

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 29th - Sun. 30th Jan. 2022 4th Sun. in Ord. Time.

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Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 28th Jan. - Sun. 6th Feb..

- Fri. 28th Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm The Hooban Family, Upper Sconce.
 Maureen and Patsy Feighery, O'Moore Forest.
 And their grand-daughter, Claudia Buckley
- Sat. 29th Jan. 8.00 pm Ann Costello, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise 9th Anniv.
- Sun. 30th Jan. 10.00 am Joanne Whittaker, Ashgrove, Mountmellick
 Sean Keegan, Bermingham and Mountmellick
- Fri. 4th Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm Altar List of the Dead.
 General Blessing of Throats at end of Mass
- Sat. 5th Feb. 8.00 pm 5th Sun. in Ord. Time
- Sun. 6th Feb. 10.00 am Anne Gilligan (nee Thompson) Month's Mind
 Elizabeth (Lily) O'Connor (Nee Hyland) Knocknakearn. 2nd Anniv.



Ministries Rota Sat. 5th - 6th Feb.

Reader (Proclaimer) of the Word

- Sat. 5th Feb. 8.00 pm Joe Fingleton
 Sun. 30th Jan. 10.00 am Br. Nicholas Leahy

Ministers of Holy Communion - Group 2

- Sat. 5th Feb. 8.00 pm Mary Hooban
 Sun. 6th Feb. 10.00 am Breda Meredith

Cleaners Group 5 - For Feb. '22

Stacy Connolly, Kathleen O'Connor, Emma Fitzpatrick
 Sinead Leonard, Siobhan Hooban, Gwen Dunne

Collectors for February

- Sat. Sean Quinn - Mick Rice.
 Sun. Peter Moore - Damian Carroll

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

26th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 1 14 19 27
 No Jackpot Winner
 15 Match 3 Rec. €67 ea.

1 Ballyfin Winner

Paul Dunphy Promoter G. Dunphy

New Jackpot €11,000

We remember in our Prayers

People, their families and carers, who
 are ill - at home, in Hospital or in a
 Nursing Home at this time

Ballyfin Parish Income

22/23 Jan. 2022

31 Envelopes..... ..€376.00
 Offertory Collection.. ..€298.99
 Christmas Dues..... ..€275.00
 Nov. List of the Dead.. ..€10.00
 Thanks for your generous support

Safeguarding Children Parish Reprs.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne
 Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh
 Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry
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Statement from Bishop Denis Nulty and Bishop Pat Storey

Bishop Denis Nulty, Catholic Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin and Bishop Pat Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath & Kildare have issued a joint statement welcoming the new holiday dedicated to Saint Brigid.

Bishop Denis and Bishop Pat said, "The news that the Government has announced an additional bank holiday to take place around Saint Brigid's Day is to be welcomed.
 "Brigid means many things to many people. Symbol and story feature strongly in her life. Brigid was born around 454 and died about 524. For people of faith Saint Brigid represents that transition from paganism to Christianity in Celtic Ireland. In 480 she founded her monastery in Kildare, the church of the oak tree. Every school child knows the song of Brigid and how her cloak covered the area we know today as the Curragh, Saint Brigid's Field. Brigid is linked with the earth, with agriculture, particularly ploughing, sowing, milking, butter-making and, of course, vibrant Christian faith. Brigid was extravagant in her hospitality
 "It is very appropriate that a new public holiday will honour Saint Brigid. As the secondary saint in Ireland to Patrick, for too long she has been lost in his shadow. We warmly welcome the news that Brigid is being rightly, and long after time, acknowledged.

Parish Visitation February
 Tues. 1st Feb. Mountrath Country
 Wed. 2nd Feb. Mountrath Town
 Thurs. 3rd Feb. Ballyfin Parish



St. Brigid of Kildare

Apostolate of Santification

Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45 pm in our Parish Church, St. Fintan's Ballyfin.
 You are invited to join in the two hour session (or part of) which consists of community prayer, reciting -The Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditations on The Holy Rosary and a chaplet offered for our Bishops and priests in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament. When we pray for our priests, Our Lady of Knock blesses us and our families abundantly.
 All most welcome!