

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin
Sat. 25th - Sun. 26th Feb. '23 1st Sun. of Lent
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Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 24th Feb. - 5th Feb. '23

Fri. 24th Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist
 Sat. 25th Feb. 8.00 pm Podge Ryan, O'Moore Forest. 3rd Anniv.
 Sun. 26th Feb. 10.00 am
 Mon. 27th Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.
 Fri. 3rd Mch. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist
 Sat. 4th Mch. 8.00 pm William Seale, Clonagown. 1st Anniv,+
 James Horan, Old Deerpark. 6th Anniv.
 Sun. 5th Mch. 10.00 am Michael (Mick) Kelly, Clonagown. 1st Anniv.
 Mon. 6th Mch. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

*Lord, for your
 Faithful People,
 life is changed,
 not ended*

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne
 Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore - Pachelli Walsh
 Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:
 Ms Kathleen Sherry Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person:
 Ms Michelle Hughes, c/o Bishop's House,
 Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Ministries Rota Sat. 4th Sun. 5th Mch.

	Reader	Min. of Holy Comm.
Sat 4 th 8.00 pm	Peter Byrne	Denis Bowe
Sun 5 th 10.00 am	Jacinta Connolly	Br. Gerry Reburn

Church Cleaners for March (Group B)
 Kathleen O'Connor, Emma Fitzpatrick,
 Sinead Leonard, Siobhan Hooban, Gwen Dunne
Collectors for March
 Sat. Br. Gerry - P. Gilligan
 Sun. John Keenan

Ballyfin Parish Income
 18th - 19th Feb
 57 Envelopes € 373.60
 Offertory Coll. € 276.04
 Lenten Stations € 50.00
**Hungry Syria Earthquake
 Collection € 1,445.00**

Ballyfin Parish Lotto - 22nd Feb.

For this week's Lotto Results see our
 Online Newsletter or Parish App.

Trócaire Boxes

Are now available and
 can be collected at the
 back of the Church.
Lent is what we Do

Pat Hooban, Cherrygarth, Portlaoise, R.I.P.

We pray for Pat who died peacefully at his home after a long illness on Mon. 20th Feb. Pat's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thurs. 23rd Feb. in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise followed by burial in local Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife Póilín (Pauline) daughter Emma, sisters Margie, Alice, brothers Dan, Joe and Kevin, and all their families, Aunts Rose and Sheila, Uncles Peter (Redmond, Redcastle) and Bernie, Cousins, nieces, nephews, and their families, neighbours, relatives and his many friends.

P.T.A.A. Short Term Pledge

Consider taking the Pioneer Short-Term Pledge for lent? For the duration of Lent, many people choose to abstain from alcohol. If you would like to make this pledge for six weeks, you can join online at www.pioneerassociation.ie

Prayer For Temperance

Dear Lord, let temperance grow in me and lead me to discover other virtues that bring deeper union with you. In your sacred name, I pray. Temper my desires, O Lord, and turn my focus towards you. Deliver me from the tendency to go to extremes that strain both body and soul. Free me from all that harms or enslaves me and turn my heart towards eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill or unwell - at home, in hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. - We wish them a speedy recovery.

See our Parish Website and Parish App. for Guidelines for Confirmation 2023
Mountmellick Drama Festival 2023
 Fri. 3rd - Fri. 10th March

Deadline for Parish Newsletters

Items for Parish Newsletters are always most welcome. If you wish to have an item included in the Parish Newsletters (Print or online Edition) we request that they be in by 11.00 am on Thursdays
 Text Message, Email
 Whatsapp, Letter or Pop into Parochial House.

Collection for Syria and Turkey

Southeastern Turkey and Northern Syria was devastated by a major earthquake on Mon. 6th Feb. which has claimed the loss of more than 40,000 lives - tens of thousands injured and countless thousands rendered homeless. I received this email from Bishop's Office

"Bishop Denis is requesting that a Collection be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 18th and 19th February, for the people of Syria and Turkey. This collection will go to Trócaire who are working with their partner, Caritas Syria, to support those affected by the terrible events following the recent devastating earthquake. Thousands of people have been killed or injured and the numbers are still rising. Buildings have been destroyed and the infrastructure devastated. There is an immediate and urgent need for humanitarian aid in this region, your support and the support of your parishioners is greatly appreciated"

Envelopes for this Collection still at back of Church