

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 21st - Sun. 22nd Dec. 4th Sun. of Advent Year C

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Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 20th to Sun. 29th Dec.

Fri. 20th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 21st Dec. 8.00 pm Martin Gilligan, Ballyfin Rd., Mountrath. 2nd A

Tim Heffernan, Brockera. 17th Anniv

Sun. 22nd Dec. 10.00 am 4th Sun. of Advent

Mon. 23rd Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Tues. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve.

Individual Confessions 11.00 am

7.45 pm Service of Christmas Carols

8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas Eve

(Vigil Mass in Both Parishes Churches at 8.00 pm)

Christmas Day

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wed. 25th Dec. 10.00 am Richard (Dick) O'Rourke 8th Anniv.

And his daughter, Fiona. 40th Anniv.

Fri. 27th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday after Christmas - Feast of the Holy Family

Sat. 28th Dec. 8.00 pm

Sun. 29th Dec. 10.00 am Feast of Holy Family

Tommy and Bernie Fitzpatrick, Cloncullen. 4th Anniv.

Mon. 30th Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Dana's Cross and Cloak Concert - Abbeyleix

Dana's Cross and Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sun. 2nd Feb. 2025 in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix. Ticket €25.00 (Book on Eventbrite.ie). or Ring 086 080 3047.

Ministries Rota Tues. 24th - Sun 29th Dec

Christmas Eve to Sunday after Christmas

Reader Minister of Holy Comm

Christmas Eve Miriam Mooney Sheila Dowling

(8.00 pm)

Brid Duff.

Christmas Day Maria Dowling Catherine Carroll

(10.00 am)

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Sat. 8.00 pm Peter Byrne Mary Hooban

Sun. 10.00 am Helen Coughlan Breda Merdith

Dec. Collectors Sat. Richard Duff Sun. Denis Daly

Thanks to all our Ministers for your dedication during the year

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins. Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes, c/o Bishop's House,

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Parish Visitation Jan. 2025

Tues. 7th Mountrath Country

Wed. 8th Mountrath Town

Thurs. 9th Ballyfin Parish

Ballyfin Parish Income

Week Ending 15th Dec.

56 Envelopes. € 516.40

Offertory Coll. € 373.00

Nov. Stations € 30.00

Nov List. € 40.00

Christmas Dues € 20.00

After Sch. Club. € 120.00

Week Ending 15th Dec.

63 Envelopes. € 795.00

Offertory Coll. € 422.47

Nov. Stations € 30.00

Nov List. € 40.00

Christmas Dues € 590.00

Thank you for your support

A Prayer this Christmas

Dear Lord, As we celebrate Christmas, we thank you for the countless blessings in our lives.

Help us to cultivate a heart of wonder as we celebrate your presence as one of us, in our lives and in our families.

Help us to cultivate a heart of gratitude, recognising your hand in all we have - and are.

May we not take for granted the gift of your son and the many blessings we give us.

Help us Lord, to truly reach out to our family and friends with whom we will be sharing this Christmas Time.

Ballyfin Parish Lotto 18th Dec

Nos. Drawn 4 13 18 31

No Jackpot Winner

17 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 59.00 each

3 Local Winners

Winner Promoter

Theresa McCormack Kathleen Dunne

Sheila Bennett Kathleen Dunne

Dan McNamara Harry Allen

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin Parish Lotto throughout the year
(from the editor of Ballyfin Parish Newsletter)

Note from Ballyfin Parish Lotto Committee

We wish to thank you for your continued support of Ballyfin Parish Lotto. A special word of thanks to our promoters for their dedication.

Last Draw of '24 Wed 18th Dec.

First Draw of '25 Wed. 8th Jan.

Gift vouchers are available 087 901 5014

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

Christmas Thought

A little child,
A shining star,
A stable rude,
The door ajar.

Yet in that place,
So crude, forlorn,
The Hope of all
The world was
born.

~ Anonymous