*Unseen, Unheard, but always Near.*

*So Loved, So Missed, So very Dear.*