

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 29th -Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Advent. Year A

**In November We Remember**

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**Mountrath Ballyfin Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes**

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 4.30 pm**

Mass celebrated in Mountrath Church in Polish - **Celebrant, Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, (Chaplain to Polish Community)**

**Ministries Rota Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> - Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm  
Sat. 8.00 pm Michael Rice Alacoque Gilligan  
Sun. 10.00 am Br. Matthew Heyes Noreen Ryan  
Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. Br. Nicholas Leahy Noreen Ryan  
Collectors for December  
Sat. Richard Duff Sun. Denis Daly

**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  
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**Ballyfin Parish Income**

W / E 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.  
38 Envelopes € 358.49  
Offertory Coll. € 320.75  
Autumn Dues € 50.00  
Nov. Stations € 125.00  
List of the Dead € 20.00

**Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8.00 pm Owen Heffernan, Redgates. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Ned and Annie Fitzpatrick, Pallas Big.  
Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am Paddy and Peggy Brennan, Pallas Big  
Paddy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv - Peggy's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
Liam Linden, O'Moore Forest. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Joseph Breen, The Knocks. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Richard Butler, The Knocks.  
Tom Coleman, Esker.

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

Paddy Mulligan, Cloughboley, Castlebar. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
Michael Mulligan, Moygownagh, Ballina, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification  
Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm Mary Gorman, Cappagh, 18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00 am Pauline Dunne, Clonrooske Hse.  
Month's Mind.  
Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30 pm Feast of Immaculate Conception  
Apostolate of Sanctification

**Ballyfin Parish Lotto**  
**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Nos. Drawn 12 21 22 27  
No Jackpot Winner

**7 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 143 ea**  
**Next Week's Jackpot € 17,000**

Christmas Arrangements for Lotto  
Last Draw of 2025 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
1<sup>st</sup> Draw of 2026 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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

**Parish Confirmation Preparation**

**Confirmation Catechesis Ballyfin**

Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
After 10.00 am Mass  
For Confirmation  
Candidates and their parents in Ballyfin Parish.

**New Liturgical (Church) Year - The Year of Matthew**

This weekend we commence a new liturgical year - Year A - the year of Matthew - Each of the 4 evangelists share their own understanding - their own perspective - of Jesus' life and ministry in their gospel accounts

**A few things about St. Matthew's Gospel**

The Gospel of Matthew is written in "good" Greek.  
(as are all the New Testament writings)

Matthew (or more accurately, the gospel of Matthew) is based very much on St. Mark's gospel and expanded on it.  
It was written between the years 70 and 90 AD for a Jewish audience and so makes no attempt to explain Jewish customs, but rather emphasizes Jesus as the fulfillment of Jewish prophecy. No other evangelist makes so much use of the Old Testament.

Matthew probably lived outside Palestine, perhaps in Antioch in Syria, a town with a large Jewish population.

**What's different or unique about St. Matthew's Gospel?**

His task as evangelist was a difficult and sensitive one, as he endeavoured to reconcile the Pharisees and the Nazarenes (as Jesus's followers were called). These two surviving groups of the destruction of Jerusalem each represented a different strain of Judaism. Matthew's writings are sometimes called the 'ecclesiastical' Gospel, for he is the only evangelist to use the word 'church' (ekklesia), and his teaching shaped the Early Church. Matthew, in his Gospel, gives us the first Baptismal formula and the familiar form of the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's gospel begins with Christ's genealogy - dating right back to Adam and Eve.

In St. Matthew's Gospel we often encounter the line, (27 times in total) . . . . . This was to fulfil the words of the Prophet - e.g. Isaiah,

**This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the CPSMA.**

To honour this milestone, Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Portlaoise Parish Church on Mon. Dec. 8th at 7:30pm. We warmly invite all who are currently serving and all who have served on Boards of Management in our Catholic Primary Schools across the Diocese to join us for this celebration. Together, we give thanks for the generosity, dedication and quiet service that have supported our school communities for five decades. All are most welcome.



**Camp Pio Presents**



*For boys & girls aged 5-13 yrs*



**Art & Crafts**



**Music & Drama**



**Team Activities & Prayer**

**Taking time-out to prepare for Christmas**

**Date:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Time:** 12pm-2pm

**Venue:** Bloom HQ, Mountrath Old Convent (R32D29F)

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