St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 20th - Sun. 21st Sept. 25th Sunday in Ord. Time Fr. P.J. S.P.S. (087) 605 5783 Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594 www.ballyfinparish.ie Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com Mountrath Ballyfin Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 20th Sun. 28th Sept.

Sat. 20th Sept. 8.00 pm Pat and Anne Dunne, Cappanrush and deceased members of Dunne and Madden Families Sun. 21st Sept. 10.00 am 25th Sunday in Ord. Time Mon. 22nd Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification (Veneration of Sacred Relics - See note across)

Sat. 27th Sept. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass Sun.28th Sept. 10.00 am 26th Sunday in Ord. Time Mon. 29th Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 18th Oct. 8.00 pm Billy Kirwan, Dublin, Formerly Ringstown Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended

Thank you for vour continued and generous support of Ballvfin Parish Collections, and Ballvfin Parish Weekly Latta

Ministries Rota Sat. 27th - Sun 28th Sept. Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Linda Merdith Deirdre Fitzpatrick Larry Ryan Crescentia Phelan Sun.10.00am Collectors for Sept.

Sat. Michael Carroll Adrian Greene Sun. Chris Phelan

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, Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Ballyfin Parish Income 13th / 14th Sept

46 Envelopes € 434.00 Offertory Coll. € 293.11 Autumn Dues € 915.00 Retired priests' € 20.00 Ballvfin Old Sch € 120.00

Breast Cancer Awareness 1st - 31st Oct If you would like further information, you are invited to log onto

www.breastcancerireland.com

Give Blood - Give Life

Blood Clinic will be in St. Fintan's Hall. Mountrath on Tues. next, 23rd Sept. 4pm to 8pm.

Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed 17th Sept

Nos. Drawn 1 10 21 29 No Jackpot Winner 14 Match 3 Winners Received € 72 each 7 Incal Winner

Marie Connolly, Promoter Kathleen Dunne Shirley Houlihan. Promoter Harry Allen Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

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

A Note From Ballyfin Players Group

We extend a very warm welcome to all involved in Ballyfin Players and a very special welcome to parents of our future stars as we embark on a new year of threading the boards and prepare to stage a very exciting new production in Nov. of this year.

"The Raid at Clontyglass 1921"

This is a true story which we will be re-enacting on stage at Mountmellick Community Arts Centre on 14th and 15th Nov. (Curtain up at 7.30 pm) Our children from Ballvfin National School will be involved in this play on either the Friday night or the Saturday night performance.

"From Small steps on Stage come great life Journeys"

Child Safeguarding

Autumn Training Schedule

Introduction to Safeguarding and Refresher Session Thurs. 13th Nov., 7 - 9pm Portlaoise Parish Centre Please note - everyone involved with children or vulnerable adults at Parish level are required to attend a Safequarding Training Course. To book a place, just email your request to Aisling or Joan at Bishop's House - bishopshouse@kandle.ie or call 059 917 6725.

Be sure to include - name of Parish, your name, your role in the Parish, (in terms of vour involvement with children / vulnerable adults) - an email address and the date of training being booked.

Parish Sacramental Programme

2025 - 2026 Ballyfin Parish

The Sacrament dates for 2026 have now been finalised - First Holy Communion will take place during 10.00 am Mass on Sun. 17th May Ceremony of Confirmation will take place on Friday 1st May commencing at 2.30 pm (Ballyfin Church) Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

First Penance for First Holy Communion children will take place on Thurs. 23rd April, at 11.30am The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) for Confirmation Candidates to take place on Tues. 28th April at 7.30pm (Ballyfin Church) They all feel a long way off now, but the time will fly! A more immediately relevant date for First Holy Communion candidates is 10.00 am Sunday Mass on 5th Oct. which will be their enrolment Mass.

Why Sunday Matters

We are, all of us, invited to read and reflect on Pastoral letter on Sunday Mass from the Irish Bishops on the significance of Sunday. Copies are available at back of church or on www.catholicbishops.ie - or on Online Newsletter

Relics of Carlo Acutis and Padre Pin

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin (R32 TD61) Mon. 22nd Sept (Vigil of Padre Pio Feast Day) after the Prayers for Priests- Divine Mercy & Rosaries before the Blessed Sacrament) 7-9pm. Veneration directly after the prayers finish. All most welcome!

Sts. Padre Pio and Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

Parishes Alive Day

On Sat. 21st June 2025, Bishop Denis Nulty along with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, hosted a faith conference attended by over 100 parishioners and clergy from around the diocese. The title of the day was "Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!" The event took place in Carlow College, St. Patrick's, and marked the second annual Parishes Alive day in the Diocese. A report on the day was prepared and is now available on the diocesan website www.kandle.ie. or See Online Newsletter for Copy of this report