

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 28th - Sun. 29th Dec. Feast of the Holy Family

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Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 27th Dec. Mon. 6th Jan.

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

Sat. 28th Dec. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Feast of the Holy Family

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

Tommy and Bernie Fitzpatrick, Cloncullen. 4th Anniv.

Fri. 3rd Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 4th Jan. 8.00 pm

Sun. 5th Jan. 10.00 am Patrick Quinn, Pallas. 6th Anniv.

John and Nora Keating

Mon. 6th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

7.30 pm Mass for Feast of Epiphany

Lord, for your faithful people, life has changed, not ended.

Parish Visitation Jan.

Tues. 7th

Mountrath Country

Wed. 8th

Mountrath Town

Thurs. 9th

Ballyfin Parish

Feast of the Epiphany

Mon. 6th Jan.

The Visit of the Magi to the Stable in Bethlehem - The showing of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the World.

Mass for the Feast

Mon. 6th Jan. 7.30 pm

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

First Draw of '25 Wed. 8th Jan.

Gift vouchers available

087 901 5014

Thank you for your continued support throughout the Year

Next "Do This In Memory" Mass

Mountrath Church

Sat. 11th Jan. 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Church

Sun. 12th Jan. 10.00 am

Ministries Rota Sat. 4th - Sun. 5th Jan.

Reader Minister of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Eva Timmons Denis Bowe

Sun. 10.00 am Jacinta Connolly Br. Jerry Reburn

Jan. Collectors Sat. Denis Bowe Sun. John Coughlan

Thanks to all our Ministers for your dedication during the year

Jubilee Year 2025.

We are "Pilgrims of Hope"

With the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, the Holy Year was begun. Across the world, the Jubilee Year begins this weekend on the feast of the Holy Family. To echo the theme of hope, Pope Francis is calling on us all to renew in the hope of Christ, using Saint Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,

Pilgrims of Hope,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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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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

Ballyfin Parish Income

Week Ending 22nd Dec.

44 Envelopes. € 597.00

Offertory Coll. € 332.83

Retired Priests 20.00

Peter's Pence € 20.00

Christmas Dues € 530.00

Autumn Dues € 80.00

After Sch. Club. € 120.00

Nov. Stations €50.00

Easter Dues € 30.00

Lenten Stations €30.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin Parish throughout the year.

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one.

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

- Unknown

Rambblings of the Class

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. Tickets €25.00 each (Book on Eventbrite.ie Ring 086 080 3047.