

# Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin  
Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Week of Lent

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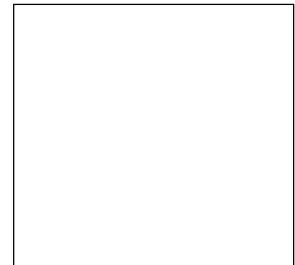
### Safeguarding Children Parish Representatives

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and 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*



### Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Bishop Denis invites this prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at all our Masses during Lent:

**Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.**

**We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.**

**We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.**

## For All Anniversary Mass Remembrances see Parish Newsletters

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### Leo Dowling, Knockanina. R.I.P.

We pray for Leo who died peacefully at Midlands Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> March. Leo's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Mch. Followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetry. We extend sympathy to Jim Dunne and family, Ellen, his many nieces, nephews in Ireland and U.K., extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

### Michael Kelly. Clonagown - R.I.P.

We pray for Mick who died peacefully at Portlaoise Regional Hosp., on Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Mch. Mick's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Mch. followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to brothers Liam and Denis, sisters Carmel and Dolores, sisters-in-law Mary and Bernie, brother-in-law Cathal, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, neighbours, relatives and his many friends.

### Alice Lalor, Boley, Abbeyleix. R.I.P.

We pray for Alice who died peacefully at her home on Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Mch. Alice's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe on Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> March followed by burial in Shanahoe Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Tom and Peg Lalor, Portlaoise Rd., Alice and Patsy Conroy, Redcastle and their families and all Alice's family, nephews, nieces, extended family, relatives and friends.

### Nancy Moloney (Nee Bradley) Shannon Rd., R.I.P.

We pray for Nancy who died peacefully at St. Vincent's Hosp., Mountmellick on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb '22 – Nancy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Parish Church, Mountrath on Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> March followed by burial in Rockvale Newport Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. We extend sympathy to her nephews, nieces, extended family, relatives, neighbours and her many good friends.

*May Leo, Mick, Alice and Nancy rest in the peace of Christ.*

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## Month's Mind Masses

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Mch. 11.30 am Kathleen Seale (Nee Collier) Clonenagh.

Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Mch 8.00 pm William (Willie) Seale, Clonagown Month's Mind.

Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Mch. 10.00 am Breda Thompson (Nee Mooney) Ballylusk. Month's Mind

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Mass Remembrance

Martin Lowry, Lower Sconce. Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 am

## 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

## Synod News: Practical Information on our Listening Lent

The K&L Synod Committee is preparing templates for parishes to use in listening sessions during Lent. Parishes are very welcome to join with other parishes in hosting these sessions. We will also be offering an online survey that we ask parishes to promote during Lent. Parishioners might be invited to take out their phones at an appropriate point at Mass, perhaps during the homily, and find the link to the survey for use later. While the diocesan committee will host focus groups during Lent, Parishes are also very welcome to identify particular groups they wish to hear from using the template as a tool. The intentional listening that might take place between two people over a cup of coffee will be equally welcome. A youth listening template will be offered also.

Digital submissions from parishes will be able to be submitted to a dedicated email address. Guidelines for how the submissions can be assembled will also be offered in due course.

## Towards a Synodal Church,

On 7th March 2021 Pope Francis convoked the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in October 2023 on the theme: "For a synodal Church: - Communion, Participation and Mission".

Over the coming weeks we here in the Parishes of Mountrath – Ballyfin will be meeting to prepare our submission to be presented to the Diocese – At the end of May after conducting consultation and listening, and after hosting a Synodal gathering to synthesize the fruits of this consultation, each diocese will submit their Synodal document to the Irish Bishops' Conference .

### We will be engaging with 3 Questions

1. Thinking about the Church and about my local Parish, how and when did I find being part of it a source of joy or nourishment for me in my Faith - When might it bring me disappointment or pain ?
2. When I hear the word "Church" – who do I think of ? Who is missing? Whom do we need to listen to ?  
How can we become more inclusive ?
3. Thinking about how we as Parish community bring the love of Christ into the world, what one thing does our local Parish do really well ? What one thing could it do better with ? What one thing could I do ?

## Towards a Synodal Church

All parishioners are invited to a Meeting to make submissions about the way forward for the church. These submissions will be forwarded to the preparatory committee of the forthcoming Synod. This is your opportunity to have your say about the church. This meeting will take place in the Bloom Centre in the Chapel of the old convent on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm All are most welcome

## Apostolate of Santification began on Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jan

St. Fintan's Church, Church. Starts at 7.00 pm

Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45pm in our parish church, St.Fintan's Ballyfin. All are invited to join in the two hour session 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!



### Ballyfin Lotto 9<sup>th</sup> March

Jackpot € 16,000

Nos. Drawn 6 7 11 20

No Jackpot Winner

30 Match 3 Rec. €34 ea.

3 local Winners

Gary Dunne - Promoter Pauric Gilligan

Frances Harney - Promoter Paul Dunne

Ailish Kelly - Promoter K Dunne

**New Jackpot € 17,000**

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto – your loyal support is much appreciated

### Mountrath Lotto 10<sup>th</sup> Mch.

Nos. Drawn 10 18 25 31 No Winner of €12,000 Jackpot

10- Match 3 Rec. € 100 each

**New Jackpot €14,000**

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish Lottos - Organising Committees, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. We extend a very sincere "thank you" for your loyal support and your unending generosity

## Senior Alert Alarms – Mountrath

Senior Alert Alarm participants who were fitted with a Personal Alarm by HelpLink South in the last 3 years are asked to test their unit by pressing the red button on the monitor. If you don't get through to the call centre and a message saying "1850 numbers no longer accepted" could you ring the following phone number 053-937 6400 (then press option 4). Your monitor just needs to be re-programmed. You will be guided over the phone what to do. This only refers to alarms connected to a Landline.

If you are interested in finding out more about Senior Personal Alarms phone Rita Watkins on 086 301 5793. Applications accepted from people aged 65 years up, you don't have to live alone. Your monitor and pendant are free, as is the first years rental. From year two you pay a small annual fee.

## Dates for Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Celebrations in 2022.

We have made the following arrangements for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion during 2022.

While putting these arrangements in place we are mindful that we are still very much in "Covid 19 Pandemic mode" – Once again the safety of our children and their families and indeed, the safety of everyone involved in the preparation and celebration of these sacraments has been (and must be) our priority and first consideration.

### Ballyfin Parish

Confirmation - St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin. 2 Celebrations of Confirmation

Time of each Ceremony 11.00 am.

Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Last Sat. in March) - Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 (First Sat. in April)

Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. 2 Ceremonies. Time of each Ceremony 2.00 pm

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022      Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Mountrath Parish

Confirmation - St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath. 2 Ceremonies.

Scoil Naomh Bríd. Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> March. Time 11.00 am

St. Fintan's Boys Nat. Sch. Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> March 2.00 am

Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion - 2 Ceremonies. Time of each Ceremony 2.00 pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Where there are more than one in a family intending to receive the Sacraments next year (For example – one family member receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and another member of family, receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion) families are most welcome to combine these ceremonies and have these 2 Celebrations during one Ceremony of their choice. If a family prefers to bring their son or daughter to any of our Parish weekend Masses to receive either of the Sacraments, they are most welcome to do so. *Just contact Fr. Joe.*

Once again, this year, despite all the odds, we managed to celebrate all our Sacraments with respect, dignity and meaning and in a timely way - all in a safe and secure environment for everyone. This in no small way was due to the cooperation and goodwill of everyone involved, Candidates for the Sacraments, parents and families of Candidates, Our teachers and schools staff, Sacramental coordinators and people who prepared our churches and kept them safe for us.

Once again, I wish to express sincere thanks to everyone involved in the celebration of Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation this year - With your help, goodwill and cooperation, we can (*and Please God, we will*) do the same again next year. *Fr. Joe*

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## School Enrolment

Gaelscoil Thromaire now accepting enrolments for school year '22/'23 at  
[gaelscoilthromaire00@gmail.com](mailto:gaelscoilthromaire00@gmail.com)

You can contact the school to speak to the Principal and Class Teacher. A visit to the school can be organised in line with Covid 19 Regulations.

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## ALONE - The Organisation that supports Older People to Live Independently.

"ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? ? We are seeking volunteers to make Support and Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering.

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### **DPC News: (Diocesan Pastoral Council)**

There is now a dedicated page on the diocesan website for the DPC – you can view it at <https://www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesan-pastoral-council/> where you will find information on membership, the mission statement and identified themes. It also announces Gerry Martin as the new Chair of the DPC and Jean Roche as its secretary.

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### **Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme**

Personal monitored alarms offer security & peace of mind particularly during Winter season. If you are aged 65 or over and would like more information on applying for a government grant aided alarm, Please contact Sheila on 086 1570145

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