

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time.

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## Ministries Rota Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Reader Minister of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Ken Molloy Teresa McCormack

Sun. 10.00 am To be Confirmed Mary Finn

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

6<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. '25

8 Envelopes. € 95.00

Offertory Coll. € 353.00

*Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin Parish*

## Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm Anne Holohan, Springfield. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Julia Gorman, Irey. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today**

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

Fintan Lawlor, Cappinaclore

Mary (May) McCormack. Late of Clonurk

Mary and Michael McCormack

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

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

Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm Kathleen Guilfoyle, Pallas Big. Month's Mind

Tommy O'Rourke, Ballycormick 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Maura and Patsy Feighery, O'Moore Forest

and grand-daughter, Claudia Buckley

Deceased members of Hooban Family, Sconce

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Seán Keegan, Bermingham,

(Formerly Mountmellick)

Johanna Whitaker, Ashgrove, Mountmellick Formerly London 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Jim Delaney, Clonagown. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Parents, Edward and Brigid

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today**

Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 10.00 am

Esther (Essie) Lanham (Nee Conroy) Upper Sconce

## Confirmation Catechesis

with Confirmation

Candidates and their parents

will commence on Sun. 26<sup>th</sup>

Jan. following 10.00 am Mass

## Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 15<sup>th</sup>

Nos. Drawn 8 20 29 30

No Jackpot Winner

9 Match 3's Rec € 112 each

**Next Week's Jackpot €20,000**

## Ballyfin GAA

6 K Run / Walk

Next Sunday

26<sup>th</sup> Jan.

*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/BAD6WzZkSD37Bft47>.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council of the Church, the Council of Nicaea, held in 325. That Council gave us the Nicene Creed which we profess on 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 Jn. 11:17-27 and Martha's confession of faith to Jesus.

## John McDermott, Trumera R.I.P.

We pray for John who died peacefully at Portlaoise Reg. Hosp., on Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. John's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. We extend sympathy to his wife Christine, daughters and sons, Josephine, Pauline, Deirdre,

Seán, Cathal and families, sisters Anne and Teresa (Morrin, Woodbrook) brothers Willie (Barnashrone) Charlie and Michael and families. grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, neighbours and his many friends.

## Emily Ellen Culhane, Boley, Abbeyleix

We pray for Emily Ellen Culhane, Boley, Abbeyleix who died suddenly after a short illness at Beaumont Hosp., on Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. Emily's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. We extend sympathy to her parents, Sean and Bernie and her brother, Sam. Gran, Pat. Aunts and uncles and all her family and classmates at TY, Scoil Christ Ri, Borris Rd., Portlaoise. Emily is niece of Declan and Aisling Looby. Declan is vice-principal at Ballyfin National School.

*May John and Emily Ellen rest in the peace of Christ.*

## Ballyfin Parish Accounts

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

See our [Online Newsletter](#) for the details



SAVE THE DATE!!

# QUIZ NIGHT

FUN NIGHT FULL OF CHALLENGES!!

DATE: FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025

LOCATION: THE DEADMAN'S INN, BALLYFIN

TIME: 8:30PM

Hosted by The Parents Council in aid of Ballyfin National School Astro Turf Project.

TICKETS €9 EACH.

TABLES OF 4, WITH A RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT.