

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 10th - Sun. 11th Jan. Feast of Baptism of the Lord
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Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 10th to Sun. 18th Jan

Fri. 9th Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 10th Jan. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Baptism of the Lord.
Sun. 11th Jan. 10.00 am Mai and Liam O'Rourke, Springfield
Mai's 3rd Anniv. Liam's 42nd Anniv.
Mon. 12th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
Fri. 16th Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 17th Jan. 8.00 pm Ann Holohan, Springfield. 2nd Anniv.
Denis and Brigid Walsh
Patrick and Maureen Lynch
Sun. 18th Jan. 10.00 am Sheila Fitzpatrick, Cappinaclaire
5th Anniv.
Mary and Michael McCormack, Clonurk.
Fintan Lawlor, Cappinaclaire
Mon. 19th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
1st Anniversary Mass Remembrances
Sun. 25th Jan. 10.00 am Mary Conroy, Ross - Sutton, Dublin
Sun. 8th Feb. 10.00 am John Hearns, Hillview, Portlaoise.
Month's Mind Mass
Sat. 24th Jan. 8.00 pm Margaret (Maggie) O'Rourke,
(nee Bowe) R.I.P. Lower Sconce.

Football Forecasting Competition

It's time for the Football Forecasting Competition again! We were delighted with its success last year here, both in terms of funds raised and fun generated and hope for more of the same in 2026.

The proceeds this year will go towards funding equipment for our newly opened ASD classroom.

Lots more details on Online Newsletter

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

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

Ministries Rota Sat. 17th - Sun. 18th Jan.

Reader Katie Mahon Alacoque Gilligan
Sat. 8.00 pm Sun. 10.00 am John McNamara Noreen Ryan
Collectors for January
Sat. Denis Bowe Sun. John Coughlan

..... A New Year Thought

Guide us, O Lord ... Grant us, O Lord:
The hope to envision new dreams;
The strength to rise above our limitations,
our fears and whatever holds us down;
The courage to stand on our own,
to stretch our imagination
and to experience being fully human,
fully alive;

The faith to live our lives in your image and
likeness. Guide us, O Lord, this new year,
every way, every day. Amen.

Portlaoise and District Ploughing Assoc.

Table Quiz In "The Deadmans"

Sat. 17th Jan. 8.00 pm

Table of 4 € 40.00

Great Prizes - Fun for All the Family

All support much appreciated

Catholic Schools Week 2026

- 18th to 24th January

Catholic Schools Week 2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on Saint Carlo Acutis, recently canonised as the first millennial saint—This year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible.

Holiness is not for the few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, - and grandparent! ... living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ.

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

1st Draw of 2026

Wed. 7th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 3 6 25 26

**No Jackpot Winner
(€ 10,000)**

12 Match 3 Rec. € 84 each

**Next Week's Jackpot.
€11,000**

I wish to extend my very sincere appreciation to you for your loyal support of Ballyfin Parish Lotto throughout 2025.

Fr. Joe Brophy - Parish Priest.

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis

Sun. 25th Jan. after 10.00 am Mass For Confirmation Candidates and their parents in Ballyfin Parish.



LOURDES

MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

Spiritual Director: Fr Mícheál Murphy

20th July 2026

7 Nights Hotel La Solitude

€1,120 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights' accommodation in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Mass at the Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- » Full assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports
- » Single rooms available supplement is €49 per night
- » Travel Insurance available €55 up to 79 years; €75 for those 80 - 94 years old
- » Deadline for deposits (€200 per person) is Friday 30th January 2026.
- » LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE.

For more information and to book please contact:

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See Online Newsletter for Details