

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
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### Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> May

Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.30 pm Requiem Mass for Pope Francis  
Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 8.00 pm Michael Newsome, Rossmore. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Tom Greene, Ross 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am Mary Ann and Matthew Coss.  
Their son, Peter - daughter, Mary and her husband Pat Kelliher.  
Elizabeth and Brian O'Donnell, Clonkeen  
1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day Barnashrone National Sch. 2.00 pm  
Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification  
Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> May 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May. 10.00 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Easter  
Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> May. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

### Confirmation Catechesis

With Confirmation Candidates and parents continues following 10.00 am Mass Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> May and Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> May

### Penitential Service

with Confirmation Candidates and their families in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 pm.

### Ceremony of Confirmation

In Ballyfin Parish will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Ch., Ballyfin on Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 - Time 11.00 am  
Main Celebrant Bishop Denis Nulty

### Theme for this year's Confirmation Ceremony

"Without Him, I can do nothing" (Jn. 15:5)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Dates

At St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin  
Ballyfin National School Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 pm

*Lord, for  
your  
faithful  
people, life  
is changed,  
not ended.*

### Ministries Rota Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> May

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm  
Sat. 8.00 pm Ken Molloy Alacoque Gilligan  
Sun. 10.00 am Br. Gerry Reburn Noreen Ryan  
Collectors for May  
Sat. Donal McCormack  
Sun. John Coughlan - Raymond Keating

### Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> April

Nos. Drawn 1 23 31 32

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 167 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 17,000

*Thank you for your continued and generous support*

*We keep and hold in our Thoughts and Prayers,  
People, their families and carers, who are ill - at  
home, in Hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any  
surgical or medical procedures at this time.  
We wish you a speedy recovery*

### Darkness Into Light

Official 5K Walk in aid of  
Pieta

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> May - 4.15 am  
From Irish Prison Service  
College, Portlaoise

### Parish Visitation May

Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> Ballyfin Parish  
Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Mt.rath Country  
Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> Mountrath Town

### March for Life 2025

The March for Life 2025, organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes place on Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> May in Dublin at 2pm (Meeting point: St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! For more information and to check out bus transport to the event - see [www.marchforlife.ie](http://www.marchforlife.ie)

### 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,  
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### Anna (Anastasia) Moore-Mathews (nee Conroy) Cardtown R.I.P.

We pray for Anna who died peacefully at Midlands Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise, on Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> April. Anna Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fergal's Church, Camross on Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> April followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her family, Sr. Kathleen, Finbarr, Willie, (and Mary and family, Portlaoise Rd.) Veronica, Donal, Terry and Aidan, her 13 grandchildren and their families, 14 great-grandchildren, sister, Mary Dunne and family, Upper Clonurke, Ballyfin, the Ryan family, Barnashrone, nieces, nephews, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. *May Anna (Anastatia) rest in the peace of Christ.*

### A Note from DLI (Drama League Ireland)

We in Drama World are much saddened to hear of the recent death of Michael Joe Ginnelly, author of "Wake in the West" which was staged in November of last year by Ballyfin Drama Group. Michael wrote this play in 2005. Michael, thanks for the fun and laughter you have given us - and to so many over the years.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin Parish funds and Ballyfin Parish Lotto - your support and generosity is much appreciated.

### Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Clonenagh Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July  
*Cemetery on Right -  
Mountrath to Portlaoise*  
Clondarrig Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
Boghlonge Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.  
*All Masses commence at 7.00 pm*

Ballyfin Parish Income  
26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April  
35 Envelopes . € 657.00  
Offertory Coll. € 182.11  
Lenten Stations €30.00  
Easter Dues € 470.00  
Trocaire € 85.35  
Candle Shrines € 12.75  
Ballyfin Old School  
Art Group €135.00  
*Thank you for your very  
generous support*