

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. Feast of Baptism of the Lord  
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### Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

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

### ..... 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.

### Catholic Schools Week 2026 - 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Ministries Rota Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Katie Mahon Alacoque Gilligan

Sun. 10.00 am John McNamara Noreen Ryan

Collectors for January

Sat. Denis Bowe Sun. John Coughlan

### Portlaoise and District Ploughing Assoc.

Table Quiz In "The Deadmans"

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm

Table of 4 € 40.00

Great Prizes - Fun for All the Family

All support much appreciated

### "Do This In Memory"

Masses This Weekend

Mountrath Ch Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Ch. Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am

### Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> 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

20<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE.

For more information and to book please contact:  
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See Online Newsletter for Details