

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 25th Sun. 26th July 17th Sun. in Ord. Time
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Mass Times –Anniversaries Fri. 24th - Sun. 2nd Aug

Fri. 24th July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 25th July 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 17th Sun. in Ord Time
Sun. 26th July 10.00 am **Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne**
(Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary)
Mon. 27th July 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
Fri. 31st July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 1st Aug. 8.00 pm Maura and Ted Fitzpatrick,
Cappanruth Maura's 4th Anniv - Ted's 21st Anniv.
Sun. 2nd Aug. 10.00 am 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon. 3rd Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 8th Aug. 8.00 pm Eilish Cashin, Portlaoise / Clonurke

Best wishes to all who are sick or unwell, in Hospital, Nursing Home or in their own homes, at this time. we wish you a speedy recovery Remembering also our carers who give so generously of their time, energy and love

World Day for Grandparents, Sun. 26th July

'I will never forget you' (Is 49:15) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents which aims to emphasise how God's love for each person never fails, even in the fragility of old age. The World Day for Grandparents, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July and is an opportunity to bring the Church closer to the elderly and to value their contribution to families and communities. This year, the date coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Sun 26 July, and the Holy Father invites everyone to celebrate the Day with a Eucharistic liturgy in the Cathedral Church of each Diocese.

Lord,
for your
faithful
people,
Life is
changed,
not
ended

Safeguarding Children Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne
Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person

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Ministries Rota Sat. 1st – Sun. 2nd Aug.

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm
Sat. 8.00 pm Triona O'Rourke Deirdre Fitzpatrick
Sun. 10.00 am Catherine Carroll Crescentia Phelan

Collectors for Aug.

Sat. Catherine Carroll Austin Lanham
Sun. Edward Coughlan

Ballyfin Parish Income 18th – 19th July

56 Envelopes € 453.00
Offertory Coll. € 192.00
Peter's Pence € 35.00

*Thank You for your
generous support*

Message from Bishop Denis on 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was inaugurated by Pope Francis on 26th July 2020, on the Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne. This is the first year the day actually falls on their feast day – Sun. 26th July 2026.

I am encouraging as many Parishes as possible to celebrate this special feast this year. In his message for this day Pope Leo reflects on the theme from the prophet Isaiah: "I will never forget you" (Is.49:15). The Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He says "God's love, which forgets no one, offers itself as an act of justice and a response to the anonymity in which human life all too often ends up lost". He speaks of homes where loneliness reigns and care facilities where each person's uniqueness risks being "being reduced to a bed number or an illness". I encourage you to read the letter itself (attached).

I thank you for all you do to support the promotion and celebration of the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly this Sunday in the Diocese..

+ Denis Wed. 22 July 2026

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 22nd July

Jackpot € 12,000

Nos. 5 12 13 30

No Jackpot Winner

24 Match 3's Rec. €42 each

1 Local Winner

Claire and Colin Brennan

Promoter, Ann Heffernan.

Next Week's Jackpot € 13000

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lotto and Ballyfin Parish Collections.

Your kindness and generous support is always much appreciated.

Timothy (Tim) Lowry, Cappanarrow, Camross. R.I.P.

We pray for Tim who died peacefully at his home on Thurs. 6th July. Tim's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fergal's Church, Camross on Sun. 19th July, followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his family, Mary, Kathleen, Breda, Seán, Margaret, Anna, Angela, Nuala, Martin, Tim, Brendan and Andrew, and their families, his 39 grandchildren and their families, 35 great-grandchildren, his brother Jack and family, Deerpark, his nieces and nephews, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. – Tim's wife Mary died on Fri. 29th May of this year (just seven weeks ago)

Timothy Lowry, Deerpark and Mary Sinnott, Lower Sconce, were married in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on 20th Dec. 1952, their bridesmaid was Mary Kate Delaney, best man, Patrick Sinnott and the celebrant was Fr. Patrick Brennan, C.C. In 1952, weddings during Advent were not the norm and as Tim and Mary were married on 20th Dec. they first had to obtain a dispensation from the Bishop of the day (Bishop Tom Keogh) as 20th Dec. was in Advent. Tim and Mary now reunited forever in the Lord after almost 74 years of marriage.

May Tim and Mary rest in the peace of Christ