

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 28th Sun. 29th Dec. Feast of the Holy Family

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 28th Dec Mon. 6th Jan

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Church unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 28th Dec. 7.00 Martin Dunne, Trumera. 7th Anniv.

And Martin's brother, Seamus who died in London on 11th Dec.

Peter Delaney, Clonard. 9th Anniv.

Joeseh, John and Mary Byrne, Redcastle

Kavanagh Family, Kilbricken. Deceased Family Members.

Sun. 29th Dec. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** Feast of the Holy Family.

Michael Seale, Clonadacasey. 9th Anniv.

11.30 am Margaret Brophy (Nee Doorey) Trumera. Month's Mind

Tues. 31st Dec. 10.00 am

Wed. 1st Jan. 10.00 am **New Year Day.**

Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

Thurs. 2nd Jan. 10.00 am

Fri. 3rd Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 4th Jan. 7.00 pm Martin Mulhall 4th Anniv.

Sun. 5th Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.**

11.30 am Tom Fitzpatrick, Derrylusk. 7th Anniv.

Andy Sinnott, Lower Sconce. 5th Anniv.

And his son, Aidan who died on 14th Sept.

Mon. 6th Jan. 10.00 am Feast of Epiphany

1st Anniversary Remembrance

Sun. 12th Jan. 11.30 am Peter Redmond, Redcastle

Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended.

Parish Visitation Jan. '25

Tues. 7th Mountrath Country

Wed. 8th Mountrath Town

Thurs. 9th Ballyfin Parish

Next "Do This In Memory" Mass

Mountrath Church

Sat. 11th Jan.

Ballyfin Church Sun. 12th Jan.

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Resumes this Thurs. 2nd Jan.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the Year

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.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke Peter Byrne
Mountrath Parish. Caroline Moore Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins.

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes c/o

Bishop's Hse, Dublin Rd, Carlow Phone 085 802 1633

Bernard Gillane Peterswell, Gort, Galway R.I.P.

We pray for Bernard who died peacefully at the Galway Clinic on Tues. 3rd Dec. Bernard's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St Columba's Church, Kilbeacanty followed by burial in Rakerin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife Kathleen sons and daughters and their families, sisters, Pauline, Breda and their families - Rita (and Pat McMahon) and family, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and his many friends.

May Bernard rest in the peace of Christ.

Jubilee Year 2025. We are "Pilgrims of Hope"

With the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, the Holy Year was begun. Across the world, the Jubilee Year begins this weekend on the feast of the Holy Family. To echo the theme of hope, Pope Francis is calling on us all to renew in the hope of Christ, using Saint Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one,
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

- Unknown

Remembrance of the

Cleaner for Scoil Bhríde, Mountrath.

10 hours per week (hours will vary during school holidays). Duties will include cleaning six classrooms, staffroom, kitchenette, GP room, corridors and toilet areas. Experience is preferable but not essential. Closing date of receipt of application is Monday, 6th January, 2025. For more information you may contact the school by phone or email. Send CV, letter of applications and supporting documents to: Chairperson, Scoil Bhríde, Stillbrook, Mountrath., Co. Laois. R32 F802.

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Fri. 27th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 28th Dec. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Feast of the Holy Family

Sun. 29th Dec. 10.00 am Feast of Holy Family

Tommy and Bernie Fitzpatrick, Cloncullen. 4th Anniv.

Fri. 3rd Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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Sun. 5th Jan. 10.00 am Patrick Quinn, Pallas. 6th Anniv.

John and Nora Keating

Mon. 6th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

7.30 pm Mass for Feast of Epiphany

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Feast of the Epiphany

Mon. 6th Jan.

The Visit of the Magi to the Stable in Bethlehem - The showing of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the World.

Mass for the Feast

Mon. 6th Jan. 7.30 pm

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

First Draw of '25 Wed. 8th Jan.

Gift vouchers available

087 901 5014

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Ballyfin Church

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Ministries Rota Sat. 4th - Sun. 5th Jan.

Reader Minister of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Eva Timmons Denis Bowe

Sun. 10.00 am Jacinta Connolly Br. Jerry Reburn

Jan. Collectors Sat. Denis Bowe Sun. John Coughlan

Thanks to all our Ministers for your dedication during the year

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Ballyfin Parish Income

Week Ending 22nd Dec.

44 Envelopes. € 597.00

Offertory Coll. € 332.83

Retired Priests 20.00

Peter's Pence € 20.00

Christmas Dues € 530.00

Autumn Dues € 80.00

After Sch. Club. € 120.00

Nov. Stations €50.00

Easter Dues € 30.00

Lenten Stations €30.00

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

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Rambblings of the Class

Dana's Cross and Cloak Concert - Abbeyleix

Dana's Cross and Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sun. 2nd Feb. 2025 in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix. Tickets €25.00 each (Book on Eventbrite.ie Ring 086 080 3047.

