

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. The Baptism of the Lord.

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## Ministries Rota Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Reader Minister of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm John McNamara Deirdre Fitzpatrick

Sun. 10.00 am Sheila Dowling Crescentia Phelan

Jan. Collectors Sat. Denis Bowe Sun. John Coughlan

*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

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## Ballyfin Parish Income

W/E 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. '25

Christmas Dues € 165.00

38 Envelopes. € 192.00

Offertory Coll. € 226.38

Nov. Stations € 45.00

Nov. List € 95.00

Bridge Club € 700.00

## Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Baptism of the Lord.

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Bridie Nicholson (Nee Higgins) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Oxford. (Formerly The Knocks)

P.J. Higgins. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Kathleen Higgins. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv (The Knocks)

Mai O'Rourke (Nee Conroy) Springfield. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm Julia Gorman, Irej. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Sheila Fitzpatrick, Cappinaclare. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Fintan Lawlor, Cappinaclare

Mary (May) McCormack. Late of Clonurk

Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

### Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm

Kathleen Guilfoyle, Pallas Big.

*Lord, for your faithful people,*

*life has changed, not ended.*

### Ballyfin Parish Accounts

A Statement of Account for Ballyfin Parish for 2023 is published this week

*See our Online Newsletter for the details*

### "Do This In Memory" Mass

Mountrath Church

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Church

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am

We pray for Emily Ellen Culhane, Boley, Abbeyleix who died suddenly after a short illness at Beaumont Hosp., on Mon. last. Emily is niece of Declan and Aisling Looby. Declan is vice-principal at Ballyfin National School.

### Ballyfin Parish Lotto

First Draw of '25 - Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Nos. Drawn 3 14 19 21

No Jackpot winner

24 Match 3's Rec € 42 each

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

*Thank you for your continued and generous support throughout 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 at this time. We wish you a speedy recovery*

## Football Forecasting Competition

A Football Forecasting Competition, in aid of our Ballyfin NS's Astro Turf Project, begins the weekend of January 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome to participate. Correctly predict the winning teams in the National Football League for a chance of winning one of seven weekly €100 prizes or the overall €500 prize - and the glory of being known as a GAA expert! Cost €40, can be paid by bank transfer (details on sign up form). Sign up forms available from the school

or <https://forms.gle/BAD6WzKSD37Bft47>.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> to Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. This year of 2025, in addition to being a Jubilee Year based on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', is also the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council of the Church, the Council of Nicaea, held in 325. That Council gave us the Nicene Creed which we profess on most Sundays and other Solemnities. Fittingly, the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is "Do you believe this?", based on the Gospel of John 11:17-27 and Martha's confession of faith to

## St. Brigid's Camino Walk - Monasterevin Parish

St. Brigid is reputed to have born in the Townsland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin. To commemorate St. Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice (W34 X529) at 11am on Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. (walk is approximately 6km/car parking provided at Mountrice Cross).

The walk will be led by Bishop Denis and will journey via Umeras, then along the Canal Blueway, finishing in Saints Peter & Paul Church with a Service of Light at 12.30 pm. A bus will leave the Parish Church at 10.30 am to Mountrice and return at 2pm.

St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments available on the day. For more information, contact the Parish Office - 045 525346.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April. This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.' Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms, and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

## Dana's Cross and Cloak Concert - Abbeyleix

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, (featuring local artists). Ticket €25.00 (Book on Eventbrite.ie) or contact Antoinette at 086 0803047.