

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 1st - 2nd March. 8th Sun. in Ord. Time
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The
Season of
Lent
begins
this Wed

Ministries Rota Sat. 8th - 9th March
Reader Minister of Holy Comm
Sat. 8.00 pm Br. Matthew Adrian Greene
Sun. 10.00 am To Be Arranged Maria Dowling
March Collectors Sat. Br. Gerry Pauric Gilligan
Sun. Johnny Keenan

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*
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Ballyfin Parish Income
W / E. 22nd / 23rd Feb
64 Envelopes. € 751.00
Offertory Coll. € 431.32
**Thanks for your continued
and generous support**

Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 28th Feb. - Sun. 9th Mch

Fri. 28th Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 1st Mch. 8.00 pm Joe Connolly, Esker. 2nd Anniv.
Sun. 2nd Mch. 10.00 am Mick Kelly, Clonagown. 3rd Anniv.
Mon. 3rd Mch. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.
Wed. 5th Mch. 7.30 pm **Ash Wednesday**
Blessing and distribution of Ashes during Mass
Fri. 7th Mch.. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Sat. 8th Mch. 8.00 pm James Horan, Deerpark, 8th Anniv.
Joseph and Kathleen Dowling, Cavansheath,
Sons, Martin and Ollie and Thomas Fitzpatrick
Deceased members of Fitzpatrick Family, Barkmills
Sun. 9th Mch. 10.00 am John Hearn, Hillview. Month's Mind.
Maura Dunne (Nee Dunne) Deerpark, 1st Anniv
Sadie Breen, Croydon Court. 11th Anniv.
David Fitzgerald, Cappina Claire. 11th Anniv.
Mon. 10th Mch. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.
Month's Mind Mass
Sun. 16th Mch. 10.00 am Micheál Conroy, Pallas Little.

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

Parish Visitation March.

Tues. 4th Mountrath Country
Wed. 5th Mountrath Town
Thurs. 6th Ballyfin Parish

"Do This In Memory"

Masses
8th / 9th March

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed 26th Feb.

Nos. Drawn 15 16 26 32

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3's Rec €500 each

Jackpot €14,000

Holy Hour for the National Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

Holy Hour for the National Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse takes place on Fri. 7th Mch 2025 at 6.30pm in Carlow Cathedral.

Sunday Scripture Sharing Lent 2025

See Kandle.ie to access this year's resource for reflecting on the Sunday gospels of Lent, featuring reflections from the late Fr John Cummins as well as prayer resources.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge and Invitation

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

Reader for Ash Wed.
7.30 pm **Michael Rice**

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Ballyfin NS Football Forecasting Competition

Round 4 22nd / 23rd Feb

1st place: John Maher, **11 points**

2nd place: Gerard Reynolds, John Clare, Lianne McGrath,
Pauric Carroll, **10 points**

3rd place:

Adrian Molloy, Berna Bennett, Brigid Meade, Brigid Bennett, Cora Gorman, Donal Scanlon, Ger Lowry, Greg Corcoran, Greg Kerrigan, James Finn, John Farrell, Mark Gavin, Martina Downey, Martina Kelly, Michael O Sullivan, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Ollie Ryan, Paul Phelan, Peter Brady, Tiernan McBride, Tom Behan, Tom Finn, Tori Holohan, Yvonne Thompson, **9 points**

LOVELY LAOIS HOMECOMING FESTIVAL LITERARY EVENT
PRESTON HOUSE, ABBEYLEIX SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

11AM-1PM CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP with Helen Moorhouse
Mountraleck native, author of five published novels and drama teacher, Creative Writing Tutor, Helen Moorhouse hosts *First Steps To Your Story* for writers starting their first novel.

2PM-4PM PLAYWRIGHT WORKSHOP with Frances Harney
Prolific Ballyfin playwright, author and drama teacher, Frances Harney will take aspiring writers through techniques for writing for the stage.

4PM-5PM AN AUDIENCE WITH PATRICK BERGIN
Distinguished Hollywood actor whose screen credits include *Sleeping With The Enemy*, *Robin Hood* and *Patriot Games*; and TV roles in *Red Rock* and *Eastenders*; singer and poet, Patrick Bergin will read from his extensive creative output in an intimate audience. An exclusive event not to be missed!

5PM-6PM OPEN MIC
Writers of all persuasions, ages and experience are invited to share their stories and poems in a five minute slot before an audience. Local poet Arthur Bloomfield and storytellers Johnny Thompson and Pat Critchley will participate - all are welcome!

Please Note: Tickets for the Literary Event are FREE However, you must book your place through Eventbrite.ie (Places are limited)