

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May Feast of Pentecost

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The Month of May - The Month of Mary

## Safeguarding Children Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

## Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,

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(Ailish Higgins is on maternity leave)

## Ministries Rota Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Mary Finn Adrian Greene

Sun. 10.00 am Larry Ryan Maria Dowling

## Collectors for May

Sat. Donal McCormack

Sun. John Coughlan Raymond Keating

## Ballyfin Parish Income

16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May

70 Envelopes € 576.00

Offertory Coll. € 569.25

Retired Priest's Fund €20.00

Easter Dues. € 100.00

Trocaire € 50.00

## Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Feast of Pentecost.

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am Feast of Pentecost

Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

Mon. 25<sup>h</sup> May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Trinity Sunday

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May 10.00 am Feast of Most Holy Trinity

Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

*Lord, for your faithful people, Life is Changed, Not ended*

## Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May

Nos. Drawn 9 12 21 27 No Jackpot Winner

22 Match 3's Rec. € 46 each

2 Local Winners

Nikke Keane - Promoter Patrick O'Rourke

Bridie Allen - Promoter, Harry Allen

Next Week's Jackpot € 19,000

## Sadie (Sarah) Fitzpatrick (née Phelan) Brockera. R.I.P.

We pray for Sadie who died peacefully at her home on Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> May. Sadie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> May followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her family, Mary, Sarah, Tricia, Tommy, Paddy, Tony and Jimmy and their families, her 13 grandchildren Chloe, Aisling, Marykate, Sarah, Maeve, James, Martin, Roisin, Rachel, Dinny, Cormac, Sinead and Caoimhe and their families and her 2 great grandchildren, Fiadh and Tadhg. Her 5 sisters-in-law and their families, nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbours and friends.

## Seán Quinn, Irej. R.I.P.

We pray for Seán who died peacefully at Tullamore Regional Hosp., on Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> May. Seán's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> May followed by burial in Cemetery adjoining Ballyfin Church. We extend sympathy to Ann and her family, Carmel, Séamus and Bernadette and their families, grandchildren Orlaith, Ciarán, Ciara, Eimear, Áine, Aodhán, Adam and Luke, daughter-in-law Niamh, sons-in-law Martin and Dave, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

*May Sadie and Seán rest in the peace of Christ.*

## WHY SUNDAY MATTERS - CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US:

SUNDAY MASS CREATES AND CELEBRATES COMMUNION :  
AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

'Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and **communion** with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.'

*What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?*

*What does Sunday and Sunday Mass mean to you?*

## Cemetery Masses 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> June

Mountrath Cem Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> June

Clonagh Cem. Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> July

Cemetery on Left - Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Cem. Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Boughlone Cem. Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

## Ballyfin Vintage Rally.

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Something for All the Family.

Dog Show Tug o' War.

*And Loads more*

Venue Eircode R32 AD92

## Note From the Diocesan Office

### Retired Priests Collection

This collection takes place at all Masses - throughout the Diocese - on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May. The generosity of Parishes and parishioners in supporting this Collection is deeply appreciated.