

St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 16th Sun. 17th May Ascension of the Lord

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The Month of May - The Month of Mary

Mass Times - Anniversaries Fri. 15th to Sun 24th May

Fri. 15th May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 16th May 8.00 pm Ascension of the Lord. Vigil Mass

Patrick, Ellen, Seán, and Con Twomey

and Mary Nolan, Seán and Michael O'Sullivan, Pallas.

The Message of Today's Gospel Story on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. As Jesus returning to the Father, He leaves us with his powerful message "Know, that I will be with you always, Yes, to the end of time."

Sun. 17th May 10.00 am Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Patrick (Paudge) Quinn, Pallas Little. 7th Anniv.

Mon. 18th May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 22nd May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 23rd May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Feast of Pentecost.

Sun. 24th May 10.00 am Feast of Pentecost

Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Mon. 11th May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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

Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June

Mountrath Cem Fri. 26th June

Clonenagh Cem, Fri. 10th July

Cemetery on Left -

Clondarrig Cem. Wed. 5th Aug.

Boughlone Cem. Wed. 2nd Sept.

Masses commence at 7.00 pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the Diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun 7th June, *Ceremonies Commence at 2.30pm*

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. 23rd - 24th May

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Br. Nicholas Leahy Denis Bowe

Sun. 10.00 am Joe Fingleton Br. Gerry Reburn

Collectors for May

Sat. Donal McCormack

Sun. John Coughlan Raymond Keating

Ballyfin Parish Income

9th - 10th May

72 Envelopes € 528.00

Offertory Coll. € 361.89

Retired Priest's Fund € 185.00

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

New Defibrillator at Ballyfin Old School

Official Name of Device - Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

(An AED is a portable device and can be used by anyone to help someone experiencing cardiac arrest)

A new state of the art defibrillator and cabinet have been installed at Ballyfin Old School. This Unit has been installed for the protection of patrons of Ballyfin Old School and Ballyfin Community Centre / Ballyfin Parish Hall.

A note about the Defibrillator.

The Cabinet containing the defibrillator is not locked and is available to use, instantly, at any time. When the cabinet door is opened an alarm sounds.

I would like if a number of local people would engage in a training / familiarization programme in the safe use of the Defibrillator. If a number of people come forward, I will organize suitable training - To ensure that the defibrillator is always in working order and fit for purpose, it needs to be checked out on a regular basis. I would like if a kind local person would commit to looking after the unit on behalf of the Parish. I very much appreciate your help and co-operation. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming involved in this project.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS - CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US:

'Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a Faith Community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.'

What does Sunday and Sunday Mass mean to you?

Note From the Diocesan Office

Retired Priests Collection

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

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed 13th May

Nos. Drawn 14 16 24 25

No Jackpot Winner

Match 3's Rec. € 125 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 18,000

Ballyfin Vintage Rally.

Sun. 24th May 2026

Something for All the Family.

Dog Show Tug o' War.

And Loads more

Venue Eircode R32 AD92