

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 30th Sun. 31st May Trinity Sunday
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Mountrath Ballyfin Parish App. *Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes*
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,
Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633
(Ailish Higgins is on maternity leave)

Ministries Rota Sat. 6th Sun. 7th June
Reader Ministers of Holy Comm
Sat. 8.00 pm Linda Meredith Deirdre Fitzpatrick
Sun. 10.00 am Carole Maher Crescentia Phelan
Collectors for June
Sat. Mairead Delaney
Sun. Paul Ruane

Lost and Found
Single "Latch Key" found
in Ballyfin Cemetery
recently. Contact Fr. Joe
at any time if you think
this key belongs to you.

Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri 29th May to Sun 7th June

Fri. 29th May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 30th May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Trinity Sunday
Sun. 31st May 10.00 am Feast of Most Holy Trinity
Mon. 1st June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
Fri. 5th June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 6th June 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Feast of Pentecost.
John, Brigid and Michael Ryan.
Barnashrone. John's 13th Aniv.
Sun 7th June 10.00 am Feast of Corpus Christi
Margaret Fitzpatrick, Springfield. 2nd Anniv.
Maureen Fitzpatrick, Pallas Little. 8th Anniv.
Deceased Members of Fitzpatrick family, Ross
Mon. 8th June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
Lord, for your faithful people, Life is Changed, Not ended

Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 27th May

Nos. Drawn 5 11 23 25 No Jackpot Winner
21 Match 3's Rec. € 48 each
Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Cemetery Masses 7.00 pm
Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June
Mountrath Cem Fri. 26th June
Clonagh Cem. Fri. 10th July
Cemetery on Left - Mountrath to Portlaoise
Clondarrig Cem. Wed. 5th Aug.
Boughlone Cem. Wed. 2nd Sept.

Lourdes Fund Collection

Thank you for your generous
contributions to Lourdes Fund
Church Gate Collection (held at
Ballyfin Ch. on weekend of 23rd /
24th May) (€212 collected)

Student Seeks Summer Work

Hard working honest and reliable student looking for summer
work from the (Mon) 1st June 2026. Experience in construction
and farming. Available for general labourer farm or yard work
and any odd jobs that might need doing. References available.
Please contact Rory 085 182 9591

Parishes Alive - Becoming Synodal:

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite you to the
3rd Annual Parishes Alive Day on Sat. June 20th from 10am to
4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated
by Dr Donagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat and
Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the
Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal
Team. Much of the day will be interactive and workshop based.
Lunch and refreshments provided. There is no charge to attend
or for the hospitality. Because these are "roundtable" sessions,
numbers are limited so early booking is advised. To book or for
further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of
Parish Development, on parishdevelopment@kandle.ie or
phone (office hours) 083-830 5681.

Knock Pilgrimage Sun 7th June

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.
2.30 pm Ceremonies begin (In the
Basilica) with Anointing of the Sick
3.00 pm Pilgrimage Mass Main
Celebrant, Bishop Denis. Ceremonies
are usually concluded by 5pm.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

'The journey of faith often comes with its own set of
challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel
disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how
these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of
modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health
difficulties – especially among young people – together with
the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a
sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday
Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound
meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of
Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this
sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be
transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best
versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and
struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support
we need to flourish and grow in faith.

Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a
communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday
Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where
every member of the community plays an essential role. Each
person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It
is important to gather physically for Mass, and although
technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible
experience of being with the community as we listen to God's
word and receive the Body of Christ.'

*How does your presence at Mass contribute to making the
Church visible and alive ?*