

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 13th - Sun. 14th Dec. 3rd Sun. of Advent. Year A

### Advent - A Time of Preparation

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### Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 13th - Sun. 21st Dec.

Fri. 12th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat 13th Dec. 8.00 pm Pauline McManus, Briscula.

. Monsignor Terry Moore, O'Moore Forest. 2nd Anniv.

. Mary Brady, Clontowra. 9th Anniv.

Sun. 14th Dec. 10.00 am Carmel and Joseph Croke, Pallas

. Carmel's 4th Anniv. Joseph's 60th Anniv.

. Charles and Elizabeth O'Neill, Clontyglass.

Mon. 15th Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 19th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat 20th Dec. 8.00 pm Tim Heffernan, Brockera.

Sun 21st Dec. 10.00 am Martin Gilligan, Ballyfin Rd.,

. Mountrath. 3rd Anniv.

. 7.30 pm Christmas Carol Service

. in St. John the Baptist Church, Ballyfin

. If you would like to do a short Scriptural Reading during

. this Carol Service, please contact Fr. Joe

Mon. 22nd Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

*Lord, for your  
faithful people,  
Life is  
changed,  
Not ended*

### Ministries Rota Sat. 20th - Sun. 21st Dec.

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Linda Merdith Mary Hooban

Sun. 10.00 am Larry Ryan Breda Merdith

Collectors for December

Sat. Richard Duff Sun. Denis Daly

### Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins. Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes, c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

### Ballyfin Parish Income

Sat. 6th to Mon. 8th Dec..

77 Envelopes € 854.00

Offertory Coll. € 515.65

Lenten Stations € 50.00

Easter Dues € 50.00

Autumn Dues € 20.00

Nov. Stations. € 500.00

November

List of the Dead € 100.00

Christmas Dues € 110.00

Peter's Pence € 10.00

Retired priests € 10.00

World Mission € 35.00

*Thank You for your*

*continued and generous*

*support of Ballyfin Parish*

## S V P Annual Collection

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection takes place this weekend,  
13th - 14th Dec. at all our Masses in Mountrath, Ballyfin and the  
Hollow Church.

*Your generous support is always very much appreciated.*

### A Note from Rev. Alec Purcer (Rector, Ballyfin Parish)

Christmas Carol Service in St. John the Baptist Church, Ballyfin  
on Sun. 21st Dec. commencing at 7.30 pm - All are most welcome.

### Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:

Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3  
million children living in some of the world's poorest communities.

The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the  
classroom, where they can gain an education and better  
opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with  
Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom  
Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January  
2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together,  
through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many  
more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals.  
To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163.

### Copy of Financial Statement available on Notice Board in Church Porch and on Online Newsletter

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account for Ballyfin  
Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

*Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin  
Parish Weekly Lotto and Ballyfin Parish Collections.*

*Your kind and generous support is much appreciated*

## Christmas Market

### In The Convent

(Mountrath)

This Sunday. 14th Dec.

1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Christmas Markets - Carol

Singing - Lots of Activities

for Kids - Santa Visit

### The Three Tenors Live

Fri. 19th Dec at 8.30pm

Holy Family Church, Askea.

Tickets €30, available in the

Parish Office or the Day

Care Centre and also

on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

## "Do This In Memory"

Mass is this weekend

Mountrath Church

Sat. 13th Dec. 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Church.

Sun. 14th Dec. 10.00 am

## Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 10th Dec.

Nos. Drawn 5 9 16 30

No Jackpot Winner

16 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 63 ea

Next Week's Jackpot € 19,000

Arrangements for Ballyfin Lotto

Last Draw of 2025 17th Dec.

1st Draw of 2026 7th Jan.

## Irish Guide Dogs for

The Blind 2026

Calenders and

Christmas Cards

are now available at

Byrne's shop Main St

or ring Seán at

087 767 6318.

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*is much appreciated.*



### Calling All Children

interested in singing in the choir Christmas morning in  
Ballyfin, we will be holding a practice in the church straight  
after 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st.  
All Welcome.

Contact Caitriona if interested 086 3292863